

# FLEMING FLASHPAPER

MARCH 2021

CARYL FLEMING IBM RING 21 NORTH HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA  
Celebrating the enjoyment and camaraderie of magic since 1938!

## DON'T MISS OUT: WHAT'S COMING UP!

Join us for our next Zoom meeting!

Our March meeting will feature a lecture  
by longtime Ring 21 member Gerald (Gerry) Schiller.  
Read more below.

## DO YOU EVER SHOP ON AMAZON?

If so, then add our website link to your favorites and use the Amazon link at the bottom of our web page. Our club will get a referral bonus!

RING 21 CLUB MEETING:

First Thursday of the month

UPCOMING MEETING  
DATES FOR 2021:

MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>

AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>

SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

7:00 PM

ZOOM

Look for email from our  
President for instructions.

We are on twitter!  
@ibmring21

And the internet!  
[www.ibmring21.org](http://www.ibmring21.org)





# DON'T MISS THE LECTURE BY JERRY SCHILLER!

Gerry has been an IBM Ring 21 member for many years and frequently serves as an officer.

He has performed all over the U.S. as well as on cruises on China's Yangtze River and Europe's Danube.

For many years he has been a Magic Castle member and performer—regularly doing his magic for the Parlour Brunch shows and doing “outreach” representing the Castle at hospitals and retirement facilities.

His lecture will focus on “Tricks on Zoom” and include adapting your magic to the challenge of a “virtual audience,” choosing material that will work, and the potential problems as well as the advantages of using the Zoom format.

Some new—and some traditional—magic effects will be covered, analyzed, and explained.



Join Ring 21 members on Thursday, March 4 at 7:15 pm for an informative and fun lecture.

## LINKS TO PRIVATE IBM 21 MEMBER VIDEOS

Some of our members have shared videos they have posted on the internet.  
Below are the links:

27/2020: Bob Thomas: FUNNY book test with Lex participating:

<https://youtu.be/FQ-w0bOXSS4>

4/22/2020: Michael Larkin: A ninja ring routine I put together myself, and a great coin routine by Daryl.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bShYQju5Zqk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyUg-UGhGIw>

4/21/2020: Karl Johnson: Fun and Funny performance that my 8 year old daughter and I did for her school talent show:

[https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB\\_Q](https://youtu.be/mkKwufGLB_Q)

4/16/2020: Don Kinney: Short but hilarious interview at Kingsley Manor.

<https://fpkingsleymanor.oneday.com/Video/E3B7436B42>

4/18/2020: Jim Richardson: A fun cart trick, and the longest card trick:

<https://youtu.be/TptMf-XKe30>

<https://youtu.be/Mri2yvZMBCK>

## MAGIC RESOURCES

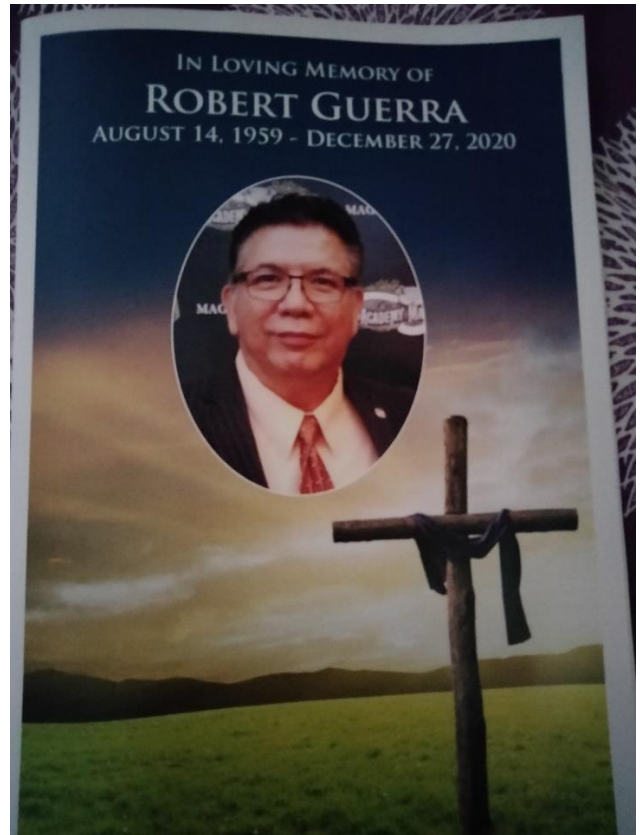
<p><b>MAGIC APPLE</b>  <b>The best magic shop and one of the few Remaining “brick and mortars” around!</b>          11390 Ventura Blvd          Studio City, CA 91604  <b>Also online:</b> <a href="http://www.themagicapple.com">www.themagicapple.com</a></p>	<p><b>MAGIC ON THE GO</b>          Great magic instruction brought to you by our very own Steve Valentine:  <a href="https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/">https://magiconthego.vhx.tv/</a></p>
<p><b>Westside Wizards Sam 291</b>          Note: See <a href="http://www.westsidewizards.org">www.westsidewizards.org</a> for calendar of events          Stoner Park OPICA Adult Day Care          11759 Missouri Ave, Los Angeles, CA</p>	<p><b>Mark Wilson IBM Ring 280</b>          Note: See <a href="http://www.ibmring280.com">www.ibmring280.com</a> for info and calendar          The Boys &amp; Girls Club of Santa Clarita Valley          24909 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321</p>
<p><b>Vertical Wine Bistro Dinner &amp; Magic Show</b>  <b>NOTE: Vertical Wine Bistro has the best steak around!</b>          70 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103  <a href="http://www.verticalwinebistro.com">www.verticalwinebistro.com</a>          626-795-3999</p>	<p><b>Woodley Proper Magic Monday</b>          Bar has magic on Monday nights.  <a href="http://www.woodleyproper.com">www.woodleyproper.com</a>          16101 Ventura Blvd, Encino, CA 91436          (818) 906-9775</p>
<p><b>MAGIC MONDAY</b>  <b>Santa Monica Playhouse</b>  <a href="http://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com">www.santamonicaplayhouse.com</a>          1211 4th Street Santa Monica, CA, 90401</p>	<p><b>Magic and Wine – David Minkin Bardot</b>          1737 North Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90028  <a href="http://www.MagicandWine.com">www.MagicandWine.com</a>          (800) 838-3006</p>
<p><b>Ivan Imodei’s Intimate Illusions – The Show</b>  <b>Four Seasons Beverly Wilshire Hotel</b>          9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212  <a href="http://www.ivanamodei.com">www.ivanamodei.com</a>          (866) 811-4111</p>	<p><b>Smoke and Mirrors</b>  <b>The Road Theatre</b>          5108 Lankershim Boulevard          North Hollywood, CA 91601  <a href="http://www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com">www.SmokeandMirrorsMagic.com</a>          (310) 450-2849</p>
<p><b>The Magic Castle</b>  <b>7001</b> Franklin Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90028  <a href="http://www.magiccastle.com">www.magiccastle.com</a>          (323) 851-3313</p>	<p><b>Magic Mondays</b>  <a href="https://www.magicmondayla.com/">https://www.magicmondayla.com/</a></p>

## MEMORIAL FOR OUR FRIEND ROBERT

A large group of members and friends went on Zoom to join the February meeting and to honor the memory of our recently departed member (and officer) Robert de la Guerra.



President Erin Kabbash opened the meeting and gave a tribute to the life of Robert, and Wendy Sobel did the ceremony of breaking the wand.



This was followed by many members presenting their own personal reminiscences as did former co-workers and Robert's family members. It was indeed a fitting tribute to an active and hard working Ring 21 member who had done so much for all of us, and who was also a highly skilled magician.

Marta, Robert's widow, surprised us all by informing us that Robert had always been a shy person and his performing magic had been responsible for giving him confidence and making him more outgoing. She told us how, when he came out of his Magic Castle audition, he looked at her with a big smile and exclaimed, "Honey, I made it!"





As the tribute continued, many photos were flashed on the screen of Robert performing at club meetings. Though it was a sad opening to our meeting, it was a fitting reminder of all of the contributions Robert had given us.



We then moved to our theme for the evening: “Romantic Magic.” To celebrate Valentine’s Day, performers tried to find something that had a link to “love,” or “romance.”

Wendy Sobel had two coins symbolizing Cupid and Cupid’s arrow merge.

Rhoel Garcia had his calendar/date book find a chosen card Wendy had selected. And Fred King was able to discover a card selection even though his volunteer was given the choice of telling a lie or the truth.

Karl Johnson performed a routine where two spectators selected random songs and then he cranked out a song on an old toy organ that matched the song they both selected.



Bob Weiss produced a piece of red flash string that lit up and became a red silk; however when the silk became a balloon in the shape of a heart, it just wouldn’t blow up! I think it helps to keep those balloons fresh in the refrigerator.

Gerry Schiller had two romantic paperback books he had sent to two ring members a few days before (Lex and Erin). He was able to predict a word from one but missed the other.

Oh, well. Even mentalists miss a few times.

So the evening that started out on a sad and thoughtful note, ended with a bit of romance, some humor, and some fun.

For March we will have a lecture—geared toward doing zoom shows. And since that seems to be what we all are doing, it may come in handy. The lecturer, by the way, will be:

Gerry Schiller

**The Greats of Magic**  
**A Series of Capsule Biographies of Famous Magicians**  
**Compiled by Gerald Schiller**



## **ADELAIDE HERRMANN**

Though often relegated to a mere footnote in magic history, Adelaide Herrmann was—in many ways—the equal of her famous husband Alexander and his nephew, Leon.

Born Adelaide Scarcez in 1854, she became a popular dancer in her youth. At the age of twenty, she met the dashing German magician, 31-year old Alexander Herrmann, who had learned conjuring skills from his brother Compars and dubbed himself “The Great Herrmann.”

Adelaide and Alex soon married and she quickly became part of his act.

Among the many illusions she was adept at were: emerging from flames, having her head chopped off, floating in the air, and vanishing through a mirror.

Their act was very popular and highly successful and the Herrmanns became extremely wealthy, often earning over a hundred thousand dollars a year (equal to more than ten times that in today’s money!)



In 1896 Alex Herrmann suddenly died. Adelaide was shattered, but felt that his legacy had to continue—especially with many bookings still to fulfill. At first she formed a partnership with Leon Herrmann, nephew of Alex, but this soon broke up.

Then she enlisted the services of William Robinson (who had worked for her husband and soon would appear on his own as Oriental magician Chung Ling Soo). Soon they opened a magical musical production in New York, called “A Night in Japan.” The show was highly successful and soon was touring Europe to great acclaim.

Adelaide Herrmann insisted on extremely lavish settings, props and costumes and her illusions were amazing and highly complex. In “Noah’s Ark” a large cupboard was shown empty, then filled with water, and soon began to move about the stage. In moments it produced a menagerie of animals of every kind and ultimately a young lady.

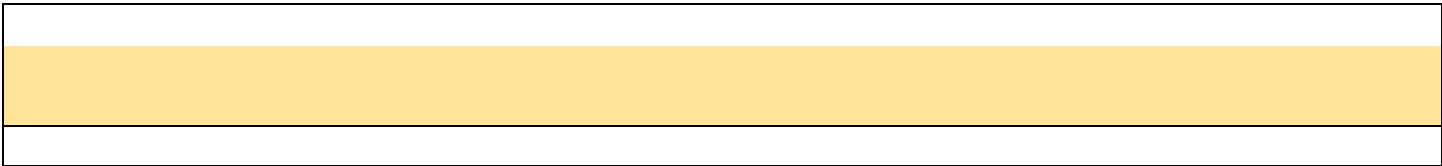
In “The Haunted Artist,” she painted the portrait of a woman on a canvas and soon a real woman emerged, and ultimately returned back into the picture.

She performed a levitation, and, for a time, even staged the dangerous “bullet catching effect,” which her husband had frequently used in his act.

Adelaide Herrmann toured her shows for 19 years and later set up a smaller show in New York’s Coney Island, calling it The Mystery Palace.

Often referred to as The Queen of Magic, she continued performing until the age of 75.

She died in 1932 at the age of 78—quite possibly the very first woman magician to headline a major magic show until that time, and acknowledged by all who saw her as a truly outstanding performer.



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<p>BOARD MEETINGS are on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. They are currently held via zoom. Contact Erin to participate. All members are welcome.</p>	
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