



October  
2024

Spirit - The Official Newsletter of Ring 1

## October Events

⚡ Our Next Meeting ⚡  
**Losander In-Person Lecture**  
October 1st 2024 at 7 p.m.

**I.B.M. Ring 1  
President's Banquet**

**OCT. 6  
5-8PM**

(CAUTION: ACTUAL BANQUET HALL MAY BE SMALLER THAN IT APPEARS)

**ROSALITA'S CANTINA - DES PERES**

**RSVP: WATSON7654321@GMAIL.COM**

### Florissant Fall Festival - Ring 1 Booth

Club members are invited to assist passing out flyers to promote this year's **Magic & Fantasy show** on October 19. Each volunteer is asked to stay a couple of hours. You can even do a little magic for the crowd. Register at [paulsmusicplus@gmail.com](mailto:paulsmusicplus@gmail.com).

Date	Ring 1 Events
October 1	Dirk Losander Lecture Sponsored by the Jubilee
October 6	President's Banquet at Rosilita's, Des Peres, MO (Tim Shegitz is guest performer)
October 19	Magic & Fantasy Fall Show (Florissant Performing Arts Center)
November 6	D. J. Edwards Lecture - "The Best of the Best"
December 4	Annual Party and Gift Exchange (Mini-lecture by Columbus Smith)
April 3-5	2025 Gateway Close-up Convention Collinsville, IL 62234

**The St. Louis Magic Roundtable** meets every Saturday at 1:30 pm at Dierbergs, 1080 Lindemann Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131. Check the following website for the latest information before attending each week: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/374210993307299>

**Volunteer for Ranken Jordan Children's Hospital Put a smile on children's faces! Performances are on the first Monday of each month. Contact Dan Todd at [Magic@TheGreatTodd.com](mailto:Magic@TheGreatTodd.com) to volunteer to perform.**

Matthew Sawchuk, a former President of Ring 200 in Edison NJ, is hosting a **free online workshop, "Learn Card Magic Now!"**

Sign up link: <https://cardmagictricktips.aveb.page/p/b4063ee9-f02e-4c08-8772-063043f8651c>

### **Magic Conventions**

<https://www.themagicwordpodcast.com/magic-convention-guide>





# Magic & Fantasy

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## Ring 1 Report by Sandy Weis et al.

The Ring was able to book Ari Phillips for a lecture on September 5<sup>th</sup>. He is from Kent in the UK and is a member of The Magic Circle. What a dynamic lecturer! His tour is entitled Grum to the USA. It was interesting to hear about his background. He grew up in New Zealand. His father, Danny Phillips, is a well-known magician and was even president of New Zealand's Ring 160 for 12 years. Ari has been performing magic since he was seven years old and got his first "paid" job at the age of 12 for a children's birthday party. He went to school and became a designer and even had his own design company (NuggetDesign) when he moved to the UK in 2000. His grandfather had a leather factory in New Zealand and manufactured high quality leather handbags and wallets. Ari also has a company, Grum Leather Craft in which he designs and makes handcrafted leather products for magicians. How did he come up with the name "Grum"? His sister couldn't pronounce grandpa so they all called him Grumgrum. When Ari started his leather company he wanted to honor his grandfather, so he called the company Grum. He loved to visit his grandfather's leather factory when he was young. However, Ari was able to teach himself how to design items from leather. He reinforced in the lecture that he uses old magic principles and uses his creativity to improve the effect. A few of his leather creations are the leather dice cup and the hot rod gem keyring. Make sure to view his website because it lists all the products he makes and sells. Following are a few of the effects he shared with the members—SC2KR (signed card to key ring), One for the Diary, Not Just a Bill Switch, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Phantom, Dice Cup using a chop cup, Cats in the Cradle (using rubber bands), and Out to Dinner. He even taught everyone how to make a rose out of tissue paper and even showed them how to make it smell like a real rose. He taught a new effect Sweet that uses the principle of the 6 card repeat. Ari wanted to keep on lecturing (and the members also wanted him to); however, the Ring only rents the room for a set length of time. All could tell that Ari loves what he is doing as a magician, designer, and lecturer. At the end, he told about the products he had for sale. His lecture notes were not just papers stapled together; instead, he had them perfect bound in a book with colored photos (and reasonably priced). We encourage others to follow Ari on his website (<https://www.grumleathercraft.com/formagicians>), Instagram, Facebook, etc. and are certain that everyone will be amazed at his creativity. If, by any chance he tours again, it is recommended that Rings quickly book him for a lecture. You won't be disappointed!

On September 11, Ring 1 held its annual close-up contest. Gary S. Chan was the winner at last year's contest so he was awarded the Chairmanship for organizing this year's contest. What an outstanding job he did! He is an expert at organization and communication. There was even a "waiting list" since all available slots were filled. The audience is the largest the Ring has ever had for our contest. The performers were as follows: David Goldfarb, Josh Weidner, Christian Misner, Jeff Halcomb (Klutz), Zi Wang, Zai Shi. Tim Shegitz, Raleigh Muns, Steve Finkelstein, and Steve Queen. The Magician Judges were Michael W. McClure, Randy Kalin, and Jeff Lefton, the Lay Judge was Joe Malec, and the Timer was Steve Buesking. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place-Tim Shegitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Josh Weidner, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Zi Wang. The Ring thanks all the contestants, the support staff, and also the audience for making this contest one of the best ever.

Sandy Weis



## 2025 Gateway Close-up Convention

### Here is the tentative line-up:

John Bannon will be on hand for a WORKSHOP ONLY, limited to NO MORE than 15 participants, for an added fee of 50.00 per person. Workshop to take place after the evening show on Saturday.

**E-mail [STLSTEVE2009@YAHOO.COM](mailto:STLSTEVE2009@YAHOO.COM) if you want to sign up.**

The price will go up after November 1, 2024, so register early and save 50.00! Also this year, spouses can come for FREE, if registered before November 1st. After that, spouses will be an additional \$100.00.

If paying by PayPal, please pay as friends and family.

If paying by check, make checks payable to Steve Zuehlke and mail to 131 S. 7th St., Wood River, IL 62095.

We are looking forward to those returning.

# 2025 GATEWAY

*Close up*

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SESSIONS, DEALERS ROOM & more



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*Happy Halloween*

