



WestsideWizards!



S.A.M. ASSEMBLY 291, LOS ANGELES

AUGUST 2023

Next S.A.M. Meeting:
Tuesday, **August 15, 7:00 PM**
Theme: **Wizard Wars!**
(OPICA REQUIRES MASKS)

Next S.Y.M. Meeting:
Sunday, **August 20, 3:00 PM**
Theme: **Magic for Seniors (continued)**

Wizard Wars!

Join us for a spellbinding spectacle at our next meeting for Wizard Wars on August 15 at 7:00 PM. Dust off your wands and unleash your imagination as we conjure up a magical extravaganza like no other!

What's in store? We will assign teams that evening and each group of magicians will be granted a mysterious bag of whimsical wonders from the 99 cent store! From enchanted hats to mystical marbles, from chopsticks to spray bottles of mineral water, the possibilities are endless! Your challenge: create a mesmerizing magic show using these quirky props. See our Rules of Engagement on the next page.

Prepare to witness breathtaking tricks, hilarious hocus-pocus, and mind-boggling illusions! Cast spells of laughter and wonder as you cheer on your favorite teams!

Grab your cauldron of creativity and join the enchantment!

As usual, we'll be meeting at OPICA (meeting location on the last page) on August 15 at 7:00 PM. Note that OPICA requires masks.



Upcoming Meetings

- Aug 15: Wizard Wars (one week later than usual due to Magic Live!)
- Aug 20: Magic for Seniors (continued)
- Sept 12: TBA

Using Zoom

If you don't already have Zoom installed, go to zoom.us/download to get the free Zoom application for your computer or download it from the App Store for your mobile device.

Note: Our meeting will start at 7:00 PM, but we will start letting Westside Wizards in around 6:45 PM before opening it up to the public at 7:00 PM.

This month's Zoom meeting info:

Meeting ID: 818 4377 5930
Passcode: 729013

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Click on the link above and it will open Zoom and take you to the meeting. You will be then let in by the meeting host

WIZARD WARS RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Each team will receive a box of random objects that may or may not be magical in nature. The goal is to create a magic routine using all of the items in the box for maximum points.

Teams may add their own magical items to enhance the magic routine, such as cards, coins, silks, scissors, tape, magic wands, thread, etc. Fill your pockets or purses with any item you might think will help you create a magic trick. However, you cannot bring in and use any magic trick already made up.

Each team will have thirty (30) minutes to create their routine.

Each presentation should be at least 7 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes. A 1 point penalty for under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.

Scoring

Judges will score on a minimum of 1.0 to a maximum of 3.0 in four categories, Magical Illusion Created, Creativity/Originality, Presentation and Team Spirit

Magical Illusion Created

1. Ok, you used some of the items, and the magic was Ok
2. Average, you used most of the items
3. Magical, you used the all of the items

Creativity/Originality

1. Ok, the magic created was Ok, but could have been purchased at an inexpensive price.
2. Average.
3. Magical, anyone could it in his magic act and get a standing ovation.

Presentation

1. Ok, it had a theme
2. Average, the theme had a major joke line which was presented at least once in the presentation
3. Magical, The theme flowed throughout the presentation; the joke appeared throughout the presentation in appropriate places

Team Spirit

1. Ok, one team member presented the effects
2. Average, Two or more team members, but not all, of your team presented the effects
3. Magical, all members of the team participated in the presentation of the effects

GOOD LUCK AND MAY THE WIZARD BE WITH YOU

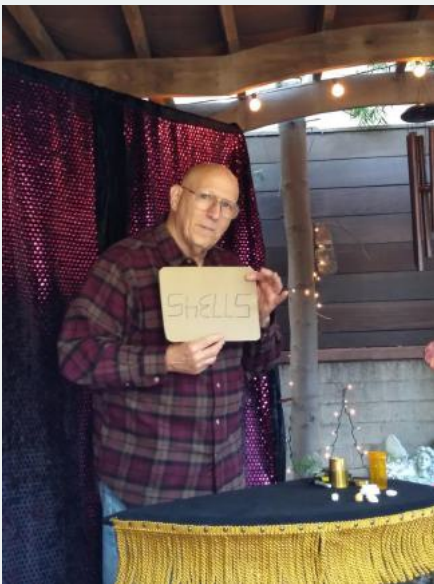
SUMMER SORCERY PHOTOS

We won't have a wordy meeting recap of our get together from last month. All we'll say is we had great tacos, camaraderie and magic! And, of course, thanks again to Dan and Jane Cray for their wonderful hospitality,

Here are a few of our favorites photos thanks to Valérie Repnau, Jane Cray and Phil Goodman.



SUMMER SORCERY PHOTOS (Cont.)



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President's Message

A word from Dan Cray...



Hello Westside Wizards,

Have you noticed all the magic events this summer? Conventions, shows, and other magic-related happenings that we haven't seen running at full strength until this year. Definitely nice having them back.

In fact, one of those events was our own. Big thank you to everyone who helped make last month's Summer Sorcery a success! I hope everyone had a good time—I know Jane and I definitely loved hosting, and the chance to talk with people in a relaxed, non-meeting-room setting. Good food (from Ask 4 Tacos) and a great magic show (from you!), what a perfect combination. Me not burning down the Cottage of Conjuring while performing my fire bowl act was a nice bonus.

No food or fire this month: we'll be gathering at our usual OPICA meeting site, one week later than usual (on Tues., Aug. 15) to accommodate any members attending Magic Live earlier in the month. The meeting theme is a good one: "Westside Wizard Wars!" Yes, you will square off (in teams) against your fellow mages—see details elsewhere in this newsletter—and yes, there will be prizes. This theme was a big hit when the club last tried it (gasp, eight years ago?), so I'm looking forward to the latest iteration.

Looking into the crystal ball, I'm envisioning a couple of guest lecturers visiting the club between now and December, plus maybe a Halloween happening in October. More on all of that as we get closer.

So... see you on Tuesday, August 15, and have your wands ready for Wizard Wars!

Open Mic Magic!

Do you want to perform magic with magicians from around the world, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Iceland, India, Germany, and other locations?

Do you want to watch other magicians perform live?

You can sit back, relax, and watch a free magic show, or if you prefer, perform for other magicians from the comfort of your home.

Every Wednesday at Noon, local time (8:00 PM in the UK), Kevin Peel hosts OPEN MIC MAGIC via Zoom. Shows usually last a little over one hour and feature magicians performing with cards, coins, silks, some parlour and more. Here is the link to get your free tickets:

Tickets are FREE

Get your weekly dose of live magic in your home.

So, get your FREE ticket NOW! The link is:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/open-mic-magic>

Open to beginners, hobbyists, semi pros, professional magicians, and anyone who loves magic.

And if you are a magician, hang out with other magicians for lively discussions about magic after the Zoom show.

Hope to see you soon on Open Mic Magic!



New Members!

The Westside Wizards would like to welcome two new members to our Assembly.

Alan Litteneker and **Max Meza**

We are glad you are here and hope that you will be active in the Assembly.



Selected Magic Conventions through 2023

August 2023

August 6-9 - **Magic Live**, Las Vegas, Nevada Website: www.magicconvention.com

August 16-18 - **KIDabra: The Conference of Kihow and Family Performers**, Chattanooga, Tennessee - Website: www.kidabra.org/

August 24-27 -- **Poe's Magic Conference**, Baltimore, Maryland - Website: poesmagicconference.com/

September 2023

September 1-4 - **Texas Association of Magicians (T.A.O.M.)**, Fort Worth, Texas - Website: taom.org/2023/

November 2023

November 9-12 - **Pacific Coast Association of Magicians (PCAM)**, Carlsbad, CA
Website: magicshopsandiego.com/collections/new-collection/products/pcam2023

Other Los Angeles Area Magic Clubs

The Westside Wizards is not the only magic Assembly in the Los Angeles area. Several other Assemblies, Rings and clubs are in Los Angeles. Here is a list of other local organizations:

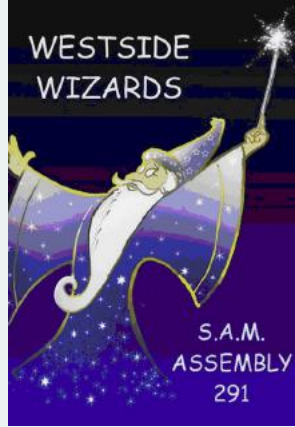
S.A.M. Assembly 22 (Duarte) meets on the third Monday of the month, sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home

IBM Ring 21 (North Hollywood) meets on the first Thursday of the month. www.ibmring21.org

IBM Ring 96 (Seal Beach) meets on the third Saturday of the month. www.ring96.com

IBM Ring 280 (Santa Clarita) meets on the second Thursday of the month. www.ibmring280.com

Academy of Magical Arts (at the Magic Castle), www.magiccastle.com



The **Westside Wizards** was formed to give the West Los Angeles area a Magical presence and hopes that you will participate and be active in Assembly 291.

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Newsletter Proofers	Dan Cray, Les Cooper & Doris Roach



Westside Wizards Meeting Location
 Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care Facility,
 11759 Missouri Avenue
 Los Angeles, CA 90025

Between S. Bundy Drive and S. Barrington Avenue. Park off Missouri Avenue, next to the ball field

Past Presidents

2021-2022	Dan Cray
2015-2020	Les Cooper
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2008	Les Cooper

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