

The Silent Messenger

April 2023

Ring 122 March Ring Report

At our March 2023 meeting, Ring 122 welcomed members to our new meeting space at Temple Beth Shalom. It was our first in-person meeting since Covid began and it was great to see about a dozen members both in person and on our Zoom. Thanks to Daniel Barbas who got the “award” for longest commute and for helping out with technical support. We also welcomed newest member Michael Charles to our meeting who happened to have a crucial USB to USB-C adapter to improve our Zoom experience!



(From left to right) Michael Charles, John Bach, and Dan Bybell lounging in our new meeting

After a quick “walking tour” of our new digs, we transitioned into a Broken Wand ceremony for our recently departed Ring 122 member and past president, Bruce Fenton. Three generations of Bruce’s family were in attendance online for the ceremony which they truly appreciated. The ceremony itself was conducted by member Bob Filene. Bob mentioned that he was grateful for Bruce serving as president of Ring 122 for a five year span, and that he was so generous about volunteering his time. Daryl Vanderburgh, Pat Farenga, and myself all contributed memories they had of Bruce.

Unfortunately, at the end of the Broken Wand ceremony, Rogue said that Ring 122’s beloved secretary of many years and a super amazing magician and entertainer, Debbie O’Carroll, had lost her long battle with cancer over the weekend. Debbie once graced the cover of *The Linking Ring*, and was a fixture at our club meetings before Covid. She will be greatly missed. Members participated in a Broken Wand ceremony later in early April held by the Salem, MA SAM chapter and expressed their condolences to her husband Tom and family.

Our plans for our big, nine-magician Family

Magical Show on May ninth in Belmont, MA are in full swing. If you would like to help that day with ticket sales, please let Mikey Lee or Davy Penn know. This month’s theme was Mentalism and both in-person and Zoom members had routines to share. Bob Filene, via Zoom, performed a shopping list Clippo effect from Jay Sankey effect while keeping the prediction in a bag on his head! Rogue shared a mentalism joke: A mentalist offered to talk to your dear departed spouse for \$30...for \$50 while drinking water! Rob Kinslow shared a joke attributed to Max Maven. Jim Rainho (welcome back!) offered memories of a mentalism workshop he had attended.

John Bach had Rob volunteer for a prediction card effect using three cards and a doubling principle, as well as a card that used a reverse Si Stebbins stack. Crazy Davy did a card effect called Permanent Record that he recently picked up on a trip to San Francisco. Dan Bybell did a prediction with a volunteer drawing a simple graphic element which he had predicted, a good example of using equivoque to imply a choice. Then Dan performed a quantum theory effect inspired by an effect he saw John Bach perform. Dan Bybell predicted three cards using a 3-way force deck. Fooled us all!



John Bach’s 3 card prediction



Zoom Crew for our first hybrid meeting!

Remembering Debbie O'Carroll



It is with sadness that we report the passing of Debbie O'Carroll, but we will carry with us our memories of her and her radiant personality.

I only knew Debbie for a few short years as a member of the club, but I can't help but smile when I think of her energetic performances and her infectious enthusiasm. She welcomed me to the club when I first joined, and I'm privileged to be one of many she has welcomed to this club. Thank you Debbie.

- Daniel Barbas, Editor



A Message from Tom O'Carroll

Thank you and all your Compeers for attending the Broken Wand Ceremony for Debbie. It was very beautiful and exactly what her last wishes were. Please convey my deep gratitude to all who attended. Yesterday's event was a most fitting coda to Debbie and her incredibly creative life. Thank you. Sincerely, Tom



I am very sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. She was an important and beloved number of Ring 122 for decades. I will never forget how in every meeting she would cheerfully reply "They were in the Silent Messenger." when the President would ask her to read the minutes of the previous meeting, thus tossing Roberts' Rules of Order off a cliff.

And how about this fulltime performer, famous for her family friendly shows up and down the East Coast, incorporating a glass of red wine and subtle double entendre into her routines for the Ring.

She was a true student of Magic, one who skillfully crafted many of her own costumes and props.

As we age in whatever place we are, we will all move on when the time comes. Debbie was special person. She will be sorely missed, but we will always appreciate her.

Andrew Inglis

If you have any memories, stories, pictures, or videos of Debbie you would like to share, please email them to ibm.ring122@gmail.com and we will add them to our memorial archives.

Thank you.





Dinner and a Show and Tell

Here's a different President's Column for you all this month! Crazy Davy went North(shore) in search of magic April 13th! At the Off Cabot Speakeasy he found it! Evan Northrup has put together a new show called "Alchemy" with fellow magicians the debonair Joel Acevedo and 2x "Penn and Teller Fool Us" performer Tyler Twombly. The promo video showed some expert sleight of hand but I'm told that each performer brings their own twist to the program. This reminded me of the Shin Lim and Colin Cloud "Limitless" show I saw two years ago at the Chevalier Theater in Medford. Two very different styles that compliment each other perfectly. I took the opportunity to meet Evan and ask him some questions about this awesome new show. The "Alchemy" show will be held monthly at Off Cabot, and I highly recommend it! The show was pretty much sold out, so if you're going, get tickets well in advance (\$25) and arrive early for the best seats.



(From Left to Right) Tyler Twombly, Evan Northrup, and Joel Acevedo

Q: How did you meet Joel and Tyler?

I actually grew up in Salem, MA down the street from Tyler, so we go way back! We met Joel years ago through some combination of Diamond's Magic and local magical events. We started meeting regularly around 2017 at restaurants and bars in the evening to share magic we've been working on and provide feedback on new endeavors. The three of us approach magic so differently – but with equal levels of respect and care – that it always leads to clever discoveries and discussions on everything from magic theory to adhesives. We

had always talked about doing a show together and finally the opportunity presented itself.

Q: How does their magic style differ from your own?

If I had to sum each of us up in simplistic terms (I hope I do them justice!), I see myself as a storyteller who weaves narrative with magic to create more theatrical experiences.



Evan Northrup

Tyler, being a therapist, brings a psychological bent to his own innovative creations that are always completely unique to him. And Joel, an engineer by trade, has a mind for construction, technique, and theory that result in some of the most polished pieces of magic I've ever seen; he balances serious commitment to the art with light-hearted, fantastical presentations.

Q: Talk about the style of your show:

This show is about taking performers with totally different styles and bringing them together to create a night of magic that's greater than the sum of its parts. Our differences are what keep us learning and improving, so we wanted to highlight those.

Q: How did you find the venue?

The venue reached out to me through a networking group for creatives. It's normally a comedy club but they were hoping to branch out into magic, and we were ready to provide it! Of note, the venue (Off Cabot) is one of the spaces that used to be owned by Le Grand David in Beverly, so it has a deep magic history running through its veins!

Q: What do you think of the magic scene in Boston?

It has been great to see how much it has grown in the last few years, between the regular shows (like Joel's show "Four Handed Illusions" at the Hampshire House), to organizations like the Boston Magic Lab that make a space for magicians to gather and improve their craft, Boston is a good place to be for magic! I'm hopeful that the future brings an even wider variety of experiences to the



area – theatrical magic productions, maybe even a new local convention, or other things we can't even imagine yet!



Tyler Twombly

Q: How long have you been performing magic?

I began – as did many of us – when I was young; around 8 years old! So I've been into magic for some 25 years at this point. I began street performing regularly at age 14, and I've been a full time magician for about a decade.



Joel Acevedo

Q: Who are some of your favorite magic performers these days?

I study regularly with Jeff McBride, and his depth of knowledge is a gift to the community. I could watch Derren Brown for days on end (and I occasionally do), so he and Andy Nyman are right at the top of my list. And no list of my favorite performers would be complete without Tamariz – the blend of theory and character is just perfection.

Q: Where does your magical inspiration come from?

I think my favorite magic is informed by non-magical art forms. I find inspiration in technical art forms like cooking, as well as visual art, and immersive theater. My favorite pieces I've created almost always spring from non-magical experiences that I can explore using magic as a medium.

Q: What are your future plans?

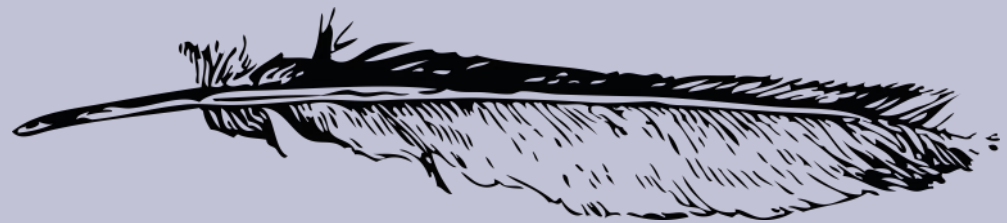
There isn't enough time in this interview to cover all those!! I have a shockingly full Excel spreadsheet of different projects all at varying stages of doneness. They range from books and products for the magic community to theater shows replete with magic, to installation art pieces, magical home décor, and everything in between. I just need a bit more time in the day to pull it all off!

Yours in magic,

Davy



Davy and Tyler Twombly



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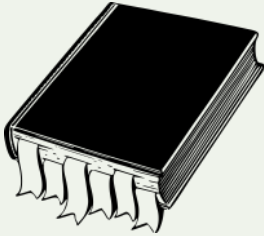
**Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 25th
at 7:30 PM in person and on Zoom!**

This month's theme is **Book Magic and Favorite Gimmicks**

We will be meeting at Temple Beth Shalom

21 E Foster St

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Upcoming Meeting Themes

May: DJ Edwards Lecture (Hybrid)

June: Elections, Group Trick Creation (Hybrid)

August: Summer BBQ (Hybrid)

All future meetings will be hybrid—join us via Zoom or in person!



Next Month—DJ Edwards is lecturing!

He's a master magician promising a vacation from reality! We hope to see you there, and you'll be glad you did.



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