



WestsideWizards!



S.A.M. ASSEMBLY 291, LOS ANGELES

OCTOBER 2023

Next S.A.M. Meeting:
Tuesday, **October 10, 6:00 PM**
Theme: **Magic at the Pumpkin Patch**

Next S.Y.M. Meeting:
Sunday, **October 15, 3:00 PM**
Theme: **TBA**

Spooky Ooky Pumpkin Patch Magic!

Our next meeting will be from **6:00-8:00 PM (an hour earlier than we usually meet) on October 10** at [Shawn's Pumpkin Patch](#) in West LA. This will be an outdoor event during the wonderful Halloween season. Our theme, as we often do around this time of year, will be **"Spooky Magic"**!

Shawn's Pumpkin Patch has been a West LA staple for many years and many families make it their destination to not only purchase their pumpkins, but to also enjoy a festival atmosphere. There will be several carnival-style rides and attractions, a petting zoo, face painting, rock wall climbing, and even bungee jumping. Fun for the whole family!

The Pumpkin Patch will be setting up a separate area with tables and chairs for us to hold our meeting and perform our magic. Keep in mind that since our meeting will be at an outdoor public event, we may have families and guests enjoying it as well. So, make sure that your tricks and routines are appropriate and fun for all!

Shawn's Pumpkin Patch is **11650 Santa Monica Blvd (corner of Santa Monica Blvd and Barry Avenue)** which is just a few blocks away from our normal meeting space at OPICA. See you there!!

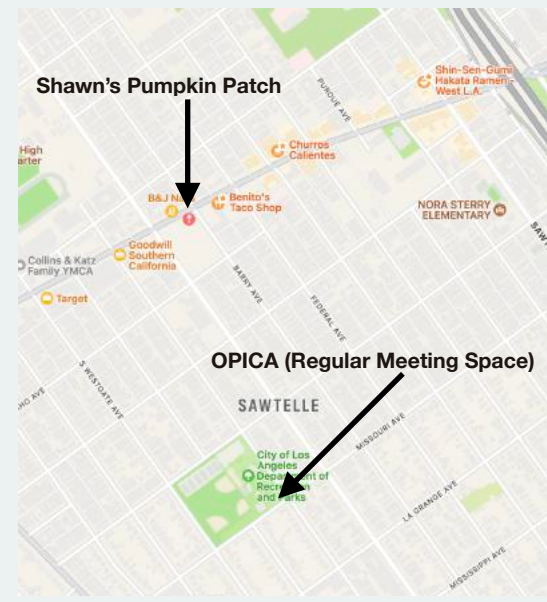


Upcoming Meetings

- Oct 10: Halloween Magic at the Pumpkin Patch
- Oct 15: TBA (SYM)
- Nov 14: Mike Pisciotta Lecture

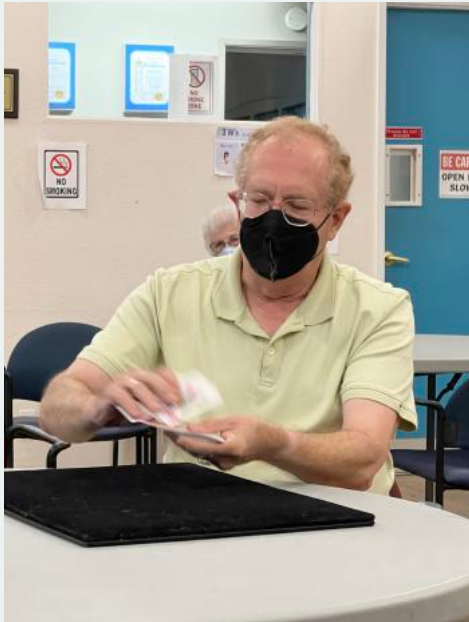
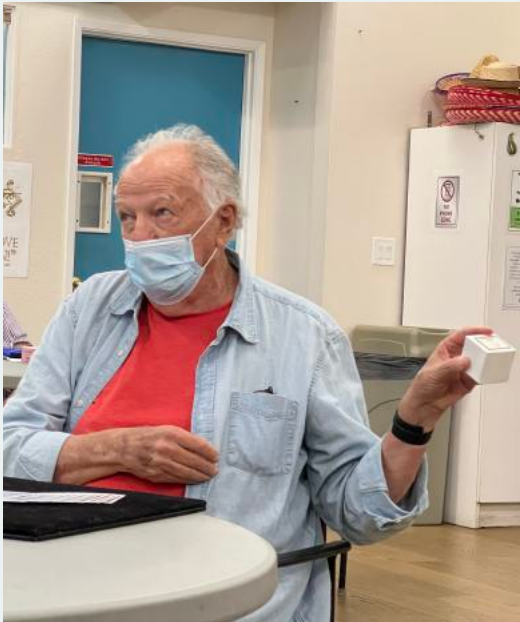
No Zoom This Month

As we'll be live from the Pumpkin Patch, we'll have no Zoom meeting this month. This will be a great opportunity to meet in-person as we'll be outside and having fun with our community.

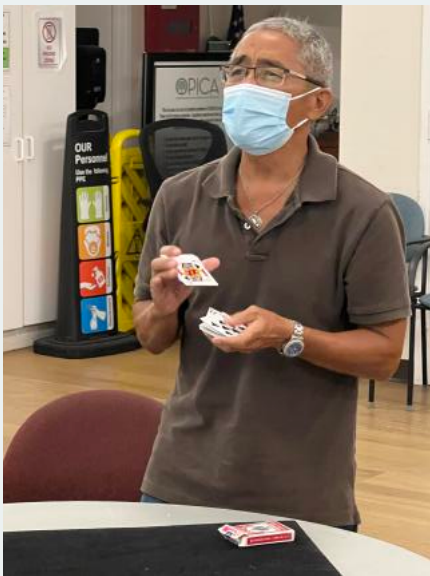
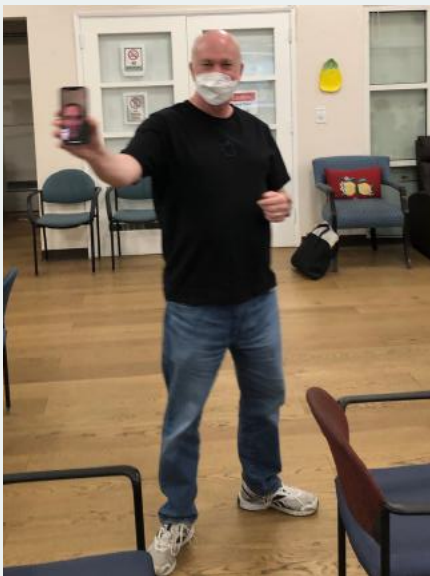


Your Favorite Card Trick....

Some fun photos of our members performing some card tricks



Your Favorite Card Trick (cont.)



President's Message

A word from Dan Cray...



Hello Westside Wizards,

I always guessed that card magic was your favorite topic, but last month's meeting theme ("Your Go-To Card Trick") certainly proved it. For the first time in recent memory, everyone in attendance performed a trick — even a first time visitor! Definitely something I'll keep in mind for future meetings. Cards, you want? Cards, it shall be!

This month, by popular demand, we're once again celebrating Halloween by holding our October 10 meeting at... Shawn's Pumpkin Patch! Along with the meeting itself, any interested Westside Wizards will have the opportunity to perform in two short magic shows that we'll be holding for visitors at the patch.

Some important details:

1. There's **no meeting at OPICA** this month. Meet at Shawn's instead: 11650 Santa Monica Blvd, in West Los Angeles.
2. Our meeting will start **an hour earlier than usual**, since the pumpkin patch closes at 8.
3. We'll be holding 15-minute **magic shows at 6:30 and 7:30 pm**. All skill levels welcome, but these shows are for the public so please arrive rehearsed and prepared.
4. We expect an all-ages, family audience, and we'll be performing outdoors in a loud, carnival-type atmosphere, so think visible, G-rated Parlor or Stage magic when planning the tricks that you'd like to share. In this setting, giant cards work better than standard.
5. Even if you're not performing, please come by to represent the Westside Wizards. Your eye for magic will help cue audience applause and iron out glitches.

As you know, the public loves seeing magic around Halloween, so surprising them with magic shows while they're out pumpkin hunting should be a lot of fun.

Separately, if you're looking for additional performing opportunities consider the Heyler Realty Harvest Fest on Oct. 22, in West Los Angeles. More on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

Before I wrap up, I'll quickly look ahead to November, when our guest lecturer will be (drumroll)... Mike Pisciotta! As you probably know, Mike is a resident magician at the Magic Castle, where he has won both Close-Up Magician of the Year and Parlour Magician of the Year... twice. I'm really looking forward to welcoming him at our November 14 meeting.

In the meantime, let's raise some October spirits! (Bwah-ha-ha!) See you at 6 pm on October 10, at Shawn's Pumpkin Patch.

Dan

Westside Wizards Membership News

We have been informed by National that Wizard Valerie Repnau, has been a member of the Society of American Magicians for ten years. Congratulations, Valerie!!



And we always enjoy welcoming new members to our little club. At our last meeting, Alan Littenecker received his official S.A.M. certificate. He really is a wizard!

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!



It's that Season...

Hello Wizards,

We have been asked by Heyler Realty to participate in their **11th Annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 1 – 4 PM**. They close off an entire block and have a big block party.

They are looking for some magicians to do walk around magic and perform a 20–30-minute magic show during this event. They do not have a stage but can provide a table and chairs for us to use as a home base.

I have committed myself as a volunteer to doing the magic show and would appreciate some assistance from our Westside Wizards members for the walk around and the magic show.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Les at cooperl@ucla.edu.

--Les

11th Annual
**HEYLER
HARVEST**

**Raffle
Prizes!**

Sunday, Oct. 22
1 pm to 4 pm
Outside of Heyler Realty
10659 W Pico Blvd

**Snacks!
Candy!
Pumpkins!**

**Chat with our friends
at Station 92!**

**Costume
Contest!**

**Find out who earned
this year's
Hometown Hero
Award!**

Selected Upcoming Magic Conventions

November 2023

November 2-4 - **TRICS** (Carolina Close-Up Convention) in Charlotte, NC - Website: <http://tricsconvention.com>

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

January 2024

January 25-27 - **MagiFest** in Columbus, Ohio - Website: <https://www.vanishinginmagic.com/magic-conventions/magifest>

February 2024

February 16-18 - **Blackpool Convention** in Blackpool, England. Website: <https://blackpoolmagicconvention.com>

March 2024

March 15-17 - **Poe's Magic Conference**, in Baltimore, MD. Website: <https://poesmagicconference.com>

April 2024

April 24-27 - **Obie's 4F** Convention (Fechter's Finger Flicking Frolic, Invitation Only) in Buffalo, New York - Website: <http://www.ffffmagic.com/> May 2024

May 17 - 19 - **AbraCORNdabra** in Des Moines, Iowa - Website: <https://www.AbraCORNdabra.com>

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:

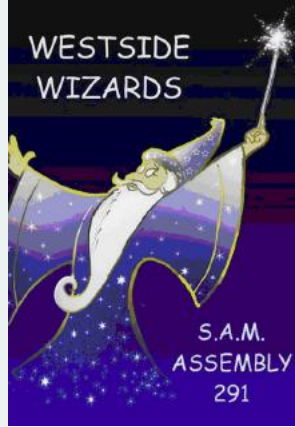
S.A.M. Assembly 22 (Duarte) meets on the third Monday of the month, sites.google.com/view/magicsam22/home

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.

Westside Wizards Officers (2023-2024)

President	Dan Cray
Vice President	Phil Goodman
Treasurer	Doris Roach
Secretary	Brian Schwartz
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M.U.M. Editors	Dan Cray
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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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