

# Academy Of Lock Picking Arts

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## ***Curriculum for 2019***

These workshops on lock picking are amazingly social built on what would be thought to be just a 'teckie' activity. Locksport (competitive lock picking) has over 300,000 followers, world-wide. These sessions draw from modules including: original videos on lock attacks, a security trivia contest, a competitive handcuff game, picking a clear plastic lock and picking locks on a crystal table-top mount. Participants receive a personalized memento in a concluding formal ceremony. Participants may receive a take-home lock and set of picks for further skill development depending on specific classes.



At this event participants will join a select circle: Those who can open locks without keys. This skill is practiced by locksmiths, magicians, law enforcement, private detectives and at hobbyist competitions. It never used by criminals as it is time consuming, visible and uncertain.

## ***Lock Picking 101 - A Lock Picking Introduction***

Our shortest, lowest cost class. It consists of an early arrival video, a trivia contest, handcuff contest, instruction and lock picking workshop and an award ceremony. Uses video and Power Point. Participants are grouped into teams of four; any number can be accommodated; needs a table surface for small parts. Duration is one-hour plus 15 minutes. No takeaway. Suitable venues include a bar, restaurant dining room, classroom, conference room or club.

### ***Lock Picking 102 – A Lock Picking Introduction Plus***

Built on Lock Picking 102 this class adds the take-away for each participant of a professional set of lock picks, a clear plastic practice lock, a CD with four manuals, an hour video and a six page instruction sheet. It includes an early arrival video, a trivia contest, handcuff contest, instruction, lock picking workshop, two team puzzle contests and an award ceremony. Uses video and Power Point. Participants are grouped into teams of four; any number can be accommodated; needs a table surface for small parts. Duration is one and one-half hour plus an optional 15 minutes. Suitable venues include a bar, restaurant dining room, classroom, conference room or club.

### ***Lock Picking 103 Lock Picking for the Curious (our most popular class)***

Our evening or day event of two hours plus a one-half hour early arrival program. It includes an early arrival video, a trivia contest, handcuff contest, picking the clear plastic lock, with attacks on a cabinet lock, Schlage door lock and Master Padlock plus the concluding award ceremony. Each participant takes away a professional set of lock picks, a clear plastic practice lock, a CD with four manuals, an hour video and a six-page instruction sheet. The duration is two hours plus early arrival 30 minutes. Participants are grouped in teams of four; limited to 24 participants; each needs a table surface less than two inches thick with at least a one-inch backset. Uses video and Power Point.

### ***Lock Picking 203 – Lock Picking For The Ambitious***

Lock Picking 203 builds on the skills learned in any of the Lock Picking Series 100 classes or for those with basic lock picking skills. LP 203 reviews the use of all provided picks and the basic skills of mass, group and pin picking. In moves to the picking of a sequence of four Schlage door locks of creasing difficulty and a double-bitted vending machine lock. This session is more skills oriented as contrasted to social aspects of the initial workshop.

Participants will take away a set of lock picks and a transparent lock specifically setup for advanced picking, CD and six page handout. The class in two hours in duration. This event is limited to 18 participants; each one needs a table surface less than two inches thick with at least a one-inch backset. Uses video and Power Point.

### ***Lock Picking 303 – Lock Picking For The Accomplished***

Lock Picking 303 builds on the skills learned in any of the Lock Picking Series 100 classes Plus Lock Picking 203 and is only open to those graduates. LP 303 students will learn advanced picking methods of bump keys, pick guns, handcuffs an introduction to locksmithing skills and challenge locks to negate picking. This session is more skills oriented as contrasted to social aspects of the initial workshop.

Participants receive a cylinder lock with an adjustable difficulty level for skill development and supporting locksmithing tools. The class is two hours in duration. This event is limited to 18 participants; each one needs a table surface less than two inches thick with at least a one-inch backset. Uses video and Power Point.

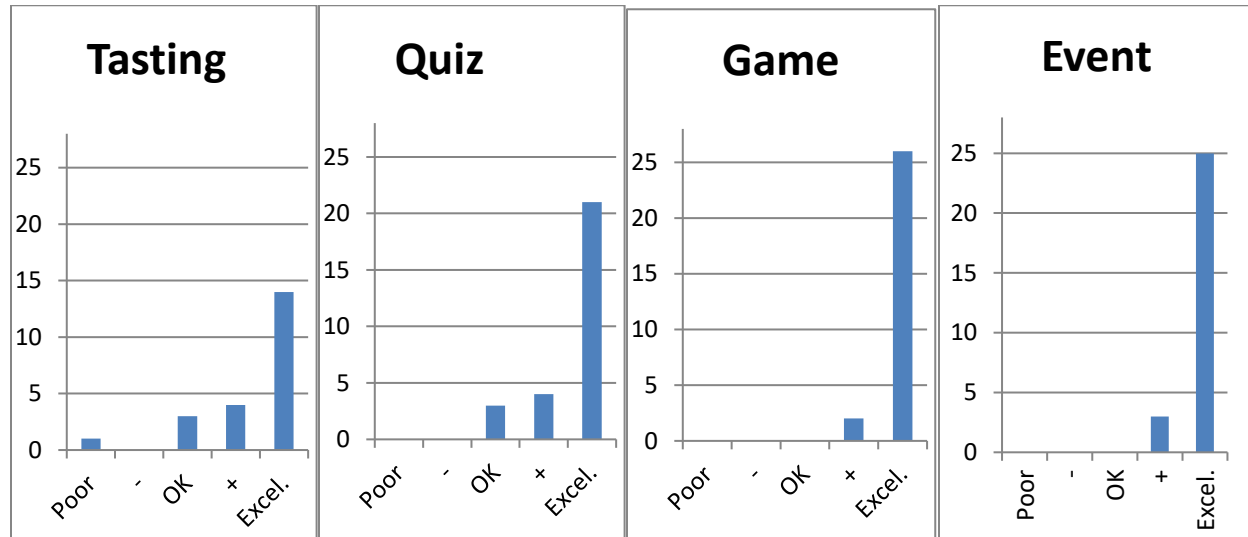
### ***Our Faculty***

Dean of Instruction Bill Ragsdale worked as a locksmith travelling central California with a mobile locksmith. He then worked summers for three years in Las Vegas at a casino supply company as a locksmith and safe expert. He and wife Anne operated a company for 25 years manufacturing automated door controls. Bill is a Life Member of the Society of American Magicians and 25 year member of the Academy of Magical Arts (Magic Castle). His ongoing “Lock Picking For The Curious” has been presented eighteen times at the Magic Castle. It consistently sells out in less than three weeks.

## Lock Picking At The Magic Castle



## Report Atlas Obscura/Greenbar LP 102, May 4, 2019 PM



Twenty-eight of 28 attendees filled out the evaluation form.

### Comments:

This event is incredible! The teacher is fun and the info fantastic! I wish the magic book was available for purchase. I did not like the space. Echo-y. . . hard to hear- and started 30 minutes late - not cool - and what about information on replacing broken picks? Where? How much? Etc?

This event was awesome! I can't wait to do more.

This was sooo fun! And the professor was so entertaining! I loved the games and the graduation!  
So worth it and so delightful, thank-you!

Loved it! Quite stressful. So many unusual tools!

Wonderful fun. Wonderfully stressful. 😊

Well done, good information, pacing and group activities.

Very fun! Great Experience!

Absolutely amazing! Best level of stress!

Very unusual & fun!

Poor acoustics – hard to hear at times. Great Event!

The spirit tasting left a little to be desired. No real tour happened. Lock picking was super fun though!

No tour, needed more booze but I understand the laws. Lock picking was fun.

Please continue to do fun events like these!

Very impressed by the supplies students get to take home.

Great experience – Siegfried & Bill were awesome. Thanks so much!

Really fun and informative. Bill and Siegfried are both great! Thank you!

Just that there's a few seconds more for the Quiz. But super fun!!!