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Sideshow as an Oddity

Maud Wagner

1877-1961

Maud Stevens Wagner, is an American Circus performer. She is also known as the first known female tattoo artist in the United States. Wagner was an aerialist and a contortionist in many different traveling circus shows. Wagner learned as an apprentice to her husband, Gus Wagner. She was one of the last tattoo artists to work by hand with traditional "Hokey-pokey" tattoos.





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MYSTERIOUS TALENT--El Diablo the fire eater performs his act in the Circus Vargas side show. (below) Serpentina the Snake Lady shows off partners. (PHOTOS by Marilyn K. Yee, Los Angeles Times) Illustrates story slugged CIRCUS by Steve Harvey (Times) to move over wire Monday, June 21, 1976.
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1930's Aerialist Troupe
"Four Queens of the Air"
Signed by Thelma Mardis a member of the
Pacific Coast Showmen's Association





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"Four Queens of the Air"
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Coast Showmen's Association

Vaudeville & Sideshow

Violet and Daisy Hilton
1908-1969

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