

37th Annual Missouri Taxidermist
Competition and Convention
August 4th, 5th, and 6th 2017

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**TAXIDERMIST
ASSOCIATION**

The Lodge of Four Seasons
315 Four Seasons Drive
Lake Ozark, MO 65049

2017 COMPETITION AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 3rd 2017

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- Setup Competition and Vendor area.

Friday, August 4th 2017

9:00 am – noon

- Vendors set up in designated area.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Registration and check-in. Entries may be groomed, photographed, and placed in competition area only until **noon**, after 12:00 pm all mounts will be placed by the MTA board. **NEW: Once your mount has been placed you must leave the competition room.**

12:00 pm

- Judging Begins; competition area closes. **No entries accepted after 5:00 pm.** *Competitors will not be allowed in competition area until judging is complete.*

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

- **Mark Huser** – Prepping a whitetail cape.

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

- **Vendors Open** (Please support each of our vendors!)

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

- **Roger Vogel** – Mounting a Ringneck Pheasant

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

- **Garland Lessley** - Kids Seminar – Hands on alligator painting.

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

- Family Pizza Party and live auction FREE OF CHARGE. (Donations Accepted) This will be located in the grooming area. Enter through NW Door. (Next to overhead door)

Saturday, August 5th 2017

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Late Registration - **NO entries accepted.** There is a one-day registration for \$50

9:00 am - 11:00 am

- **Blake Reiminger** – Painting a Wild Turkey Head

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- **Vendors Open**

11:00 am – 11:30 am

- **Competitors' Voting** for choice awards in competition area.

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

- **Mike Orthober** – Finishing a skin mount fish. Eye setting and epoxy work.

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- **Gene Smith** – Finish Work/Painting a Whitetail Deer

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

- **Vendors Open**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- **Social Hour** - Open bar in the banquet room.

7:00 pm

- **Awards Banquet.** Open to all competitors after meal—major awards announcements, live auction. Silent & Live Auction Items to be paid for following banquet. **ALL award winners need to be photographed with their mounts IMMEDIATELY after the banquet.**

Sunday, August 6th 2017

8:00 am - 11:00 am

- Competition area open to public and judges' critiques until meeting begins.

9:00 am - 11:00 am

- **Vendors Open (Some vendors may elect to tear down during this time)**

9:00 am - 11:00 am

- **Bill Neuman** – Interpreting a scoresheet, and competition discussion

11:00 am

- Judges Dismissed

11:15 am - ???

- **MTA BUSINESS MEETING**

- Competition area closes. Mounts may be removed at the conclusion of business meeting but not before. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Convention closes.

NOTE: Schedule and seminars subject to change. Check at registration table or video kiosk in the hotel lobby for updated information and possible changes.



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A block of rooms have been set aside at The Lodge of Four Seasons at a reduced rate for the guests attending the Missouri Taxidermist Competition and Convention. Once this room block is full, the hotel cannot guarantee rooms at the same rate. The special room rate for MTA guests is 125.00/night plus tax for single or double bed sleeping rooms. This price includes your resort fee, which covers amenities such as high speed internet in guest rooms, wifi throughout the hotel, fitness center, in room Keurig coffee makers, shuttle service, valet parking, swimming, tennis, basketball, sand volleyball and more. **THIS ROOM BLOCK IS ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL JULY 4TH. NO RESERVATIONS AFTER JULY 4TH WILL BE GUARANTEED THIS RATE.**

Driving Directions

From Columbia

Take Hwy 63 south to Jefferson City. In Jefferson City turn right on 54 west. Follow 54 west about 50 miles to the Business 54 exit in Lake Ozark. At Lake Ozark, exit onto Business 54. Go about 2 miles on Business 54 to 1st stoplight. Turn toward Four Seasons at the stoplight onto State Rd. HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway). The Lodge is 3 miles down HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway) on the left. Travel time approximately 90 minutes.

From Kansas City

Take Hwy 50 east from Lees Summit to Tipton. At Tipton stoplight, take Hwy 5 south. Go left on 52 east. Take 52 east to Eldon. At 2nd stoplight in Eldon, turn right. That will take you to Hwy 54. Turn right on 54 west. Follow 54 west approximately 9 miles and turn right on Business 54 at Lake Ozark. Go about 2 miles on Bus. 54 to 1st stoplight. Turn toward Four Seasons at the stoplight onto State Rd. HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway). The Lodge is 3 miles down HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway) on the left. Travel time approximately 2 1/2 hours. From the airport, take 435 loop south to Hwy 50. When traveling to and from the airport, please allow an additional 60 to 90 minutes of travel time to reach Lake Ozark.

From St. Louis

Take I-70 west to Kingdom City. Exit onto Hwy 54 south(west). Take 54 south(west) 80 miles to Lake Ozark. At Lake Ozark, exit onto Business 54. Go about 2 miles on Business 54 to 1st stoplight. Turn toward Four Seasons at the stoplight onto State Rd. HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway). The Lodge is 3 miles down HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway) on the left. Travel time approximately 2 1/2 hours.

Take I-44 west to Rolla. Exit onto Hwy 63 north. Take 63 north to Vienna. At Vienna, turn left onto Hwy 42. Follow 42 to the end and turn right on Hwy 54 east. Go about 2 miles on Hwy 54 to the 1st stoplight. Turn left at the stoplight onto Business 54. Go about 3 miles on Business 54 to the next stoplight and turn left onto State Rd. HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway). The Lodge is 3 miles down HH (Horseshoe Bend Parkway) on the left. Travel time approximately 3 hours.

2017 MTA JUDGES

We have invited four very accomplished judges to be with us this year. Each has won honors and judged at every level of competition. Competitors will have a great opportunity to get “one-on-one” information from an expert in each category.

Our judges for the 2017 MTA Competition & Convention are:

- **Gene Smith - Whitetails** - Gene Smith is widely known as one of the world's best whitetail taxidermists and sculptors. Gene has been in the industry for over 30 years, and describes himself as a simple man who loves the Lord, family, and taxidermy. Gene enjoys sculpting whitetails, as well as other antlered game. He has been extremely successful in the competition room as well. Some of his greatest achievements include multiple best of categories, best of shows, Joseph Bruchac Award - Best Whitetail Deer at Nationals, North American Champion - Whitetails, and 2 Best in World medallions. He is also a very experienced judge, having judged several state shows including TX, NC, SC, GA, AL, VA, WV, NY, PA, MI, AR, and OK. In addition to that Gene has also judged the WTC 3 times. We are excited to have Gene make the trip from his home state of Georgia to join us this year.
- **Bill Neuman - Gameheads/Mammals** - Bill is a Minnesota native, but has been living with his wife and three daughters in Bismarck, North Dakota for the past 13 years. Bill's taxidermy career began in 1996 when he attended Story's Taxidermy School in Iowa. He ran his own taxidermy business for 7 years part time, then 2 years full time before relocating to work for Dakota Taxidermy in 2004. Some special areas of interest include studying anatomy of animals, sculpting, composition and design, artistry, habitat, and molding/casting. His areas of expertise would be all mammals, with an especial attention to detail. He has been fortunate enough to work on many unique species from around the world, with his favorite being the mountain goat. His competition successes are too long to list, but some of his highlights would be over 20 Best of Categories, 8 Best of Shows (1 at Nationals), 2 National Titles, 5 WASCO Awards, 3rd in World in the live sculpting competition, Best in World Game Head, and has been featured on the cover of Breakthrough Magazine twice. In addition to competing, Bill has also been a judge for several years, judging shows like WI, ND, SD, MT, MN, New England, OR, OK, and TX. He is looking forward to coming to Missouri to meet many new taxidermists and assist them in their mammal taxidermy, so please come with an open mind and be willing to learn.
- **Mike Orthober - Birds/Fish** – Mike Orthober is one of the most well known taxidermists in the world, and of course one of the most talented. For over 37 years Mike has been producing some of the highest quality taxidermy work in all areas, but his favorite projects are small song birds for museums. His experience in the competition room is quite impressive. Multiple State Championships, Best of Show in IA and WI, National Champion, North American Champion, Nationals Best of Show, Taxidermist of the Year, several WASCO awards, Two Time Master of Masters winner, a Second in World title, and two Best in World medallions. His judging experience is equally impressive having judged several state shows, Nationals, the World Taxidermy Championships, European Show, Russian Show, and the New Zealand show. It is an honor to have him back in MO sharing his knowledge with us.
- **Garland Lessley – Randy Pike Amateur Division** – A long time member of the MTA, Garland has been a full time taxidermist since his retirement from the Air Force in 1992. He is well rounded in his ability to portray all types of animals in natural poses and habitats. He has won multiple state championships, several "best of categories", National Champion at the 2011 NTA show, Best International Reproduction at the 2006 IGT, Best of Category and Western Regional Champion in 2002, and a second place ribbon at the 2013 World Taxidermy Championships. Garland's specialty awards include several Polytranspar and Starfish awards, Noonkester Boar award, McKenzie Fish award, RMEF award, MO Trappers Association award, 2 people's choice awards, Art Rocks awards, Best of Category awards for mixed group, Habitat award, and an Old Timer Award. Garland is a perfect fit to judge our Randy Pike Amateur Division.

All four of these judges come highly recommended. They have accomplished a great deal in this industry and we are truly blessed to have all four with us as our judges this year. **Welcome to you all!**



SEMINARS



Mike Orthober – Finishing Fish

Regarded as one of the most talented all-around taxidermists on earth, Mike Orthober will demonstrate his techniques for finishing a skin mount fish. From setting the eye, to rebuilding the shrinkage with epoxy, Mike will explain the importance of doing this step and doing it accurately. Length 2 hrs

Gene Smith – Painting a Finished Whitetail Deer

Gene will be demonstrating his methods for finishing a whitetail deer. Starting with a deer that has had the epoxy work done, Gene will focus on the painting process he uses in his shop. If your deer finish work lacks depth, or if you struggle to get a realistic coloration of the eyes, nose and ears, this is a seminar you won't want to miss. Length 2 hrs.

Blake Reiminger – Painting a Wild Turkey Head

Blake is one of the best turkey guys in the state, having won 5 MO State Championships in the last 6 years, all of those with turkeys. Blake has agreed to demonstrate his method of coloring turkey heads in a manner that leaves them looking real and convincing. Length 2 hrs.

Roger Vogel – Mounting a Ringneck Pheasant

Long time member of the MTA, Roger is known as one of the best all around taxidermists in the state. Roger has agreed to show us his method of mounting a ringneck pheasant. Length 2 hrs.

Mark Huser – Prepping a Whitetail Cape

Proper cape prep is essential to do a quality deer head, yet is often overlooked. In this seminar Mark will be demonstrating his method for prepping a whitetail cape. This will include turning the lips, ears, fleshing and preparing for salt. Mark is a master whitetail taxidermist that has been in the industry for years, and we appreciate him sharing his knowledge. Length 2 hrs.

Bill Neuman – Interpretation of Your Scoresheet

Bill has agreed to give this unique seminar about interpreting your competition score sheet. Several aspects of competition taxidermy will be discussed in this seminar. For instance, Bill will go over a mount out of the showroom and explain how it is judged. He will demonstrate how to do some things on a manikin to prepare it for competition. Length 2 hrs.

Garland Lessley – Kids Seminar – Hands On Painting a Reproduction Alligator

Garland will be hosting this awesome painting seminar/competition. A replica alligator and paints will be provided, and the finished artwork will be voted on by show attendees. Winners will be announced at the awards banquet Saturday night. Length 1 hr.

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 5th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. (Social hour begins at 6pm) It is very important for the host hotel to know exactly how many will be eating (as well as for seating purposes) so you **MUST** order your banquet tickets on your registration form. **No additional tickets will be sold after July 15th; and there will be NO REFUNDS!!**

Following the meal, we will present the major awards for the evening. These include, but are not limited to:

AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE MTA:

Best of Show – This award is given to the highest scoring mount in the entire competition and will also receive the Breakthrough Award. (*Judge's decision final*)

Best of State – This award is given to the highest scoring mount in the entire competition and is **ONLY** given to members who reside in the State of Missouri.

Best Out of State – goes to the highest scoring mount by an entrant from another state; it need not be a blue ribbon.

H.A. Nixon Best All-Around - Master's Div.: *is open to Missouri Taxidermist Association members only.* This award goes to the highest scoring competitor who enters & ribbons in all 4 categories (fish, bird, mammal-life size, & game head-any shoulder mount mammal). *Reproduction/Recreation, Competitor & Art Categories do not qualify.*

Best Overall Whitetail – goes to the highest scoring whitetail in the competition.

Best of Category – are given in both Master's and Professional Divisions to go to the **highest scoring mount with a score of 90 or more** in each category in their respective divisions. The eligible categories are: birds, sm. mammals, lg. mammals, fish, game heads, turkey, whitetail, game heads, reproduction/recreation, mixed group, and reptile.

Best Overall Professional – all 4 pieces must be entered in the Prof. Div. one being in each category: bird, fish (skin mounts only), game head/whitetail, and life-size mammal. All must ribbon 3rd or higher with at least one being blue. This is a once in a lifetime award.

Taxidermist's Choice Awards- Professional Division; award winners are chosen by your peers.

Best Amateur Mount – is given to the highest scoring mount in the amateur division.

Paul Schwartz – is given to the highest scoring mount in the amateur division by an amateur taxidermist under the age of 16.

President's Award – This is a special award presented to a member chosen by the President of the MTA for their service and dedication on behalf of the Association.

Show Challenge- The subject of the challenge is selected by the winner of the previous challenge. There is a \$15.00 fee to participate and the winner takes all of the cash in the pot. The challenge winner is selected by the judges regardless of score or division.

Best Professional Mount – Judges Choice, best mount in the Pro Division.

SPONSORED AWARDS:

Breakthrough Award – is selected by the judges. It is given to the mount which has excellent quality and strong artistic impact. Will have received the Best of Show.

Hazel Creek Inc. State Champion Awards- an award is given to the highest scoring entry in each of these six (6) categories: Fish (skin mount or replica), Whitetail (shoulder mount), Reptile (skin mount or replica), Bird (bird or turkey category), Life-size Mammal (small and large), & Gamehead.

Woody Award – Taxidermy Today is sponsoring this award, which is chosen by the judges and goes to a mount in Pro or Masters that exhibits good artistic composition and craftsmanship. This is presented to a mount that is **not** the Best of Show winner, as that mount generally receives much attention.

WASCO Award – is selected by the judges for the mount that has the best exhibition of taxidermy; most creative and most artistic merit, and it must be an original idea. It is judged as a 3-dimensional piece.

Artisan Award – Taxidermists' choice; which mount best represents what taxidermy should aspire to be.

Vandyke's Award- is to be chosen by the judges for the most original & creative presentation.

NTA "The Old Man of Mikeno" Award- is to be chosen by the judges for their favorite mount in the masters division.

Brian Harness Memorial Award – Brian Harness was a talented artist, sculptor, innovator, and World Champion taxidermist who did a lot for several members of our association. His life was taken far too soon in a tragic accident in 2012. This award reminds us of his love for small mammals and is awarded to any mammal (lifesize or gamehead) that is coyote sized or smaller.

Matuska Competitor's Award- one will be given in the Professional Div. and one will be given in the Master Div. The competitor must enter (4) four pieces in one of the two divisions. The combined highest scoring mounts will win in each division.

Research- is sponsoring two (2) gift certificates: a \$100 gift certificate will go to the highest scoring Amateur mount and a \$200 gift certificate will go to the highest scoring Professional mount

McKenzie's Taxidermist's Overall Choice Awards – Master's Division; are sponsored by McKenzie Taxidermy Supply Company. These award winners are chosen by your peers.

McKenzie's Distinguished Service Award – is given to a member in good standing with the association who fits these criteria: Promotes professionalism in business, Advances the art of taxidermy, Depicts taxidermy and hunting in a positive image, Shares knowledge of taxidermy techniques, Improves the quality of his/her taxidermy work, And Promotes the goals of the state association. To be chosen by a vote among the officers of the association.

Starfish Award – is given to the highest scoring reproduction mount in the competition.

WASCO Polytranspar Award – a plaque is awarded to the highest scoring fish mount painted with Polytranspar airbrush paints.

Second to Nature - Awarded to the best entry on a Second to Nature manikin.

Lifetone Award – Awarded to the fish entry displaying the most artistic use of Lifetone/Hydromist paints.

ART.ROCKS Habitat Award – is given to the highest scoring mount using ART.ROCKS in their display.

Walnut Creek Hardwoods Awards – a winner is chosen & an award presented in all 3 divisions by the judges for their favorite entries mounted on one of the products offered by Walnut Creek.

Missouri Trapper's Association – a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the Trapper's Assoc.

National Wild Turkey Federation – a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the NWTF.

Most improved Taxidermist – Second Creation Taxidermy School – Second Creation taxidermy school will choose the taxidermist they feel has benefited from competing and improved their work the most over the last year(s).

Awards may be added or dropped. The competition committee reserves the right to adjust awards as the show conditions dictate.

Jeff Gibson Award – 2 Awards, one for ages 3-10 and one for ages 11-15. These open art awards are chosen by the judges from ALL kids entries, regardless of the division or category.

Missouri Taxidermist Association (MTA)

Rules for Competition

1. Membership in the MTA must be valid prior to entering MTA Competitions. Out-of-state competitors that choose not to join the MTA must be a current member of their home state's association. (Must show proof of membership at onsite registration)
2. Multiple entries in a category are allowed.
3. Any mount considered to be in poor taste by the Competition Committee will be removed from the competition.
4. Protected species must be accompanied by written proof of, or **PROPER**, permits for entry.
5. No mount may be entered that has previously been entered in any MTA competition.
6. "**Masters Division**" is for the taxidermist who wants to compete at the highest and most technically correct level.
7. "**Professional Division**" shall mean a person who receives money for their taxidermy work. You, however, need not be a Professional to compete at this level.
8. "**Randy Pike Amateur Division**" shall mean a person who receives no money for their taxidermy work.
9. "**Youth Division**" shall mean any youth competitor ages 16 and under.
10. Anyone having received (3) three blue ribbons or (2) two blue ribbons, one being a **Best of Category** in a given category in (1) one division at an MTA competition must enter the next highest division in that category.
11. Any out-of-state competitor must compete at or above the level required by their own state association. ***If you must compete in the Masters division in your home state, you must also compete in the Masters division in Missouri.***
12. The Competition Committee may, at its discretion, may move a mount up to the next division after consulting with the Competitor.
13. ***JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL.*** We ask the highest quality people to judge our show. Competitors are entitled to a critique by the judge to better understand what went into the decision that was made; however, disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
14. Major Awards are the decision of the Judges and Competition Committee based upon score and Division.
15. No member may be in the Judging area while judging is in progress other than the Judges, Competition Committee, and Special Guests.
16. (A) No competitor may enter any work that is not of their own doing. (*An exception is made for freeze-dried turkey heads, but all reconstruction and painting must be the work of the competitor.*) If a competitor is suspected of entering a specimen not of their own work, they may be required to pass a proficiency test for the Competition Committee.
15. (B) Any mount that is done in a workshop, seminar, or school will be eligible for ribbons, score sheets, and critiques in their appropriate category, but will **NOT** be eligible for "Best of Category" or any other major awards.
17. Any competitor who has entered a piece, not their own work, or falsified an entry in a Taxidermy Competition **Will Not** be allowed to compete in any MTA Competition.
18. Entries executed by more than one Taxidermist must be entered in the **Combined Artists Category**. Multiple ribbons are awarded, but not eligible for major awards. Combined artists pieces must be entered in the division that is the highest of all of the competitors. For instance, if a master taxidermist and two professional taxidermists collaborate on a piece, it must be entered in the masters division.

19. **Reproductions/Recreations Category** includes any reproduction or recreation that can be judged on an MTA score sheet. You may use commercial parts on your reproduction in the Professional Division if you so choose. When entering the Masters Division all molding and casting must be done by the competitor.
20. **Art Category** will be open art: Taxidermist Choice will choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place ribbons. However, Art Category will not be eligible for any other awards and will not have a Best of Category.
21. **Life-size Category** qualifications are as follows: at least one leg on the mount; size qualification- coyote and smaller will be in the small life-size, any species larger, regardless whether full grown or offspring, will be entered into the large life-size category.
22. **Mixed Group:** Any mount containing two or more **different** species of animals. You may choose to have both animals judged as a single entry by entering them into this category.
23. In mounts where there is more than one specimen on a base, **the competitor must decide** if the mount will be in the mixed group or judged separately. *The mount cannot be entered into two different categories!*
24. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: **Honorable mention 65-69, Third Place 70-79, Second Place 80-89, First Place 90 and above.**
25. **BEST ALL-AROUND** is open to Missouri Taxidermist Association members only. To compete for this title, the competitor must enter one mount in each of the following categories in the Masters Division:
Mammal--Life-size, Gamehead--Any mammal shoulder mount, Bird--Waterfowl, upland bird, turkey, or protected species (with proper permit), and Fish--Warm or cold water. To place in the Best All-Around competition, each of the four pieces must ribbon. (Reproduction/Recreation & Art Categories do **not** qualify for this award.) One taxidermist who demonstrates talents unsurpassed by any in all four categories will be chosen Missouri's Best All-Around Taxidermist. A special award will be presented to the winner at the Awards Banquet.
26. **Best Out-of-State Award** goes to the highest scoring mount by an entrant from another state; it need not be a blue ribbon.
27. To be eligible for "**Best Overall Professional**" Award all (4) four pieces must be entered in the Professional Division: Birds, Fish, and Gameheads/Whitetails and Life-size. All pieces must ribbon in every category with at least one ribbon being a blue ribbon. (Honorable Mention ribbons do not count.) Also, this is a once in a lifetime award for the Professional Division.
28. If there is no **Blue Ribbon** in a category, there will be no **Best of Category** awarded.
29. Any **Reference materials or instructions for the Judges** must be given to the Competition Committee at the time of entry, and cannot contain any information as to the entrant's identity.
30. All **glass cases and protective covers** must be removed prior to judging.
31. Entries will be released after the MTA Business Meeting or at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
32. Any Competitor who violates, or in the past has violated, any competition rule; in accordance with MTA Bylaws, will be subject to loss of any and all awards. Entry fees will not be reimbursed. Cheating at an event where there is the possibility of financial gain is a criminal act. Cheating that can be documented will be prosecuted as fraud as per state statutes.
33. The use of 3-D printers to replicate any mount, or any part of any mount is strictly prohibited.
34. By signing this registration form, all competitors release the MTA, its Officers, and Judges from all liability for mounts entered in the MTA Competition. The greatest care will be taken, but competitors are advised that accidents or thefts are possible, and that competitors should purchase insurance on their entries through their local insurance agent.

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE

The Competition Early Registration rate is **\$75.00** when postmarked on or before July 15th, 2017. Be sure you have your form postmarked in time to ensure this lowered rate and avoid **\$100.00** late registration fee. Anyone that is planning on being there on Thursday afternoon, your help setting up tables and backboards would be very much appreciated. We will begin setting up at 2pm. **All members who attend & compete are encouraged to help on Sunday afternoon with the tearing down process.** The more help we have, the quicker it goes. Please help in any way you can.

VENDORS

This is a partial list of the vendors attending the show. Please check our Facebook page for a current list. **Pre-order your supplies and potentially save hundreds in shipping!!!**

RESEARCH MANNIKINS
TASCO
ACTIVA PRODUCTS
BOB FATHEREE MOUNTING STANDS
ORAGAMI OWL
THE WILDLIFE GALLERY
GILBREST TAXIDERMY (DRIFTWOOD)
HAZEL CREEL INC.
PRO-1 CHEMICALS

OLD BARN TANNERY
VAN DYKES
MICRO TAN
TROPHY ROOM WOODSHOP
OHIO TAXIDERMY SUPPLY
PAYER EYES
OZARK WOODS
BEETLESHACK

THE SQUIRREL CHALLENGE

The challenge is open to all competitors regardless of division; *however, the judge will chose the best mount from those entered.* A species of animal is chosen for the "Challenge". Each entrant must be a registered competitor as well as pay an **extra** fee of **\$15** to enter the "Challenge". The animal chosen by last year's winner is the **squirrel**. The winner is ultimately the **Judge's Choice**. The winner receives a ribbon, the total fees paid in for the challenge, and have the honor of choosing next year's challenge animal. *A special Challenge Entry space has been provided on the registration form.*



Pizza Party and Form Auction

There will be a Pizza Party in the Exhibit Hall on Friday night at 6pm. This will be held in the mount grooming area. Please enter through the NW door, next to the overhead door. This is **FREE** to all registered attendees. There will be a Cash Bar. There will also be a live auction after the meal so bring your wallets! Please come support the MTA by attending the auction, and don't miss out on any possible deals.



Shop Dog Contest

We thought it would be fun to see some of the pets our taxidermy friends have at home. For the shop dog contest the entry fee is \$5 per dog. Bring in a 4 x 6 photo, unframed. We will display all the pics on a backboard. Everyone can vote for the winning pooch. There is a small prize. All the entry money will be donated to the local animal shelter. The idea behind this is just to have fun and to give to our furry friends in the community. Thanks, Annie Carletti



Missouri Taxidermist Association Entries Form

Divisions

Randy Pike Amateur Division

Any person who considers themselves a novice, and **receives no money for their taxidermy work** may compete in this division.

Youth Division (16 years and under)

Any competitor that is 16 years of age or younger on the day of registration is eligible to compete in this division.

Professional Division

Any person who receives money for their taxidermy work is considered a professional. However, you do not need to be a Professional to compete at this level.

Masters Division

Any taxidermist who wants to compete at the highest and most technically correct level can compete in the masters division.

Categories

Fish (skin mount)	Small Mammals	Commercial Fish
Reproductions	Large Mammals	Combined Artists
Reptiles/Amphibians/Other	Game heads	Mixed Group
Birds	Whitetails	Art
Turkeys	Freeze Dry	

Mounts Entered

			To Qualify for these awards Indicate if you used: Pro-1 (paste or tan) Polytranspar (any fish) Lifetone (any fish) Art Rocks Walnut Creek Second to Nature manikin
Division	Category	Species	
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→→**COMPETITORS MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM!!**←←

I have read the MTA Competition Rules and certify my entry/entries meet all the requirements; and I will comply with these rules and the decisions of the Competition Committee.

Competitor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

If your child is entering a mount under your registration, they must fill one of these sheets out separately.



Missouri Taxidermist Association Registration Form

Registrant Information

Personal Information

Taxidermist Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

_____ *City* *State* *ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Birth Date (if 16 and under) _____

Email _____

Family Members attending that are not taxidermists: _____

Attention: If anyone from your family is attending the convention, you will be required to pay a family membership. **If your spouse is attending, but is also a taxidermist he/she must complete and pay a separate registration fee.** Children are allowed to enter mounts under their parent or guardian's registration without having to pay a separate fee. Non-taxidermist spouses are allowed to enter the art category without paying a separate registration.

Fees

***MTA Dues:** (\$40 individual; \$50 Family) \$ _____

Convention Registration: (\$75 if postmarked prior to July 15th, \$100 after) \$ _____

Entries (\$15 per entry) \$ _____

Squirrel Challenge (\$15 to enter the challenge) \$ _____

Shop Dog Contest (\$5 per photo) \$ _____

Number of kids attending the free kids seminar _____ **FREE**

Best All Around (MTA Members Only \$5) \$ _____

Awards Banquet (Adults – 13 and over \$35; Children 5-12 \$17.50; 4 and under FREE
You MUST purchase banquet tickets on this form. No Refunds

Banquet number of adults _____ x \$35 Number of children ages 5-12 _____ x \$17.50 \$ _____

TOTAL (Make checks payable to the **MTA**, or complete card info below) \$ _____

***MO resident taxidermists must pay dues to enter the convention.** Out of state competitors **must show proof of membership in their home state**, or pay MTA dues. Only registered taxidermists and their immediate families may attend seminars and enter vendor area. If husband and wife both do taxidermy their dues will be paid as a family membership, but they both must pay full registration.


Mail Completed Registration and Payment

MTA Competition and Convention
 218 N Spruce Street
 Eldon, MO 65026

Mail to: _____

For additional info call Dawne at (573) 746-6000 or Cole at (816) 724-0271 or visit www.missouritaxidermist.org

Credit Card information number _____ expiration date _____

 Billing address zip code _____ Security Code _____

TEE SHIRT ORDER FORM

MUST ORDER BY JULY 1ST



You can send payment with this order form prior to July 1st, or Pre-order your Tee and pick it up and pay for it at the show.

Size	QTY	Total Price
Small	@ \$15.00 each	
Medium	@ \$15.00 each	
Large	@ \$15.00 each	
X-Large	@ \$15.00 each	
XX-Large	@ \$17.00 each	
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