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The 32nd Annual MTA Competition & Convention

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We had another outstanding show this year. Everyone who attended had a great time, and learned a lot. Our judges did a wonderful job with their judging, seminars, and critiques. Thanks again to Larry Schumaker, Mitch Webb, Randy Pike, and Dan and Carmen Helmer. We had over 50 registrants (eight out of state competitors). We're glad to see folks of all ages attending. With 115 entries in the competition, there was variety and some really good quality work on display. Our vendors and suppliers were good this year. The supply area was filled, and everyone was able to find things they needed and save a lot on shipping plus the show discounts. Thanks to all of our vendors for making this such a great show!! A big thank you for all of the donations made toward the Live & Silent Auctions and door prizes. We had another good year with the auctions. We had 65 items in the silent auction and several in the live auction. Thanks to those who donated items and to our competitors and others attending for bidding and bringing our total for this year's auctions to over \$1,700!! *Thank you to Connie Lessley & Christine Pettig, and Debbie Cross for running the Silent Auction again this year. Thank You, to Bill Zimmerman, our in house talent, for auctioneering during the live auction. Thank you all!!*

Our banquet this year was good as ever, I believe. The food was delicious, and we had great attendance, selling over 130 tickets. Thanks to all those who contributed by buying a ticket.

As always, our unsung heroes are those gents who unfailingly show up early Friday morning each year to set up backboards and tables in the competition, & supply rooms. I won't name each of you for fear of leaving someone out, but I want you to know how much you're appreciated. Without these members we wouldn't have a show. Thanks to Bill for hauling our MTA trailer each year! THANK YOU ALL!!! There are several ladies who help run the registration desk from early Fri. morning until the show closes on Sun. These ladies help whenever and wherever they can. They help make our show a success, and I want to take a moment to thank you all on behalf of the association and myself. Thank you!! A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Christine Pettig for her heroic efforts in keeping the hospitality suite running smoothly. She makes all of the runs to refill coolers and snacks; so be sure to thank her next time you find something cold to drink or yummy to eat.

Notice: Several of our members (15+) are late paying their dues this year; so rather than leave them off of our membership list we will postpone sending it out until January. **Yellow notices are being sent to those members who haven't paid for 2012-2013.** Please take this opportunity to keep your membership current.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our winter workshop this year will be a hands-on bobcat pedestal mounting workshop, with World Champion taxidermist Lance VanDusen. Attendees will mount their bobcat pedestal along with Lance as he shares some of his knowledge on one of the hardest small mammals to replicate. Details and date/time will become available in the next few weeks. Please check the website, Facebook page, or email cole@timberlandtaxidermy.net for updated information.

The date of August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, has been chosen for the 2013 MTA Competition & Convention. Everybody needs to start planning for it now. Save so it won't be such a burden later, and begin your pieces while the things you learned this year are fresh in your mind. Hope to see you all there.

**MTA AUGUST 2012
Business Meeting Minutes**

The meeting began with a motion made and passed for the 2013 Competition and Convention to be at the Lake of the Ozarks. It will be held at the Country Club Hotel & Spa. Room rates are slightly higher. Members will need to reserve their rooms early. A motion to split Secretary/Treasurer position to two positions was made and was tabled until next business meeting. Also a motion was made to ask vendors to pay for banquet ticket or a booth rental and was also tabled until the next business meeting. Devin Amelunke winner of the Challenge chose a bobcat for next year's competition.

Meeting Adjourned!!!!

2012-2013 Election Results

President-Cole Cruickshank

Vice President- Lee Smith

Secretary/Treasurer- Stephanie Berten

Board Member-Kevin Berten

Board Member-John Cook

Note: 2 –Board Member positions will be up for election next year at the show. Be thinking of who you want to elect.

Thank you to our sponsors for the awards, and special thanks for those who came to present them.

**THE 31st ANNUAL COMPETITION
AWARDS WINNERS**

Masters Division

Lance Van Dusen- Best of Category--Gamehead, and State Champion Award- Gamehead, State Champion Award- Gamehead, Matuska Competitor's Award.

James Graham- Best of Show & Breakthrough Award, Best of State, Best of Category-Whitetails, George Wallace Award, Wasco Award, State Champion Award- Whitetails, McKenzie Taxidermists' Choice-Whitetail/Gamehead.

Cindy Cunningham- Best out of State, State Champion Award-Mammals, Best of Categories'-Large and Small Mammals, McKenzie Taxidermist Choice-Mammal, UTA Artisan Award, Wasco Award, Taxidermy Today Woody Award.

Cole Cruickshank- Best of Category - Repo/Rec, Lifetone/Hydronist Award, Starfish Award, State Champion Award-Fish.

Blake Reminger- Best of Category-Turkeys, McKenzie Award-Birds, State Champion Award-Birds.

Devin Amelunke-McKenzie Taxidermist Choice-Fish, Otter Challenge Winner.

Dan Hudzik- State Champion Award-Reptiles, Art Rocks Award.

Mickey White- Best Habitat Al & Evelyn Holmes Award, NWTF Award- Masters, MO Trappers Award-Masters.

Dave Bartlett- Walnut Creek Hardwoods Award-Masters, Polytranspar Award.

Devin Amulunke-winner of the "River Otter" Challenge was awarded the purse & picked the 2013 animal, the **Bobcat.**

Awards Cont...

Professional Division

Brandon O'Hare- Best of Category-Birds.

Corvell Koch- Best of Category- Small Mammal, Matuska Competitor's Award, Van Dykes Award.

Jason Campbell- Best Professional Mount, Best of Category- Turkey, Taxidermist Choice- Bird, NWTF-Professional, Research Mannikins Professional Lifesize Award.

Manny Saldana- Best of Category-Repo/Rec.

Jeff Gibson- Taxidermist Choice- Mammal and Fish, MO Trappers Award-Professional.

Danny Davis- Taxidermist Choice- Whitetail/Gamehead.

Dewayne Bauer- Walnut Creek Hardwoods Award-Professional.

Open Art Division

Scott Roscoe- 1st Place

Sammy Closser- 2nd Place

Connie Lessley- 3rd Place

Amateur Division

Garret Johnson- Paul Schwarz Award.

Jared Feldman- Best Amateur Mount, Research Mannikins Amateur.

Steven Malatia- NWTA- Amateur.

Anna Mae Amelunke- MO Trappers Award- Amateur.

THESE LAST TWO AWARDS THERE IS NO DIVISION. . .

LEE SMITH-MCKENZIE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Given to a member, in good standing, who promotes professionalism, advances the art of taxidermy, depicts taxidermy and hunting in a positive image, shares knowledge of taxidermy, improves the quality of his work, and promotes the goals of the state association.

COLE CRUICKSHANK- PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award is presented by the president to an outstanding member
Whose service and dedication to the association is well proven.