

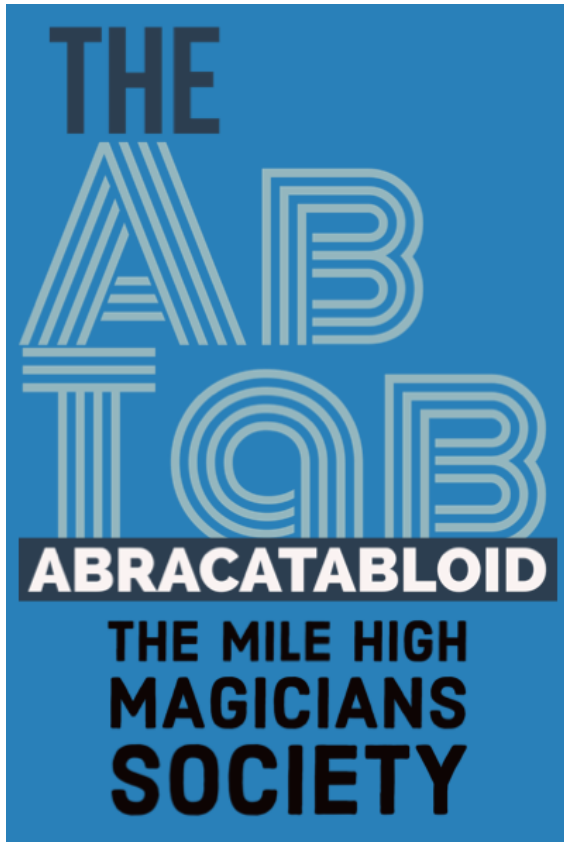
# AbTab April 2024 | NEW Members & GRAND Masters Showcase 4/11 | Presidential Patter

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## Important Reminders

Our April Meeting returns to the HUB at 40 West Arts on West Colfax. Come see several new members and three grand masters take the stage.



## Presidential Patter ~ Dan Rodriguez

Did you attend the Flea Market in March? It was a well-attended event with lots of money and magic exchanging hands. A big thank you to Chad Wonder for coordinating this event. During the Flea Market we announced three special recognitions. Congratulations to Bruce Spangler for his Honorary appointment as Dean Emeritus and to Gene R. Gordon for being appointed as Dean of The Mile High Magicians Society. Also, a shout out to Brent Warren for achieving 50-years of membership in the Society of American Magicians.

Did you know that our membership has doubled since last year? We currently have about 80 members and our goal is to exceed 100 members in 2024. We are so close. Some of you reading this column have not paid your membership dues this year. For the holdouts, we need your \$25. Your dues will be used to help fund the upfront costs to produce the public show slated for this coming November. Producing a successful public show will solidify our financial success for years to come.

As this year unfolds, so do the surprises. I am working on a couple special one-time only events that only Mile High Magicians members can partake in. Stand by for the details next month.

At a recent club meeting, a member came up to me and asked, “What can I do to help”? Maybe that is a question you would ask...My answer is... There are three things you can do:

#1 – Attend the meetings and lectures. You will quickly get “hooked” and your

magic knowledge will improve.

#2 – Offer to perform at an upcoming meeting. Contact me or the person in charge of the upcoming meeting. It is always posted in the AbracaTabloid.

#3 – Get involved by Chairing or Co-chairing a future meeting or committee. Contact me and I'll get you connected with a meeting or committee.

I'll see you at the next meeting on April 11th.

Dan Rodriguez ~ President, MHMS | [email me](#) | Call me [\(303\) 510-5120](tel:3035105120)



## **[NEW Members & GRAND Masters Showcase!](#)**

Date: Thursday April 11th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm

[The HUB at 40 West Arts](#)

[6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Here is your chance to see amazing performances by our newest members, including Tara Hedberg and her son and SYM member Jackson Hedberg, Walter Holak, Mitch Zeal, Hector Cervantes, Jude Griffin and Jason Fye. If you joined within the past two years email [Chad Wonder](#) if you'd like to perform.

The second half of the evening will include three grandmasters of magic;

Ned Nedbalski, Ralph McIntosh, and Dave Neighbors. This is going to be a memorable evening of magic you won't want to miss.

NOTE: Wonders HUB Stage has a live video feed so the close up magic to be performed by Dave Neighbors and others as they choose will be visible on the TV. screen so everyone can see. This lineup may change.

## Young Magicians Club (formerly the S.Y.M.)

**Please arrive for our regular 6:00pm time.** We plan to have some amazing magic to work on and look forward to seeing you. Make sure you stay until fellow SYM'er Jackson takes the stage for there regular meeting that begins at 7:00pm. Have questions, please check with Michael Samazia [SYM@milehighmagicians.com](mailto:SYM@milehighmagicians.com)



## Just the Minutes ~ AJ Perea Reports

The Mile High Magicians Society held its annual flea market a week after it was originally scheduled due to blizzard conditions a week prior. Sellers had the opportunity to sell some of their excess props to make room for new illusions. This allowed the club members to rediscover unique magic tricks for low prices.

During the meeting, the executive club awarded two new honors: Dean and Dean Emeritus. The executive committee selected Gene Gordon to serve as our first Dean of the Mile High Magicians Society. Gene recently received an award for thirty-five years of membership to the Society of American Magicians. During that time Gene became a walking encyclopedia of magic, became the house magician and Casa



Bonita, served as president of the club, and shared both technical and historical knowledge with the other members. He has embodied the role of the Dean long before the role was envisioned. You can find Gene Gordon at club meetings helping others with sleight of hand, socializing with members at IHop, and amazing audiences with Sleightly Impossible.

The executive board also awarded Bruce Spangler with the honor of Dean Emeritus for over sixty years of membership and service to the club. Bruce and Kitty Spangler always bring props, illusions, science experiments, videos, and music from their collection to teach about our club's history. He invented the Needle through Arm trick (You-Do Voodoo). Bruce and Kitty operated a video studio in their basement, ran a mail-order business, and invented chemical illusions including fake blood that was used in the movie *Jaws*. They raised three children, including Steve Spanger. Together the Spanglers represent a continuity between the history of our club that they preserve and the younger magicians that that they help mentor.

Congratulations to Bruce Spangler and Gene Gordon!

## Magic Around Town - **SUPPORT local Magic!**

Promote your magic event in the AbTab. Submit all relevant details including a photograph by email to [editor@milehighmagicians.com](mailto:editor@milehighmagicians.com). There is no fee for members of the MHMS. Your event will appear in the next update after receipt.



## [Spellbound Magic @ Wonders HUB Stage](#)

Date: Saturday April 6th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm [Tickets: \\$15 \(\\$10 for members\)](#)

[Wonders HUB Stage at 40 West - 6501 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80214](#)

Featuring a blend of magical styles thread together in an unexpected manner. With a mix of classic magic tricks alongside danger magic and mentalism, each vignette is designed to amaze and delight audiences of all ages. The show is filled with wonder and awe and sure to leave you spellbound from start to finish. Members pay only \$10.00 per ticket!



## [Music and Magic Zone @ Theatre of Dreams](#)

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Time: 7:00pm - [Tickets \\$30.00](#)

[Theatre of Dreams - 735 Park St C, Castle Rock, CO 80109](#)

Enjoy this 90 minute show that blends magic and music in a brand new way! It's not just magic done to music – both art forms collide! This talented, charismatic trio of seasoned performers take you into the “zone” where miracles happen! Enjoy the magical harmonies, see eye-popping illusions, mind reading and exciting sleight-of-hand magic.

## [Magic Open Mic](#)

**LAST Monday of every month.** Arrive 15 minutes early to sign up to perform.

Mutiny Information Cafe [2 South Broadway, Denver CO 80209](#)

## [Magic Roundtables/Get Togethers](#)

- **Monday Night Meet Up** ♠ 9:00pm till late
  - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](#)

- **Wednesday Magic Hangout** ♠ 7:00pm till around 10:00pm
    - **Old Chicago** - [6646 S Parker Rd Aurora, CO 80016](https://www.oldchicago.com/)
  - **Saturday MHMS Roundtable** ♠ 12:30pm till done
    - IHOP Restaurant - [1595 S Colorado Blvd, Denver CO 80222](https://www.ihop.com/)
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## 2024 Meetings as Planned and TBD

If there is a link you may email the organizer directly with you're interested in helping with, participating, planning, or hosting. If there is no link, email your favorite board member!

May 9th: [Close-up Teach In.](#)

June 13th: **Anything BUT magic show and tell.**

July 11th: **Mentalism and Psychic Teach In.**

August 8th: **Pro Close up Show.**

September 12th: **TBD**

October 10th: **Evening of Odd.**

November 14th: **TBD**

December 12th: **Presidents Night and Dinner Show.**

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