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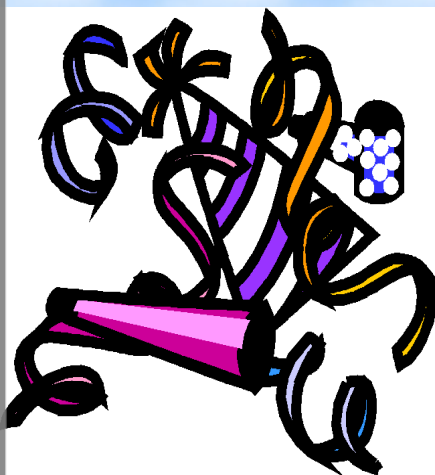


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## SOMETHING NEW



Happy New Year! Our January meeting theme is "Something New" Bring in your latest new trick to share with us. We welcome your input to make our meetings better. Please encourage your friends who have expressed an interest in magic to come with you.

**Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00PM**

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## Message From the Prez...

Happy New Year everyone. 2009 has been a good year for Ring 55. We had great lectures and very good meetings. I'm sure everyone learned from what was offered. I'm sorry to report that Eugene Burger is in the hospital with heart problems and may have surgery, so his lecture will be postponed until latter in the year. Our January meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> as usual and at Coco's. I hope, as I do, you look forward to the meetings. We welcome your input to make our meetings better. Please encourage your friends who have expressed in interest in magic to come with you. The coming year 2010 should be even better for us. Doesn't 2010 sound like it's a year from a SiFi movie? Our January theme is "something new", that is, something new for you. Let's have a big turn out for January. We all have a lot to be greatfull for, all we have to do is look for the small things in out lives. Hoping you have a proposers New Year from myself and the officers of Ring 55.

Phil Tuttle  
President Ring 55

## The Lota

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### THE KHANDU BUG

One of the frustrations that I have been met with in collecting is the separation of items, boxes, and instructions that come in and the Khandu Bug remained a frustration for a couple of years. I would come across the box but had no hope of finding the instructions, or find the gimmicks and now couldn't locate the box. Finally it all came together so I can present to you an early, intelligent, utility gimmick.

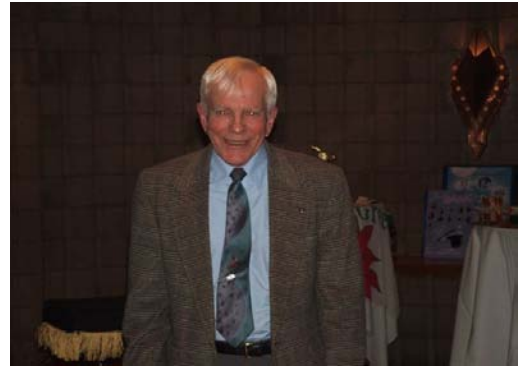


I have come across ads for the Khandu Bug in early periodicals (c1920s) and there were actually patents applied for. At the right of the photograph you will notice a long metal stick, that was the included "screwdriver". The left of the photo is the gimmick. This could be used as a pull or hook vanisher and could vanish anything that could be gripped at the mouth of the device (of which the jaws were adjustable) which were generally card(s) or a coin.

The top of the device opposite the jaws contained a screw which could be removed and elastic for a pull could be attached. At the top of one of the jaws was a set screw which adjusted the jaw spacing. Attached to the screw at the top was a hook which could be attached to handkerchiefs or clothing to so a coin, etc. could be held out (hidden) after a vanish or before producing. In the photo the Khandu looks large but in fact it is a tiny device at only about a 1/2" long and maybe an 1/8" wide. This intelligent utility gimmick was made by the Khandu Co. of St. Louis. MO



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