

Life, Death and Other Card Tricks with Marty Covington

Monday, June 2, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Gualala Arts Center

\$5 donation requested



On Monday, June 2 Marty Covington will pull a second lecture on magic, "Life, Death and Other Card Tricks," not out of midair but from his experience as a professor of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley. The talk starts at 7:00 p.m. in Coleman Auditorium at Gualala Arts.

Card tricks have long been the stock in trade of magicians, who make them appear from thin air, vanish,

multiply and even levitate. From both the perspective of a magician and of a psychologist, Covington will explore the power of playing cards to affect elemental forces in ones life such as Life, Love, and even Death.

One word of caution - this lecture is not a magic show for children, even though he will use several magic demonstrations to illustrate some of his main points.

Living on Sea Ranch since 1976 with his wife Bette, Covington has taught continuously for the past 49 years at Cal. The suggested donation for the lecture is \$5.00.

Huichol Sacred Pilgrimage to Wirikuta Lecture and film with Larain Matheson

Monday, June 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

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More about Larain

"I have been involved in work with the Huichol Indians of Mexico for over 30 years. Having studied with the shamans, especially Guadalupe-de-la-Cruz Rios, I felt the video was a way of preserving the story of this 30,000 year old tribe. They are from the Sierra Madre Mountains in central Mexico, and have contributed visionary art and shamanic healing of their people, and the planet. The video shows their spirit and sacrifice to make the pilgrimage. Over 40 years ago, they walked the 1,000 miles there and back, to find their visions. There are only now 10,000 Huichol people left in Mexico.'

This film took two years to photograph and produce. It



focuses on the Huicholes annual pilgrimage to Wirikuta, where their sacred medicine cactus grows. It has been used for healing illnesses: cancer, tumors, emotional illnesses, infertility and much more. This documentary tells their story and depicts the visions from the plant which are used to create their sacred art, in the form of yarn paintings, beaded bowls, masks, and other beadwork. Their beautiful art work does, indeed tell their ancient beliefs and stories.'

The film has been in film festivals such as Mill Valley Film Festival, and won awards at the San Antonio Film Festival and the Anthropological Film Festival. It has been on PBS in the Bay Area. The University of California Media Center has distributed this video to many university libraries, and classes; such as anthropological and spiritual psychology. It has been honored at the Smithsonian Institute with the traditional, ancient music from the tape we produced entitled, "Kupuri, Huichol Songs and Music." It is now a part of the new Native American Museum in Washington that includes the work of the Huichol tribe.'