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SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

The 37th Annual MTA Competition & Convention

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The 2017 MTA convention was a huge success. It was held August 4th, 5th & 6th at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. For a list of the winners, check out our website at: www.missouritaxidermist.org.

The Lodge of Four Seasons
315 Four Seasons Drive
Lake Ozark, MO, 65049
(573) 365-3000
Toll-Free 1-800-THE-LAKE

*Board Member Election Results:

Board Member-Jeff Gibson Board Member- Mark Huser

*Note: Three Officer positions, as well as two board member positions will be up for election at the 2018 show.

President-Cole Cruickshank Secretary/Treasurer-Dawne Stacks
Vice President-Faron Hembree Craig Sloan – Board Member
James Graham – Board Member

MTA August 6th, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

- *Craig Sloan is working on putting together a hands-on seminar for a future meeting date.
- *Mo-Kan date is set for September 16th, 2017. To be held at Second Creation Taxidermy in Kansas City, Ks.

New Business:

- *Garland Lessley motioned to propose a By-Law amendment to allow for 2 additional board members. The proposal was submitted with the required 3 member's signatures. Motion is tabled until the January meeting in accordance with our By-Law rules.

Election results tabled until Jan. 2018

Board Member-Curt Shahan Board Member- Bruce Sheeter

- *Motion was made & passed to retain Bill Zimmerman as Scholarship chairman.
- *Motion was made & passed for President Cole Cruickshank to obtain a 2 year contract with the Lodge of Four Seasons for 2018 and 2019.
- *Motion was made & passed for MTA to cover the cost of one banquet ticket for members conducting a seminar at the show.

General discussions:

- *James Graham addressed lack of participation at meetings. Members should not complain about how things are done if you do not attend meetings, voice their concerns at meetings or read the meeting newsletters.
- * Discussion was had to look at different food choices for Friday Family night at show. Everyone agreed the pizza served at Family night this year was terrible.
- * Meeting was adjourned. 7 board members and 37 members were present.

SHOP DOG CONTEST

Held at 2017 MTA Show



1st annual shop dog contest was held this year at the 2017 MTA Show. Proceeds from the event, allowed our MTA family to purchase \$105.00 of Science Diet dog food for The Friends of Animals Humane Society. FOA is a nonprofit, no kill, volunteer organization, who places animals with foster families until permanent adoptive families are found.



6TH ANNUAL MO-KAN

Live mounting competition was held Saturday, September 16th, 2017 at Second Creation Taxidermy Kansas City, KS. Approximately 33 taxidermists from 3 states were in attendance. 6 competitors had 4 hours to mount their chosen specimen.

AND THE WINNERS:



1st place

Gadwall by Chris Hinshaw – Kansas



2nd place

Coyote Sculpture by Dave Pearson- Missouri

Thank you to the following vendors for your continued support and donations to Mo-Kan:

Ohio Taxidermy Supply, Old Barn Taxidermy/Tannery, Matuska, McKenzie, Wes Becker and Mark Huser



UPCOMING EVENTS
WORKSHOP SEMINARS

WINTER WORKSHOP SEMINAR

Mounting a Turkey – by: James Wood
Saturday January 20th, 2018 9:00 am

Join us on January 20th, 2018 at 9am for a great seminar with World Champion James Wood. James has agreed to spend the morning with us at Dawne and Eric's shop Stacks Taxidermy in Eldon, MO, demonstrating for us his methods of prepping and mounting a life size turkey. Immediately following the seminar we will have a business meeting.

SPECIAL GUEST



During lunch, a supervisor from the Missouri Department of Conservation will hold a general question and answer session with us. We have one hour for this discussion. Please contact Dawne Stacks 573-746-6000 with a list of your main questions so the MDC training center can send the best representative to address our concerns. MDC has agreed to make every effort to accommodate a once a year Q&A with us if we would like.

Stacks Taxidermy
104 E 4th St
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Please bring a chair.
Coffee, lunch and soft drinks will be provided.



*****NEW THIS YEAR*****

HANDS ON WORKSHOP

Mounting a small mammal pedestal – by Greg Cuvelier
Saturday February 10th, 2018 9:00 am



There was some discussion about adding to the three scholarships currently offered by the MTA. It was agreed upon, that more members would benefit if the MTA used that money to hire someone to teach a class, and offer it to all members free of charge. Join us on Saturday February 10th, 2018 for a special hands-on workshop. The MTA has decided to bring in Greg Cuvelier from Aplington, Iowa. Greg is an extraordinary taxidermist/judge that has been in the industry nearly 30 years. He is quite accomplished in all areas of taxidermy, which he demonstrated in 2014 at the NTA show where he won “Best All Around Taxidermist”, as well as “North American Champion” with a raccoon mount. Greg has agreed to conduct a special workshop for our MTA members at Pettig’s Taxidermy in Excello, MO. Participants will need to bring your own tools/supplies. You will need to have your small mammal hide tanned and prepped, as well as pedestal mannequin prepped and ready

to mount. This is a unique opportunity to learn from one of the best mammal taxidermists in the industry. This type of instruction would generally cost hundreds of dollars, yet is free to all MTA members so please take advantage of it.