38th Annual Missouri Taxidermist Competition and Convention

August 3rd, 4th, and 5th 2018

MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

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

New this year – Please Read

- **You must pick up your registration packet at the registration desk before bringing any mounts into the building. Registration is the south entrance of Campana Hall (under awning).**
- **If you wish to place your mount in the competition room, it must be registered, groomed, and photographed BEFORE 10am Friday. Otherwise someone on the competition committee will be placing the mount in the competition room.**
- **After your mount is placed you MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING. No loitering in the grooming area or competition room.**
- **Registration will be open Thursday from 4pm – 6pm Avoid lines Friday by getting in early.**
- **Registration closes at 4pm Friday.**
- **To receive a critique you must sign up on Saturday in the competition room. Sheets with available time slots will be available at the door.**
- **There is a live mounting competition and form auction Friday night in the grooming area of Campana Hall. To compete you must register with Cole at 816-724-0271. Everyone is encouraged to attend. (see below)**

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Taxidermist Calcutta Live Competition & Form Auction

At 7pm in the grooming area we are going to have a live mounting competition/calcutta. Competitors will compete for first and second place, winners selected by taxidermists' choice. Anyone can compete in the live mounting competition. Please contact Cole Cruickshank at (816) 724-027 to get registered. You will have 2 hours to complete any type of mount you wish. As the competitors are mounting their specimens, everyone in attendance will be allowed to walk around, ask questions, observe the competitors, etc. Voting will take place to determine the winners at the end of the 2 hour time period. Before work begins, each competitor will be auctioned off. Should you buy a competitor, and he/she wins the competition, you will win the money that is in the Calcutta. (70% for 1st, and 30% for 2nd) This will be held in the mount grooming area. During the competition, we will also have our form auction so bring your wallets. Please enter through the NW door, next to the overhead door. Not only will this be fun, but it will also be a great learning experience watching each taxidermist work on their pieces. This is **FREE** to all registered attendees.

2018 COMPETITION AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 2nd 2018

2:00 pm –4:00 pm	-	Setup Competition and Vendor area. **Please help if you can.**
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	-	Registration and Check-in.

Friday, August 3rd 2018

8:00 am – 10:00 am	-	Vendors set up in designated area.
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	-	Registration and check-in. **NEW:** Entries may be groomed, photographed, and placed in competition area only until **10AM**, after **10AM** all mounts will be placed by the MTA board. **Once your mount has been placed you must leave the building.**
10:00 am	-	Judging Begins; competition area closes. **No entries accepted after 4:00 pm.** *Competitors will not be allowed in competition area until judging is complete.*
10:00 am	-	**Orientation for new competitors**. If you have never attended our show, please come to this short tour of the convention and learn what will be happening throughout the weekend.
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	-	Vendors Open (Please support each of our vendors!)
10:00 am	-	**Sam Gaylord** – Altering a lifesize bear manikin. (Located in the Vendor Room)
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	-	**Brett Wingfield –** Carving a Custom Foam Fish Body
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	-	**Coryelle Koch –** Prepping Skins For Tanning and Mounting
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	-	**Garland Lessley** - Kids Seminar – Hands on alligator painting.
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	-	Calcutta – Live Competition - Live auction. Located in the grooming area. Enter through NW Door.

Saturday, August 4th 2018

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	-	**Greg Cuvelier –** Hands-On Bobcat Eye Setting (First 25 in attendance can participate)
9:00 am - 11:00 am	-	Vendors Open
9:00 am – 11:00 am	-	Competition Room open for critiques
9:00 am	-	**Sam Gaylord** – Mounting a Lifesize Bear (Located in the vendor room)
11:00 am – Noon	-	Competitors' Voting for choice awards in competition area.
Noon - 2:00 pm	-	**Korey Alleman –** Mounting Waterfowl
Noon – 5:00 pm	-	Competiotion area open to registered taxidermists. **Judges critiques**.
Noon - 5:00 pm	-	Vendors Open
Noon - 5:00 pm	-	Competition Room open for critiques
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	-	**Greg Brumfield –** Mounting a Whitetail Deer
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 and ribbons IMMEDIATELY after the banquet.**

Sunday, August 5th 2018

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	-	**Bruce Scheeter –** Thinking Outside the Box With Mount Presentations and Bases
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. Out of state competitors will be removed first. **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 $131.00/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.

2018 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 2018 MTA Competition &Convention are:

- **Greg Brumfield - Whitetails** - Greg has been doing taxidermy and actively competing since the mid 1990's. He is an extremely talented taxidermist and sculptor with considerable judging experience. Some of his major accomplishments in the competition arena include winning the pre-sculpted division at the World Taxidermy Championships, as well as North American Champion at the National Taxidermist Association convention. Greg has always enjoyed judging, seeing old friends, and meeting new ones.

- **Greg Cuvelier - Gameheads/Mammals -** Greg hails from our neighbor to the north. In Iowa, Greg owns and operates a taxidermy studio in Aplington Iowa. Greg started his taxidermy career in 1990 and since then has gone on to win several top honors at taxidermy competitions including multiple Breakthroughs and North American Champion at the NTA. Greg is very knowledgeable in all areas of taxidermy, and we are pleased he could join us and judge our mammals and game heads.

- **Korey Alleman – Birds** – Korey is the owner of The Elite Outdoors Taxidermy in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Korey loves waterfowl hunting and mounting birds. His list of accomplishments in the competition arena is long, including North American Champion and Second in World. Korey is a great judge and we look forward to him joining us for the first time this August.

- **Brett Wingfield – Fish/Reptiles –** Brett also joins us from our northern neighboring state, where he works as an instructor and taxidermist at Northwest Iowa School of Taxidermy in Spirit Lake, IA. When it comes to fish, Brett knows his stuff. Being an instructor at NIST makes him the perfect candidate to judge competitions. He is very good at teaching and explaining how to make our fish mounts better. He's also a major player in competitions, winning Breakthrough, National Champion, Second in World, and Best in World titles. Get those fish mounted up, don't miss an opportunity to learn from one of the best.

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

Bruce Scheeter – Bruce is one of Missouri's best all around taxidermists, and known for his unique takes on bases, displays, and habitats. Bruce will demonstrate and discuss his ideas on what makes for a nice display. Bruce will get you think outside the box and create something unique and complimenting to the mount your wanting to display.

Length 2 hrs.

Greg Brumfield – Greg is an extremely talented gamehead taxidermist, so it seemed fitting to have him show us his methods of mounting the Whitetail Deer. Greg will show how he recommends setting eyes, building ear butts, and mounting what is likely the most important species in most of our taxidermy studios.

Length 2 hrs.

Coryelle Koch – Coryelle is another one of Missouri's best all around taxidermists. He knows the most important step to getting a quality mount on the outside, is proper skin prep on the inside. Making sure everything is done right to begin with is the only way to expect something to be right when you're done. Coryelle will flesh and prep a raw skin for tanning, as well as prep a tanned skin for the mounting process. This is an important seminar to attend if you want your work to stand out from the others.

Length 2 hrs.

Brett Wingfield – Brett is an extremely talented instructor, taxidermist and sculptor for Matuska Taxidermy Supply and Northwest Iowa School of Taxidermy. One of the most important skills for a fish taxidermist to know is how to carve a custom fish body from a block of foam. From template to finished fish form, Brett will demonstrate his method of performing this task.

Length 2 hrs.

Korey Alleman – Korey is well known for his extremely nice waterfowl mounts. Being an avid duck hunter himself, Korey has a great admiration for waterfowl and it shows in his work. If you do any bird taxidermy at all you won't want to miss this fun seminar where Korey will be mounting a duck.

Length 2 hrs

Greg "Chevy" Cuvelier – Greg is very well known for his beautiful small mammal work. No small mammal is mounted in MO more than the bobcat, and no mammal is harder to get a nice looking face and eye set. This is why we thought a Hands-On seminar with Greg on setting bobcat eyes would be a perfect fit. The first 25 through the door will get their own manikin, eyes, and clay and will work with Greg to mastering this difficult task. The supplies are yours to keep, so be early through the doors. Anyone not receiving the supplies is still more than welcome to attend and observe.

Length 2 hrs.

Garland Lessley – Kids Seminar- Painting a Bullfrog

Garland will be hosting this awesome painting seminar/competition. A replica frog 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.

MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 4th, 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 chosen by the judges and will also receive the Breakthrough Award.
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 MO
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.
Competitor's Award Professional Division – Highest cumulative scoring 4 mounts in the Pro Division.
Randy Cooper Memorial Award – Best waterfowl mount, selected by a representative.

SPONSORED AWARDS:

Breakthrough Award – is selected by the judges. It is given to the mount which has excellent quality and strong artistic impact.
Hazel Creek Inc. State Champion Awards- an award is given to the highest scoring entry in each of these five (5) categories: Fish (skin mount or replica), Reptile (skin mount or replica, Bird (bird or turkey category), Life-size Mammal (small and large), & Gamehead (whitetail or 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.
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- Master Div. The combined highest scoring four mounts in the Masters Division that meet the minimum score requirements set by Matuska Taxidermy Supply
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.
Walnut Hollow Awards – A plaque is awarded to the best Fish, Bird, Whitetail, Mammal, and Turkey mounts in the Pro Division.
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.
Walnut Creek Hardwoods Awards – Endearing Award, chosen by a representative, mount that would be appealing from a woman's perspective.
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.
Beetleshack Award – is selected from all youth mounts by a Beetleshack representative.
Conservation Federation Award – Best mounts in Professional and Masters Division selected by a CFA representative.
Old Barn Mentorship Award – is voted on by registered taxidermists. Goes to the person who is appreciated for their mentorship, who freely shares their knowledge and skills with less experienced taxidermists.
Mounted in Alaska Award – Selected by the judges, mount that tells the best story.
Second 2 Nature Award – is given to the highest scoring mount on a Second 2 Nature manikin.
Whitetails Unlimited – Awards for the best whitetail in the amateur, pro, and masters divisions are selected by a representative.

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, 2018. 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
Micro Tan
Trophy Room Woodshop
Oragami Owl
Payer Eyes
Old Barn Tannery
Beetleshack
Ozark Woods
Ohio Taxidermy Supply

WOLF 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 **wolf.** 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.*

Shop Dog Contest

We thought it was fun to see some of the pets our taxidermy friends have at home at last year's show. We decided to bring it back again this year. 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.

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 ($15 per entry) **$** _____

Wolf 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

Mail to: **MTA Competition and Convention**
218 N Spruce Street
Eldon, MO 65026

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_____

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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

Division	Category	Species	**To Qualify for these awards Indicate if you used:** Pro-1 (paste or tan) Polytranspar (any fish) Lifetone (any fish) Walnut Creek Second to Nature manikin

→→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.