



Ring 50 Wishes You Magical Holidays

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New coin due out next year

After 65 years, the nickel is ready for change. The 5-cent coin is about to get a new look from the U.S. Mint. The new nickels will commemorate the bicentennial of the 1804-1806 Lewis and Clark expedition on the back of the coins while Thomas Jefferson's face will remain on the front.

December holiday meeting means magic!



For Ring 50's December meeting, bring your favorite magic trick or holiday-themed trick to perform.

It can be for Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's, Chinese New Year— whatever you like.

Please let us know if you would like to perform so we can create a fun evening,

Contact Eric Henning at 301-369-0025 or eric@IBMRing50.org.

Legendary magician will lecture at March meeting

Legendary magician John Calvert, the first magician to perform a large magic show in Las Vegas and on Broadway, is expected to lecture at the March meeting of Ring 50.

The silver-haired Calvert, who has starred in Hollywood motion pictures as well as performed on the stage, also may present his stage show in the Washington area then.

Calvert is a trim 6-foot-2 entertainer, now in his 90s, who will be in Toledo, Ohio, to lecture at a convention and to present a show before coming here.

Calvert's stage show harks back to the old days when Blackstone Sr. entertained.

IBM Ring 50 could present Calvert

as "The Last of The Old Time Big Stage Shows" to attract a large lay audience as well as magicians up and down the East Coast.

"In the magic community, this man is a living legend," says Jerry Harrell, president emeritus of Hampton Roads' Earl Edwards Ring 103 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

"He is the only magician still alive who was a contemporary of Harry Blackstone — senior! — and Thurston and Dante and so many of the finest of the golden age of the '20s and '30s," Harrel said.

Calvert still holds a Guinness world record for the longest-touring stage magic show in history.

Ring 50 president pens book on tips for working magicians

Denny's Magic Studio in Baltimore is the exclusive distributor for a new book by Ring 50 President Eric Henning.

"TIPS, REAL WORLD IDEAS OF A WORKING MAGICIAN" sells for \$25.

"I have known Eric Henning since I first opened this shop and have watched him perform, listened to him speak about magic, and discussed theory with him many times," Denny Haney said.

"This is really some of the finest information I have ever read on being a performing magician. Here are the tips that you can only get from years of performing experience," Denny said.

Some of the topics in the book are What Laryngitis Taught Me, How to Dress, Racism in Restaurants, Taking Tips, Networking and Hecklers.

**DECEMBER MEETING
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003**

**PIER 7 RESTAURANT
in the
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: Every Wednesday 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.
www.daveshepmagic.com

Larry West Assembly 23, Society of American Magicians (S.A.M.)

Date: Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

Place: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Theme: Holiday Effects

Contact: Ray Eyler at (410) 798-0176 or ceyler1026@aol.com

Bishop Ireton Magic Show

Date: Feb 20, 2004

Place: Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: 703-751-7606

Cost: TBA

Contact: Laurie Curry at 703-698-6953

Eric Henning's Magical Brunch

Date: Sundays Noon - 3 p.m.

Where: Clyde's of Columbia, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044
Contact: 410-730-2829 or check <http://www.clydes.com>

Noland Montgomery at Silver Diner

Dates: Tuesday Kids Nights

Place: Rotating locations at Fair Oaks in Fairfax County and Merrifield in Falls Church.

James Munton at Tony Roma's

Dates: Every Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m.
Kid's Eat Free!

Place: Tony Roma's Restaurant, 15211 Major Lansdale Blvd., Bowie MD 20716

Contact: 301-262-5339

Lorenzo the Great Kid's Night

Date: Second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Place: Silver Diner Restaurant in Tyson's Corner, 8101 Fletcher Avenue, McLean, Va.

Contact: Larry Lipman at 703-237-1531 or email lorenzomagic@cox.net

Swedish magician lectures on bills, rings, rope

Swedish magician Jahn Gallo opened a Ring 50 lecture last month with his famous Osaka Bills routine featuring a beautiful form of the Miser's Dream done with dollar bills.

For those who do "Burnt Banknote to Wallet," he taught us a clever way to perform the effect planning every movement to create a flawless illusion while cleverly covers up evidence of foul play with grace. He turned a simple puzzle into a baffling mystery.

Gallo demonstrated a smooth Ring and Rope routine. With a few simple, classic moves, he composed a staple routine for any magician. Two powerful features of his presentation were the blending of a ring and rope routine with a cut and restored rope effect, and

getting an audience member to perform the magic in their hands.

For the brave, Jahn showed us a Cut and Restored Necktie that would have the corporate world in stitches. One can only imagine the reaction of the audience watching their boss's tie cut in two in front of them.

Jahn wrapped up his lecture with a few powerful card routines. First he taught a platform version of the McDonald Aces, where three aces disappear one at a time and appear in a box held by a spectator. He then amazed with the switching of a red-backed packet in one spectator's pocket and blue-backed packet of cards in another audience member's shirt pocket, leaving their chosen cards in place.

Barry's Magic seeking theater performers on stage

Barry's Magic is seeking your feedback.

"We know that many of you have great magic acts but have no venue to perform," Susie Taylor noted in a recent email newsletter from the Wheaton, Md., shop to magicians in the area.

"We're thinking of hosting an Open Magic evening at our theater upstairs from Barry's Magic Shop on a Thursday evening," Susie explained.

"If it's successful, we will do it two or three more times. We know that sometimes you need a deadline to get a complete act together and, if you know you are booked to perform, you'll get your act together. Or, perhaps you are a seasoned performer and have a brand new routine you would like to try, this would be ideal for you," Susie said.

"Our theater is perfectly suited for close-up routines using cups and balls, coins, cards, rope, or stand-up magic," she said.

Susie pointed out that there are only 24 seats in the intimate theater and she estimated that tickets would be at least \$10.

Barry Taylor would either open or close the show with his act. Barry and Susie might perform their Spirit Cabinet Act. Each act will probably be around 10 minutes; close-up or stand-up magic.

Anyone interested can write Susie Taylor at You can include this in your biography. Photos of you while you are performing will be permitted to show action shots. Videotaping will be made available of you performing in front of a live audience with a broadcast-quality digital videocamera for a fee.

Barry's will offer conversion of digital tape to VHS or you can then transfer it to a DVD and also have photographs made from the digital video.

Barry's is trying to utilize the theater space as much as possible before developers tear down the magi shop site.

"Dust off those magic tricks that have been sitting on your shelves and believe in yourself. Act out your dreams," Susie said.



Season's Greetings!