

No. 58, KNOXVILLE, TN – Smoky Mountain Mystics  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM each month  
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The April meeting started with a very short business meeting and the election of officers. They will take office in May. The new officers are: John Hopper, President; Pan Walker, Vice President; Tom Vorjohan, Secretary; Mike Stratman, Treasurer; Michael Priestap, Sgt at Arms; Jason Rieger, Program Chairman; and the four Board members will be Michael Messing, John Bloor, Chris Koopman, and Bill Osburn.

To begin the magic we had an initiation performance by Victor Agreda, Jr. who has been a collector and dabbler of magic for about 30 years. He impressed us with his presentations as much as he did with his magic which included a transposition using the Wow! Gimmick, Twisted Sisters, and Pure Telepathy (a cool version of the 21-Card trick. We unanimously welcomed Victor into Ring 58.

The theme for the evening's performances was to do something not bought at a magic store. Stephen Knowles kicked us off with a Chop Cup custom made by one of our members, Ed Riply (not available in stores!) and a TALKING ball named Lucy. So Stephen combined his ventriloquist talents with a fun vent routine. Kyle Copeland did his own version of a Larry Becker routine with a game show theme where he correctly predicted the total of six randomly selected items. John Hopper combined a Lota Bowl with a one-of-a-kind bucket where he dumped the water...but the bucket was empty in the end.

Tom Vorjohan showed a table top he had built with a picture frame and a close-up mat he bought at that last meeting from Charlie Fenn. He also did his Diamond in the Rough routine where a black rock changed into a giant diamond. Michael Priestap did a fooler that made sugar disappear from a packet without a thumbtip. Ken Muller first did an effect where a ring vanished from under a scarf and onto a dagger. Then he did a touching presentation where a wicker heart penetrated onto a ribbon.

Debbie Debuty showed three different production boxes that she uses for producing her ferret and she explained how each works with the ferrets abilities. Pan Walker took a plastic bottle of Dew and seemingly could control the movement of a straw on top of the cap. To end the evening, Bill Osburn brought in a Ponderosa Lemon that was the size of a softball...no trick, just an incredible lemon of giant proportions. It was a fun evening for the twenty of us that got together.

Tom Vorjohan