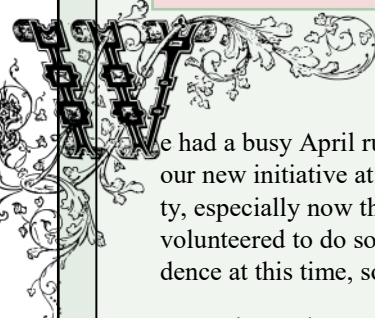


The Silent Messenger

May/June 2025

Ring 122 April/May Ring Report



We had a busy April running two successful shows - our combined SAM 9 and IBM fundraiser, and Magic in Medford, our new initiative at the Medford Library. Through these shows, we hope to establish ourselves in the local community, especially now that we have a consistent home base. To further that goal, Pat Farenga, David Penn, and Mark Ross volunteered to do some magic for the library's Fairytale Ball. I hear it went fabulously, though we have no photo evidence at this time, so it remains a tale to be told.

We welcomed SAM 9 as honored guests for our May meeting to flex their magic muscles in person with the IBM. No magic duels or contests broke out due to mutual respect.

For our business items, we finalized the date for our annual BBQ (August 24th @ 11:30AM); the Fairytale Ball; confirmed ongoing attempts to secure the library space; and a short discussion on attracting new members and offering guest attendance to SAM 9 members who want to drop in. A brief mention was made of the new Chicago magic venue under construction, [The Hand & The Eye](#). We are all anxious to see how it turns out, and happy to see a resurgence of magic in Chicago.

Then we were onto our main event - our magic teach-in!

John Bach led us off with a sandwich effect based on Chris Congreave's new work in [Commercial Killers](#), followed by a deceptive ACAAN adaptation of [Jeff Williams' Devastation](#) with different handling.

Dan Bybell was up next with some clever party tricks using two wine corks. He showed us how to bounce the cork onto its tall end and the knuckle busting "linking cork."

David Penn showcased a trick using a unique feature of the [Bicycle Fire deck](#). Unintentional or not, this deck has a one-way design. The trick David performed to illustrate was based on a Dai Vernon magician fooler.

Nicholas Kerpan was up next demonstrating his skill with rubber band magic via a linking band illusion based on [Casshan Wallace's Melting Point](#) with a new handling of Nicholas' invention. He also performed a card trick using new deck order using an old move called either "[prophecy move](#)" or "prophecy peak" that fooled many of us there!

Duncan Miller took the stage next to perform a mated card trick using the "suit skipping Si Stebbins stack" that he recently published in [May's M.U.M](#) (pg. 50), but he reports it works with any Cyclical stack.

Mike Lee showed off his handling of [BergFast by Daniel Dorian Johnson](#) which is very clean and hands off.

Mike MacHenry spoke a bit about his mentalism experience using hot reading (instead of cold reading) to enhance the effect. The basic concept is to have a known value, and act as though cold reading while getting to the answer to add verisimilitude. He also shared this tidbit - often devices are broadcasting the owner's name over Airdrop, hotspot, or other. You can use this as a starting off point for mentalism. Truly a brilliant idea in plain sight!

Daniel Barbas showed off a bit of DIY magic using a simple white crayon. A cheap white crayon can be used as a roughing stick, though the color may need to be adapted to the cards you are using. Keeping it in your pocket or a warm place will help spread the wax out a bit more evenly, so will working with the cards in your hands. Alan Wasilak offered some tips and answered some questions based on his research with the topic. I look forward to his treatise on the subject!

To close out the night, Dan Bybell performed [Cheers! Mr. Galasso by Roberto Giobbi](#), causing many of us to go home and revisit Card College and its siblings. Thus concluded a magical night!



President's Report



May Mini-Missive

Wow this year has flown by! We just held our (early) May meeting and we are holding elections for the 2025-2026 year this coming June 23rd (4th Monday of June). It has been a pleasure serving Ring 122 as president for three years— from coming out of Covid, to our in-person meetings in Medford, I have to say that I like where The Ring is going! Our Magic in Medford night in April was a huge, sell-out success and proved that we can drive folks to the library! In the coming year, we hope to produce two to three more Magic in Medford shows, and also work on other ways to engage the local community.

Next, Pat Farenga, Marc Ross, and myself will teach magic at the Medford Library's Fairy Tale Day on June 8th. We have no meeting in July, but on Sunday, August 24th, we will have our annual MAGIC BBQ+SHOW+AUCTION at Camp Evergreen in Andover. \$6 (cash or Venmo) will buy you a delicious lunch, and entry to the Magic Show and Auction. Such a deal! Social time starts at 11:30, the BBQ is from noon to 1pm, the Magic Show is next, and the auction begins about 3pm. A full, fun day of magical festivities! Members and guests (kid friendly!), of Ring 122, and SAM 9 and SAM 104 are all invited! This a rain or shine event since there are covered areas if needed. Don't miss it!

I hope to see you all at the June meeting for elections. Allan Wassilak has been appointed as nominations char and the Slate of Officers will be ready by the time this newsletter goes out. Members are also encouraged to volunteer for office at the June meeting or by contacting Alan alanwassilak@gmail.com.



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**IBM Ring 122 President
David Penn**



President's Report



Summer Send-Off

A huge thank you to Marc Ross and Pat Farenga for taking part in the Medford Public Library's Fairy Tale Day event on Sunday, June 8th! Over 1,000 children participated in this event and many of them were taught some magic effects by Marc and Pat! This event strengthened our ties with the Medford community and paved the way forward for more synergy with the library!

Plans are being made for our annual TRI-CLUB-BBQ/Show/Auction on Sunday, August 24th at Camp Evergreen in Andover. Watch your email for a sign up to come out in the next few weeks to reserve your spot!

This month, we will conduct our annual elections. Alan Wassilak has been our nominating committee chair and he will put forth the slate of nominees at our June meeting. Please plan to be at the meeting in person or online to participate in this year's elections.

And that's it! It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past three years, and I am happy that Ring 122 has got new momentum and is growing!

Have a magical summer!



**IBM Ring 122 President
David Penn**



Ring 122 and SAM 9

April Show



Abracadaniel showing off his manual of magical creatures.



Michael Charles "teaching" the crowd a disappearing silk routine.



Ryan Lally and his gaggle of volunteers



John Bach studying his volunteer's mind



Our MC, Mike Lee, and his amazing separating card!



Ryan Wallace hypnotizing the crowd, with science!

Upcoming Meeting Themes

No Meeting in July.

See you at our annual
BBQ/Show/Auction

At Camp Evergreen in Andover
August 24th at 11:30 AM

Our next meeting is **Monday,**
June 23rd at
7 PM on Zoom and at Snappy Patty's
Favorite Unusual Props/Elections



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