

# Legerdemain Digest

RING 313 - THE JOHN FEDKO RING

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Tuesday, MAY 24, 2011

[Note date! Different from normal meeting!]

7PM @ the Irvine Ranch Water District. Let's put our hands together and welcome our lecturers for this month: Aldo and Rachel Colombini!!! They are back!

Do NOT miss this lecture as this is the Colombini's Farewell Tour of the US and Canada. This dynamic duo have both travelled for many years lecturing in exotic places. They have decided to retire from touring and work from home producing their DVDs, tricks and books. So, yes, you heard me right, this is their last lecture tour. The Colombini's guarantee it will be a night you will never forget. They guarantee a fantastic evening of magic, friendship, fellowship and FUN!

Aldo Colombini has performed in 52 countries including every European country, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, South Africa, China and South America for both children and adults. He is a F.I.S.M. prizewinner, one of the most prestigious awards in the world of magic. Aldo dazzles audiences of all sizes... from as small as 2 or 3 people with his amazing close-up magic to groups of 1000+ with his entertaining comedy and charismatic

and magical stage presence. Aldo has performed several times a year at the famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, California where he



is one of few magicians who are able to perform in all four showrooms. When he is onstage, audiences from all over the world are mesmerized by his wonderful mix of magic, comedy and Italian charm. Aldo was voted by the Academy of Magical Arts, Holly-



wood, California: TWICE Parlor magician of the year, nominated

for best Close-up magician of the year, Best stage performer of the year, Best Bar magician of the year and for Best COMEDY act of the year. He appeared on iMasters of Illusion, a series of weekly magic specials airing on PAX-TV. And, if all that wasn't enough, he speaks Italian, English, Spanish and French and can perform in all four languages allowing him to dazzle audiences from diverse backgrounds. Because of this he is in demand by major companies who entertain clients from around the world. Be-

sides bewildering audiences large and small, Aldo has written and published several books on magic and created many magical effects used by magicians all over the world.

With magic as a life long hobby, following her career with one of the largest corporate organizations in Britain, Rachel established a magic shop in Manchester, England in 1993. It supplied a vast array of magical apparatus, catering for every level of performer but specializing in quality hand-crafted wooden effects. She spent the next five years displaying and lecturing on magic at various conventions and magical societies before moving to the United States. Rachel is also an accomplished, full time performer in both stage and close-up magic at private and corporate events.

## Past Events

### *Hot, Hot, Hot!!*

By: Philip Henderson

Tuesday, April 26, 2011, fifty plus Ring members and guests assembled for our regular monthly meeting with Dan "Danny Magic" McKinnon as our evening's lecturer. Danny Magic served as president of this Ring in the year 2000. When he joined our Ring in the late 1990's Dan was a beginner at magic. He set two goals for himself. He wanted one day to perform at the Magic Castle and he wanted to be able to entertain audiences in restaurants, corporate parties, and other events where he could interact directly with the public.

Danny Magic is now a regular performer at the Magic Castle and frequently is hired to entertain the public.

Danny credited the mentoring from magicians he met through the Ring, especially thanking the guidance he received from Doug Brewer, John George, and Johnny Ace Palmer. Dan told us that magic is much more than sleight of hand . . . he views himself as an entertainer first. Danny chose the devilish Jalapeño chili pepper as his magical object. Danny now makes Jalapeño peppers appear in his Cups and Chili pepper routine.

Danny encouraged members to make their performance special by choosing an everyday item to perform in a

magical act. Instead of using cards and coins, pick up any small item that fits your personality. Danny chose a Jalapeño pepper for his act, you must choose something object that fits your style.



Danny performed the routine he uses when he entertains guests in the Magic Castle's Close up Gallery. His opener is a card routine that is told in rhyme. The rhyming helps Danny Magic to capture the complete attention of the audience.

Danny encouraged those who would like to perform at the Magic Castle or other venues to take note of how far he has come in a short span of time. What has made Danny Magic's success possible are three elements: (1) committing to a goal, (2) working daily to achieve the goal, and (3) having good mentors to guide him. Success begins by making a goal and committing to it. Danny now regu-

larly performs at the Magic Castle, for corporate parties, trade shows, and restaurants doing walk around or strolling magic. When performing informally at public events you have to establish yourself quickly. You learn to read who is ready for you and whom to pass over.

Danny urged those who have not mastered the Cups and Balls to begin to study this illusion. It is not merely the magic you do when you perform this act, it is the magic that you learn as you practice the Cups and Balls. This is an ancient illusion that has many methods and many options. Danny found studying the Cups and Balls work of Michael Ammar to be effective and powerful magic. He also suggested that card magicians practice the Mercury Card Fold as a sleight that has unlimited applications. He reminded us that we all have dozens of decks of used cards that we can use to practice this sleight. Done properly, the Mercury Card Fold will create a miracle in the minds of your audience members.

The most important message in his lecture is that setting a goal and working daily to attain that goal is the secret to success in magic. Dan showed us what he has accomplished. Then he challenged those of us with similar dreams to turn our dream into a goal. We are grateful for his return to us for his first lecture.

*Abridged. Full article can be found in Linking Rings.*



**HELP NEEDED!** Volunteers are needed to help with Magic Day at the OC Fair on Saturday, July 30, 2011. Free Admission & Parking the whole day for 3 hours of labor (um, I mean labor of love). We need magicians to help promote IBM Ring 313 as well as OCMC by working the magic booth from 12-3. Contact [ring313.editor@gmail.com](mailto:ring313.editor@gmail.com)

## *A message from our President:*

We're trying to bring a variety of learning experiences to our meetings. We also want to bring a variety of sharing experiences too. After Aldo lectures we want to have a few more workshops on various subjects.

May Aldo. June Picnic. We need performers and volunteers. July 30th OC fair, Young magicians contest which requires a few volunteers to sit at our table, perform some close-up magic and see how many people we can entice to join the club.

Then we plan to have another workshop within the next two following months on coin tricks where you stand to perform.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jeff for stepping in, at the last meeting to MC, because he's thinking about running for president and I wanted to give him a chance to see what it's like. If anyone actually reads this, would you let me know (or Jeff) because it takes a long time to come up with this stuff and Jeff wants to know how much work might be involved.

In the last few months we have scheduled, Sept. Swap meet. I'm sure some of you have a few items sitting in your garage that you don't need. Oct. Oc-cult night with performances by member and December which is our usual year end party.

Also, We are considering making the newsletter Email only because of extra work involved in printing and mailing, So if we don't have your Email address, please hand it over.

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### **Who is that Magician Member??**

And now presenting, our mystical magical magician member is none other than junior magician, Domenic DeSantis! {applause}. At the young age of 14, Domenic has already performed in many contests, school talent shows and charity events. He has won first place in the OC Fair Future Magician's Contest and second place in the Ring 313 Juniors Contest. He prefers close-up and stage magic to any other and is greatly influenced by the magical stylings of Barry and Stuart. He began in magic when he saw a peer do magic poorly, however, the audience thought it was fantastic. His gears started turning and he figured that he could do it too! Being a part of IBM Ring 313 has been instrumental in his growth as a magician. He has been able to learn tons of new illusions and has been getting valuable feedback while working with magicians of the same age. His advice for other budding magicians is to "PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE." (See, sometimes they do listen!). Always willing to learn, Domenic is also a musician, artist and juggler. He is a young man of many talents and we are honored to have him as part of our club.





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## Magic Calendar

Regular meetings are held at the Irvine Ranch Water District building, 15600 Sand Canyon Avenue, Irvine.  
Directions and a map are available at [www.Ring313.org](http://www.Ring313.org).

<b>Tuesday, May 24, 2011</b>	7PM	Ring 313 Gen Mtg Irv Water District - Aldo& Rachel Colombini
<b>Saturday, June 11, 2011</b>	2PM	Ring 313 Junior's Mtg—@Annie's and Kent's
<b>Tuesday, June 14, 2011</b>	7PM	Ring 313 LITE Mtg—Knowlwood's Restaurant, Irvine
<b>Coming in June</b>	TBA	<i>Annual Ring 313 Picnic—Performers and Volunteers needed!</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 12, 2011</b>	7PM	Ring 313 LITE Mtg—Knowlwood's Restaurant, Irvine
<b><i>July Ring 313 Junior's Mtg (cancelled or at another location) Stay tuned.</i></b>		
<b>Saturday, July 30, 2011 OC Fair Magic Day</b>		

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