

Gulf Coast Magicians Guild

Hocus in Focus Newsletter – July 2020

The *Gulf Coast Magicians Guild* meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **5:30 PM until 8:00 PM** at the **Tryon Branch Library**, located at: **1200 Langley Ave, Pensacola, Florida.**

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thegulfcoastmagiciansguild.com

GCMG Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thegulfcoastmagiciansguild>

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Club Officers

- President: Bruce Walstad
- Vice President: Beau Broomall
- Secretary: Bill Metsch
- Treasurer: Perry Vath

Theme for our August “ZOOM” Meeting

The theme for our August 20th ZOOM meeting will be, ***Magic we take when we go out to eat at a restaurant.*** This should be a fun and interesting meeting. Do not miss it!

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2020 Public Show Cancelled

As we have been discussing, we finally decided to cancel our annual public show.

Club Library

Zach reports that the club library now has at least 200 books and 15+ DVD's. He has just about 100 of them entered into the online database, attached to the club's website. Once we start meeting in person again, the books will be available to check out.

The members of the GCMG would like to thank Zach for all his work in maintaining our library.

Zoom Meetings

It seems a few members are having difficulties logging in and working the various controls for our Zoom meetings. So, next month's meeting, we will come online at 6:30 PM and assist members with these issues for the first 30 minutes. The regular meeting will then start at 7:00 PM. You will receive the link to join the meeting from Javier in an email and it will be posted on our FB page and website.

Donations Needed

Do you have a book or DVD or two you no longer need or want? Donate it to the CGMG library. Zach will be happy to accept your donations.

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Monthly Raffles

We had our first online raffle at our July meeting, and it went quite well. We sold a good number of tickets. Al Grimm and Beau Broomall racked up the greatest number of prizes. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and supported our club.

Club Treasury and Payments to the Club

Our club treasurer, Perry Vath reports he is on the process of setting up a PayPal account that will link directly to the club's checking account. This will allow members to pay their dues and purchase raffle tickets using PayPal. Thanks to Perry for setting this up!

In Person Meetings

Well, with the virus making a dramatic comeback, we are now unsure when we will be able to meet again in person. We suspect masks, hand washing, hand sanitizer and social distancing will be with us for a while to come. We are hopeful to resume in person meeting again this Fall.

New Meeting Location

Beau has been working hard at trying to find us a new location to meet. We had hoped the Old Tyron Library at Fairfield and Airport Blvd., where we used to meet would work out, but it is no longer a library, but some sort of genealogical center and they do not allow the use of the meeting room, unless employees are present. We will keep looking...

Awards Banquet

At our July meeting, we voted to host our Awards Banquet in November at a restaurant in Pensacola. Brian Ward is researching a location for us and should have a location for us very soon. Thanks Brian!

Summer Picnic

We are still exploring the possibility of hosting a picnic this summer. If we do this, it would be in August. As we did in the past, we can have it at Bruce Walstad's home (near Foley). We will be sending out an email to all members with the details and asking if they would attend.

July Zoom Meeting on Facebook

Javier was able to record our July meeting and it should be available for viewing on Facebook in coming days. Thank Javier!

Isaac Brady's Estate of Magic

The club received a phone call from Carolyn Brady, Isaac's wife. She explained that trying to figure out how to liquidate all the magic, jokes, books, and gags Isaac had accumulated over the years.

We suggested that Bruce Walstad and Bill Metsch could come to her home and look it over and possibly have the club make her an offer to purchase it.

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So, early on the morning of July 3rd, Bruce and Bill met with Carolyn at her home. We found at least 25+ boxes and containers of magic. It was a staggering amount. After basically looking in the various containers and boxes, we made her an offer on behalf of the club, which she accepted. Carolyn added, Isaac would like the club members getting his magic.

The magic filled the bed of Bill's pick-up truck, with boxes and containers stacked 3 high and completely filling up the crew cab.

Bruce and Bill then returned to Bill's house and spent the next 6 hours sorting through everything.

Sadly, five trash cans were filled with items that were incomplete, broken, not magic related, damaged by heat and humidity, rodents, or insects.

However, with what remained, the club now has enough raffle prizes for the next year or so and enough items to hold at least two or possibly three auctions.

We also found a good number of books and lecture notes that will be added to our club's library. Additionally, we found several more of the club's library books and all the books have since been delivered to Zach.

On the lighter side of all this, we found at least 100 thumb tips. We had no idea that there were that many different size, shape, length, and color thumb tips in existence.

Minutes from the July 2020 Meeting

Submitted by Bill Metsch

Our July meeting was our third Zoom meeting, with twelve members attending. We discussed **Dave Kloman's** and **Isaac Brady's** upcoming Broken Wand Ceremonies. We also agreed that our annual public show for 2020 would be cancelled. We also talked about our annual club picnic, our awards dinner, and lectures for 2021.

Earlier this month, the club purchased Isaac Brady's magic estate. We will have enough magic to have at least two auctions, when we start meeting again in person. Additionally, we will have enough magic and books for our raffles for the next year or so. The club also purchased magic from D. Robbins for raffle prizes.

Our librarian **Zack Ready** reports we have over 200 books in our library around 98 have been scanned into the club's website and will be available to be checked out at our monthly meetings.

We held our first online raffle and it was a huge success, with **Al Grimm** and **Beau Broomall** cleaning up with the most prizes. Thanks to all for purchasing tickets and supporting our club.

We then held an in-depth discussion on Impromptu Magic. Members took turns telling and sharing their experience and thoughts on the subject. My take off this discussion was that there is no real impromptu magic as we all have study and

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practice sleight of hand so it's really well rehearsed routines that we adapt to use and perform with everyday objects without the use of so-called magic props.

Members then took turns performing impromptu magic starting with Javier Arrillaga showing us a floating pen were the pen seems to be floating behind his hand.

Perry Vath did a wonderful coin across routine using the one ahead technique.

Zack Ready showed off some finger ring magic using his finger ring to demonstrate several deferent elusions.

Brian Ward did a killer card routine. **Ron Hudspeth** described Brian's Card trick "Collusion" a self-working trick cool and impromptu.

Ron then did and described what he called the PATEO force, thanks, this is one that I was not formulary with and will now use. Check out the book 33 trick with the PATEO force.

Danial Ricks was on board his spaceship and did a great card effect without seeing or touching the deck with **Zack Ready**. It was very impressive.

Tyler Reid did a wonderful torn and restored napkin with a twisted ending (right out of Mark Wilson's courses in magic book)

Bruce Walstad did the Gray Elephant in Denmark and then explained it. He also shared two books we should investigate, Life Savers by Michael Weber and Jay Marshal's,

Magic with Everyday Objects. Again, if you miss a meeting, you're missing a lot. If you need help logging onto zoom give us a call, we are here to help. Stay safe!

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