Important News for Ring 122

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 25 at 35 Church St., Watertown at 7:30 PM
Theme: Magic Yard Sale! Bring items to sell and raise funds for David Oliver's medical care.

https://www.gofundme.com/do-magic-for-david-oliver

Our June meeting was an auction, with magic from the estates of Ray Goulet, David Libby, and others. David Oliver was the auctioneer and, as usual, he was cheerful, well informed, and kept the proceedings moving along at a good clip.

There was an Antique Road Show moment when David opened a small, silver box engraved inside with the name Cardini! David called Ryan Lally up to verify what he was seeing, and they deduced this was used by Cardini to hold and apply beeswax to cards and other items. The small paddle to apply the wax also had Cardini engraved in it, so this looks pretty legitimate.

Unfortunately, just weeks after the auction, David Oliver was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer and is undergoing treatment for it as you read this. Compeer Debbie O’Carroll writes:

“Lyn Dillies set up a Go Fund Me page under his name David Hussey. He has to give up his gigs because of this awful turn of events. I am hoping we can figure out a way to raise some money for our friend. The idea of having a yard sale at our next meeting came to mind. We could bring in magical stuff to sell during the meeting break and then send the money to David’s Go Fund Me page. If we did this at every meeting, we might get more participants! Kind of like an auction. Any other ideas would be much appreciated.”
Debbie’s idea was agreed to by the board and we will hold a yard sale to raise funds for David’s care at our September meeting; please bring money and items to sell at this month’s meeting.

—Patrick Farenga

The President’s Letter

I’m honored to begin serving as President of Ring 122. I have been a member of the IBM for 5 years. In that time I have been involved with our public shows, auctions, and behind-the-scenes planning. What has impressed me the most about this club is the amount of talented performers and enthusiasts we have! In our show I have seen some great routines and interesting ideas, and I want to focus on developing them over the next year. I would like to emphasize performing in our club to better prepare us for public shows and help our members grow in private gigs as well.

And now, a little bit of my background ...

I became interested in magic when I was 12 and shortly found the Magic Art Studio and the Society of Young Magicians. Ray Goulet and David Oliver guided me down all the right paths in performing, history, and collecting. I began working for Ray behind the counter at 14 and became further involved with collecting and history. I have served the Boston SYM #29 as both Vice President and President. In addition to IBM, I am also a member of the Society of American Magicians and the New England Magic Collectors Association.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club, please feel free to email me at lallymagic@gmail.com.

—Ryan Lally
Northeast New England Magic Contest
$200 Cash Prize for First Place

Calling all magicians and other performers who incorporate magic into their acts! Perform your best material in a magic competition sponsored by Ring 122 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. All ages and styles of magic performers are welcome. There are 12 performance slots available, each with an 8-minute time limit. These slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The entrance fee for each competitor is $10. To compete, mail your contact information and a check made out to I.B.M. Ring 122 for $10 to: NE New England Magic Contest, Daryl Vanderburgh, 31 Stonebridge Rd, Wayland, MA 01778.

We can also accept entry and payment online: Send your contact info and intent to compete to Daryl Vanderburgh at dvanderburgh8@gmail.com with the subject line: New England Magic Contest. Electronic payment can be accepted via Zelle by referencing phone number (508) 314-5271 or via Venmo by referencing either the aforementioned email address or phone.

Three professional magicians seated in the audience will anonymously judge the competitors. The judges have four criteria:

- Originality. It does not have to be an original effect; a unique spin on a classic is fine.
- Smoothness of execution/presentation. How polished the performer is for their level of technical difficulty.
- Impact. This is measured by audience reaction.
- Time. We penalize if someone goes over eight minutes or does less than six minutes.

NOTE: If your performance requires a musical accompaniment, you must bring your own playing device that will plug into our soundboard.

Check the Ring 122 Facebook page and website (www.ring122.com) for updates and news about the Northeast New England Magic Contest.

**Deadline for entering the competition:** Midnight, Oct. 24, 2018, or when all 12 slots are filled.

**Location:** Wellesley Community Center, 219 Washington St, Wellesley, MA 02481.

**Date:** October 28, 2018. **Time:** 3PM.

**Prizes:** $200 and a trophy for first place; a framed certificate for second and third place, and the People’s Choice (based on the popular vote of audience).
Photos above: Ann Goulet; David Oliver and Ryan Lally; David Oliver; Dan Bybell and Bob Filene keeping track of the auction sales.

It’s Time to Pay Your Ring 122 Dues

Dues are $35 for the email version of Silent Messenger; $45 for postal version. Bring your dues to the September meeting, either cash or check made out to IBM Ring 122. Or mail your check to Daryl Vanderburgh, 31 Stonebridge Rd, Wayland, MA 01778. We can accept mobile payment via Zelle by referencing phone number (508) 314-5271 or via Venmo by referencing either dvanderburgh8@gmail.com or (508) 314-5271.

If you are going to submit your Dues by the mobile option, and don’t plan to be at the September meeting, please send a separate email to Daryl (dvanderburgh8@gmail.com) to confirm your intent so he can cross-reference any mobile payments received and properly attribute them to you.

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