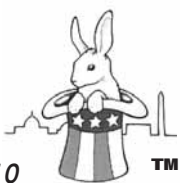


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## Nominees for office to be presented soon

New officers for the coming year will be nominated at the April meeting of Ring 50. An election will be held in May and the slate chosen will be installed in June.

Immediate Past President Eric Henning heads a nominating committee.

Offices to be filled are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-of-arms.

## Annual competition highlight for April

Eight accomplished Ring 50 magicians will compete for the third annual Dan Lacey Memorial Trophy at our April 6 meeting. The contestants will perform for up to six minutes each for the title of Ring 50 Magician of the Year.

A three-judge panel, whose identity is being kept closely guarded, will rate each performer based on showmanship as well as originality, performance skill, stage presence and audience involvement.

The competition was open to any Ring 50 member in good standing. The contestants include 2004 winner Noland Montgomery, Jason Harris, Eric Redman, James Munton, Hugh Turley, Mauny Muray, Miranda Schatten and Bob Fay.

The trophy, which was donated by members of the Lacey family, is in memory of 1999-2000 Ring 50

president Dan Lacey. Members of Dan's family have been invited to once again attend.

Dan was noted for promoting goodwill and fellowship. He loved ingenuity and entertainment. His sisters and his mother will be among those attending.



Dan Lacey

Members who wish to participate should contact Larry Lipman at [lorenzomagic@cox.net](mailto:lorenzomagic@cox.net) or 703-237-1531. This meeting is one you won't want to miss. It's one of the highlights of the year.

## Search for a new meeting place being conducted

A search is being conducted for a new meeting place for Ring 50 in the Greater Washington area. Veteran Ring 50 member Buddy Smith is head of a committee to find another location.

The committee has looked at possibilities in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. After many years, Ring 50 must leave its current monthly meeting site at the Channel

Inn on the Southwest waterfront in Washington.

A recommendation from the committee will be made to Ring 50's board of directors and to the full membership before any move is made.

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### APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 6, 2005  
PIER 7 RESTAURANT  
CHANNEL INN HOTEL  
650 Water Street SW  
Washington DC

6:00 Cocktails  
6:45 Dinner  
8:00 Meeting

# Coming Events

## Dave Shepherd Close-up Magic

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Place: Mama's Italian Restaurant, 9715 Lee Highway, Fairfax, Va.  
Contact: 703-385-2646 or 703-623-3952.  
Web site: [www.daveshepmagic.com](http://www.daveshepmagic.com)

## SAM Meeting

Date: April 20 at 7 p.m.  
Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.  
Theme: Annual NPC close-up show  
Cost: Free but call for reservation.  
Contact: John Flanagan at (703) 582-6349 [flanaganmagic@yahoo.com](mailto:flanaganmagic@yahoo.com) or Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176 [ceyler1026@aol.com](mailto:ceyler1026@aol.com)

## Lectures at Denny's

Laurence "Nothing Up My Sleeve"  
Levy's "Lazy Magic"  
Date: March 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$20  
Place: Denny & Lee Magic Studio, 325 South Marlyn Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21221  
Contact: 410-686-3914  
or <http://www.dennymagic.com>



*Ricky Jay*

## Ricky Jay Show

With nothing more than a deck of cards, noted magician Ricky Jay transfixes audiences with his subtle and clever sleight-of-hand.  
Dates: May 6-May 22, 2005  
Place: The Studio Theatre, 1333 P Street NW (14th & P), Washington, DC  
Cost: Check theater's Web site [www.studiotheatre.org](http://www.studiotheatre.org) for prices and times.  
Contact: 202-332-3300 (box office)

## David Copperfield: An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion

Dates: Friday, April 29, at 6 and 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 30, at 2, 5 and 8 p.m.  
Place: Warner Theatre, 13th and F streets NW, Washington.  
Cost: \$33.50-\$48.50 for upper balcony seats; \$58.50 for orchestra and mid-balcony seats. Children ages 12 and under can receive \$5 off regular ticket price at time of purchase. Groups of 15 or more save by calling 866-326-3065. Tickets available through Ticketmaster. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).



## Saturday Morning at the Movies

**Publick Playhouse**, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD

The Publick Playhouse has brought back Saturday morning movies for children ages 7 to 12 that feature a half hour of live entertainment by musicians, magicians and comical clowns before the motion picture.

April 9 at 10 a.m.

James Wand Secret Agent Magic Show featuring James Munton plus Saturday morning movie, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

June 11 at 10 a.m.

Noland's Magic featuring Noland Montgomery plus Saturday morning movie "Muppet Treasure Island" with Kermit and Miss Piggy doing their version of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous classic about a band of wicked pirates.

Cost: \$5

Contact: 301-277-1710

## IBM National Convention

Date: June 28-July 2

Place: Reno, NV. Hotel reservations at \$99 a night can be made at Reno Hilton, 1-800-648-5080, using reference group code: IBM05.

Convention cost: \$145 for members.

Contact: Roger Wicks, Convention Registrar, 9745 South Third St., Woodstock, OH 43084.

Fax: 937-826-1133.

E-mail: [ibmreno2005@yahoo.com](mailto:ibmreno2005@yahoo.com).

**2005 Magi-Whirl**, a one-day convention sponsored by Ring 50 -- the National Capital Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Date: Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Place: Cedar Ridge Community Church, 2410 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, MD

Accommodations: Best Western Maryland Inn, 15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707-2957, located 3 miles from the convention site.

Cost: \$30 via Web or pay Ring 50 treasurer by check until June 20. After June 15, \$40 for everyone. Registration includes all events, including evening show. \$10 evening show only.

Features: Close-up magic lecture, stand-up magic lecture, dealers and public evening show.

## Pocahontas State Park Presto! Magic Under the Stars

sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Magicians, Ring 50 and MeX Productions. This event takes place in the park's amphitheater. Featured performers will be Keith Pass and Eric Redmond from Ring 50 and special guest from the Roanoke ring Illusionist David Knight.

Date: July 23 at 6 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m.

Place: Pocahontas State Park 20 miles from downtown Richmond. From I-95, take Exit 61 and go west on Route 10 to Route 655 which is Beach Road; or take Exit 67, go north on Route 150 to Route 10; go east to Beach Road. The park is four miles on right; or take Route 288 from I-95 to Route 10 East and go one mile to Beach Road. Follow park signs from there.

Cost: Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 the day of the show. Kids under 12 are free.

Contact: Pocahontas State Park at 804-796-4255 or Mike Taggart at [mtaggert@cox.net](mailto:mtaggart@cox.net).

## Bob Little's Super Sunday Magic Convention

Date: June 12

Place: Holiday Inn, 3499 Street Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Phone: 215-638-1500.

Cost: \$30

Contact: Bob Little Guaranteed Magic, 27 Bright Road, Hatboro, PA 19040.

Phone 215-672-3344.



**FEATURED--***Jamy Ian Swiss will be a featured guest at an "April Anti-Fools" event in Silver Spring.*

**National Capital Area Skeptics (NCAS) Public Lecture Series**

There is no regular NCAS lecture in April, but NCAS has prepared an afternoon and evening entertainment called "April Anti-Fools" on the subject of scams, cons, fakes and frauds. It features magician and author Jamy Ian Swiss. Open to members and non-members.

Date: April 30 at 1 p.m.

Place: NOAA Auditorium, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring adjacent to Silver Spring Metro.

Cost: \$5 for the entire afternoon and \$20 for the evening performance (\$20 for both). For tickets, send checks with name, address, and phone number specifying events requested to:

National Capital Area Skeptics  
PO Box 8428

Silver Spring, MD 20907

Contact: See details at [www.ncas.org/april30/](http://www.ncas.org/april30/). Register today.

Program Details: Afternoon symposium on Scams, Cons, Fakes, and Frauds--and How to Avoid Getting Taken: Street scams--Three Card Monte and the Shell Game with James Taylor, author of "Shocked and Amazed On and Off the Midway"; Brian Morton, Baltimore City Paper columnist: "When journalism goes bad: Fakes and frauds in the media." Todd Robbins, sword swallower and fire & glass eater. In the evening, after about a two-hour dinner break, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a special program when Jamy Ian Swiss performs an evening of chilling, inexplicable "mind reading" accomplished entirely with "sleight of mind." <http://www.jamyianswiss.com>.

**Ring 50 - 2005 Schedule**  
(subject to change)

**April 6**

Dan Lacey Trophy Contest & Mini-Lecture

**May 4**

Lecture by Danny Archer

**June 1**

New Officers Show & "Open Mike"

**July**

No meeting because of IBM national convention in Reno.

Mid-month picnic TBA

**Aug. 3**

Children's Magic

**Sept. 7**

Banquet/Cabaret Magic Teach-In

**SAM Meeting Schedule**

(Schedule subject to change)

April: National Press Club close-up show.

May: Here Comes the Sun: Impromptu at the picnic or things that change and transform.

June: Are you reading me? Magic with a message or mind reading.

July: From the conjuror's bag: cards, coins and other mysteries of close-up magic.

**Baltimore magic outlet profiled in newspaper**

Ken-Zo's Yogi Magic Mart and it's owners Kenneth and Spencer Horsman are profiled in a recent Baltimore Sun article which quotes Ken-Zo, "When people come in, it's a happy feeling, a great feeling — like, what's behind that door? ... This is a very giving business. The reward of it is to make other people laugh. How many people can say they do that?" The Feb. 28 article by Rona Kobell is headlined "Conjuring a supply of illusion". -- Magic News

**This one's in weird column**

This one falls in the category of weird taxes. If you want a deck of cards in Alabama, be prepared to shell out an extra dime.



**Nickels to dimes effect -- use these new coins**

There are changes for the U.S. nickel which you may want to incorporate in old standby effects like the nickels to dimes effect.

The new nickel features a contemporary profile of Thomas Jefferson on one side and a bison standing on a clump of grass on the other side. It marks the return of the bison to the nickel for the first time since 1938. That was the year that the U.S. Mint changed the design of the five-cent piece from one depicting an American Indian on one side and a buffalo on the other.

The bison nickel is the third in a series of four new nickels being introduced in 2004 and 2005 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition, both of which occurred during the administration of Jefferson, the nation's third president.

**IBM annual convention approaching very soon in "Biggest Little City"**

It will be the Wild Wild West for 2005 in "The Biggest Little City in the USA" as the International Brotherhood of Magicians holds its annual convention in Reno, Nevada, from June 28 through July 2.

You can obtain a registration form by going to the IBM's Web page <http://www.magician.org>.

The Reno Hilton Hotel has plenty of rooms at \$99 a night but the number of registrations will be limited to only 1,200 delegates. There will be four evening gala shows plus 10 lectures and special events.

The convention registrar is Roger Wicks. You can email him at [ibmreno2005@yahoo.com](mailto:ibmreno2005@yahoo.com) for further information. For hotel reservations, call The Reno Hilton at (800) 648-5080 and refer to group code IBM05.

## *Popular magician from mile-high city to lecture at Ring 50*

Danny Archer from the mile-high city of Denver will be the featured lecturer at the May meeting of Ring 50. The lecture is free to members. There will be an entry fee for others. This will be a true lecture,



**Danny Archer**

not a dealer demo, according to Archer.

Danny has lectured all over the United States, Canada, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and England.

He has performed at conventions like the 2003 British IBM, the IBM national convention San Diego 2002, Hank Lee's Cape Cod Conclave, A1 Convention at the Capital, Iowa State convention, LA State convention, Houdini Convention, Rocky Mountain Magic, NYCAN, Sydney Superday of Magic, PCAM, TAOM, the Scottish National convention and the Tannen's Jubilee.

## **March of Dimes event seeking performers**

The March of Dimes is looking for entertainment for its annual WalkAmerica fundraiser in Prince William County (Manassas) VA.

"This is a 100 percent tax deductible activity for any of your performers," said Denise Yingling, a volunteer with the March of Dimes. "We will provide the appropriate tax form."

The walk on April 17 will be at the Harris Pavilion in Manassas from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The walk is usually from 9-11 - with a party afterward. There will be thousands of walkers.

"I hope that someone from your group would be willing to donate some time and promote their craft," Yingling said. Anyone interested can contact Yingling at 703-365-9559.

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## **Ring 50 member, 89, remembered for folk dancing as well as magic**

David Rosenberg, a longtime member of Ring 50, died recently at the Hermitage retirement home in Alexandria after a heart attack. He was 89.

David belonged to the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) and was a member of the Order of Merlin.

An artist and teacher, David was a longtime director of intercultural relations for the U.S. Navy. He gave Navy personnel etiquette instructions for overseas travel.

In addition to his interest in magic, David was known for his wide-ranging skills and varied interests. He was deeply involved in the Washington folk dance scene.

David, a former illustrator with a talent for cultural appreciation, traveled worldwide, experiencing high and low culture from Oslo to Tokyo, according to a Washington Post obituary.

David was a dancer since childhood in Massachusetts. He won a Big Apple competition as a young man and discovered folk dancing one night in New York during World War II when he walked past a Polish meeting hall and became entranced by the polka.

After settling in the Washington area in 1945, he posted notices at neighborhood food stores to spur interest in starting a folk dancing group, which expanded into an entire festival before too long. He canvassed the small ethnic food shops figuring that was where Greeks, Indians, Japanese and others would go to buy their native spices.

A native of Roxbury, Mass., David was raised in Winthrop, Mass. As a young man, he was a church decorator before becoming a portrait painter and commercial artist.

During World War II, he was a scientific illustrator for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's radiation laboratory and served briefly on active duty with the Navy in the Atlantic.

From 1945 to 1960, he was art director of All Hands magazine, a Navy publication. His Navy honors include the Superior Civilian Service Award.



**FOLK DANCER--***David Rosenberg, shown here with other members of a folk dancing group, performed for President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter at the White House.*

Over the years, he taught folk dancing through the D.C. recreation department and was director of the old National Capital Area Folk Festival of All Nations.

He was lead dancer and director of "Alt-Washingtonia" Schuhplattler Verein, a Bavarian dance group. His traditional outfit included a Bavarian hat whose Gamsbart plume was the chin hair of a mountain goat.

He was a former board member of the Northern Virginia Folk Festival Association and chairman of cultural programs for the Christmas Pageant of Peace.

He also participated in annual conferences of the Sister Cities International program, which unites American and foreign communities. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

David is survived by his wife Nancy; three children, Phyllis Blum, Jean Diamond and Karl J. Rosenberg; grandchildren, Jonathan Blum, Sarah Mittelberg, Jennifer Ann, Gerri, Elaine and Rebecca Elizabeth Diamond, Kelsey Anne, Corey Joseph and Cooper Stephen Rosenberg and one great-grandson, Max Mittelberg. Interment was at National Memorial Park.

Donations in David's name may be made to U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, for the Interfaith Chapel Fund #9138, Attn: Senior Chaplain Baker, Chaplain Center, 101 Cooper Road., Annapolis, MD 21402.