

2012/2013 Club Membership Dues are now due!!

Please bring your \$40 membership renewal dues to the September meeting, or mail them to: Mark Hogan, 133 Fairlane Ave, London ON N6K 3E5



Shell Game

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June's meeting

Nothing quite says "summer" like some tasty desserts – and there were lots to be had at the final meeting of the year. The club and many members supplied tons of desserts to sample – far more food than people. (But when was that ever a problem?)

There was some good news to share, too – **Brandon Kidd** had been awarded a scholarship to this year's Summer Safari (congratulations, Brandon!).

And the good news kept coming – the President's Trophy was awarded to **Jon Akrey** for his many effects he brought from the Kind of Magic store in Kitchener and performed for us during the year (congrats, Jon!!).

While we were all filling our faces, the magic started coming. **Jon Akrey** performed a great Linking Thumbs routine and followed it by wrapping a wire in flash paper and it burned into a form of a spectator's selected card!

Peter Mennie showed us a card routine using two "green cards" to eliminate blocks of cards in a deck, only to finally sandwich a spectator's selection. Paul French did a nice four Ace production, and followed that with an impromptu Out of This World routine.

Brandon Kidd shuffled two halves of a deck (one all cards face down; one with face up and face down cards) and made the two halves switch places! And **Mark Hogan** (after a couple ugly misfires) did a Steve Bargatze routine where a spectator stops dealing at a thought-of card and the rest of the deck are blank!

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 12 7:30PM

Topic: Names in a hat – just like FFFF!

**Beal Secondary School
525 Dundas Street, London
T-253**

A visit by **Andy Parr** (just there for the food, I'm sure!) was welcome as he showed some puzzles that were very... well ... puzzling! First was a set of magic wands where the number of black and red ones seemed to change; then a nice magic square with a selected number; and a selected puzzle piece being the only piece that completes a large puzzle of the CN Tower!

The night ended with **Mike Fisher's** premiere performance of "Corbin the Courier", complete with UPS attire and boxes to deliver. The effects were right in line with his persona – including a BankNite routine with letter to deliver, a watch wrapped in bubble wrap smashed against the wall to show his wrapping skills, and the same watch appearing inside the nested set of delivery boxes. Mike, you've done it again – a special treat on a night filled with treats!

Mark Hogan

September's Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, September 12
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Beal Secondary School
T-253

TOPIC: Names in a hat: Just like FFFF

Ever wonder what it'd be like to attend Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic (FFFF) - the most famous, invitation-only, close-up magic convention on the planet?

While we can't get you in, we can do one thing that they do at FFFF – put everyone's name in a hat, and if your name is drawn, you must perform something!

Have we got your attention now??

It's simple – bring something you'd like to show... anything at all ... to the meeting. Your name will go in that hat, and if it's drawn ... you're on!

We Want Your Reviews and Tricks!

Please send any original reviews, magic tricks or routines to:

magic_london@yahoo.ca

News Of Interest

Bill Abbott lecture coming in October

Bill Abbott is coming to our club with his brand new "Pack Smart Play Anywhere" lecture!

Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Eugene Berger events in Toronto

(from The Hat & Rabbit Club, Toronto)

Eugene Berger will be presenting 3 separate events in Toronto in September:

Lecture

Come see "**One of the 100 most influential magicians of the twentieth century**" (MAGIC Magazine) in his only Canadian appearance this year. Eugene has been around the world sharing a unique philosophy of magic and meaning, enabling magicians everywhere to connect with audiences and share mystery instead of just tricks. He has been a pillar of the magic community in Chicago and is now the Dean of [McBride's Magic & Mystery School](#) (Las Vegas, NV).

Eugene Berger is the author of fifteen best-selling books and eight instructional videos. He was twice voted both **Close Up Magician of the Year** and **Lecturer of the Year** by the Magic Castle in Hollywood, CA.

When: **Thursday, September 13, 2012 @ 7:00 PM**

Where: **St. Leonard's Anglican Church** (25 Wanless Ave | [map](#))

Admission: **\$20 General Admission**

Public show

How many times have you gone to see a master magician but been unable to share the experience with family and friends because it was at a magic lecture and they weren't invited?

Working with [Abracadabaret](#) and [James Alan](#), we are pleased to present **The Presence of Magic** a live theatre show with tickets available to the public. The show takes place at the beautiful **Toronto Centre for the Arts** which is conveniently located just off the 401 and right next to **North York Subway Station**.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to share amazing world class magic with your family and friends. In this Lecture-Demonstration, Eugene explores theatrical magic and spiritualism. The performance includes some of the tricks he is famous for as well as things you may not be familiar with. And yes, things will go bump in the night!

When: **Friday, September 14, 2012 at 8:00 PM**

Where: **The Toronto Centre for the Arts – Studio Theatre** ([map](#))

Admission: **\$32 Tickets available through Ticketmaster**

Workshop - Magic Minimalism - *** SOLD OUT ***

Eugene Burger is known in magic as a master minimalist. Imagine being able to walk into someone's home **with no props** and being able to perform a powerful, memorable and meaningful piece of close up magic. This exclusive limited enrolment workshop includes this and other items from Burger's own professional performing repertoire. Participants are also welcome to come with specific questions based on his previously published work.

Other Toronto magic events

(from The Hat & Rabbit Club)

For those of you who can make the jaunt to Toronto ... here are some events planned by the Hat & Rabbit Club this year:

- November 1 – **Shane Cobalt** lecture
- December 6 – **Browser's Den** visit
- January 10 – Auction
- April 4 – **Tina Lennert** lecture

- May 2 – **Denis Behr** lecture

16th Annual Motor City Close-Up Convention

(from John Luka)

The **16th Annual Motor City Close-Up Convention** will be here in November. Wow! Now in its 16th year! Who would have thought? Another amazing line-up plus some added surprises.

This year the Motor City Convention will take place the weekend of **November 16-18, 2012**. The Motor City Convention will feature **Darwin Ortiz, Garrett Thomas, Mark Zacharia, and Kainoa Harbottle**. As usual, you will have an opportunity to meet and mingle with these performers, ask questions, and share some of your ideas with them. You can also register quickly and easily on line via PayPal.

You will enjoy the new spacious facility, **The DoubleTree by Hilton Dearborn / Detroit** located at 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI 4822, Phone: (313) 336-3340. Website: www.dearborn.doubletree.com/

More details will follow. I am looking forward to seeing you at this year's event.

John Luka

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