

41st Annual Missouri Taxidermist
Competition and Convention
July 29th - August 1st 2021

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**TAXIDERMIST
ASSOCIATION**

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

Please read as some things are **NEW**

- **NEW IN 2021** *Any entry/mount entered in the show without the participant being present, the MTA Board will not be responsible for any aspect of your piece. To include: pictures, removal of cases etc.
- 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 on **Thursday July 29th from 4pm – 6:00pm**. 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.
- No mounts are to be left overnight in the grooming area.
- Registration will be open **Thursday from 4pm – 6:00pm** 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 family fun/game night and form auction Friday night in the vendor area of Campana Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. (see below)
- There is a **NEW RULE!** In order to receive any credit for work such as molding your own parts, sculpting your own form, or making your own habitat you **MUST** provide proof of work. This could be including the mold, showing pictures, etc. Just stating it is your work will **NOT** be sufficient to receive any credit. With no proof of work, it will be assumed that these are commercial parts.
- **NEW CATEGORIES** There were 2 new categories added last year. Open Mouth Whitetails and Closed Mouth Whitetails are taking the place of the old Whitetails Division. Both of these new categories will compete against the Game Head category for State Champion Game Head.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT & Auction

At 7pm Friday evening in the grooming area we are going to have a Family Fun Night! This is taking place instead of our Calcutta this year. We would like everyone to come and enjoy an evening of games, music and family fun. We will have a Cornhole (bags) tournament, a DJ taking requests/playing music and a dance area for everyone to enjoy. Before the dance, we will have our fundraising auction so bring your wallets. This would also be a great opportunity to donate unused tools, reference material, your surplus manikins and other items to help us raise money. Donations are extremely appreciated!

Please enter through the NW door, next to the overhead door. Drinks will be provided. This is **FREE** to all registered attendees.

2021 COMPETITION AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 29th

- 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.
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm - **Cindy Cunningham** - Hands On Bobcat Eye Setting

Friday, July 30th

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am - Vendors set up in designated area.
- 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Registration and check-in. **Note:** Entries may be groomed, photographed, and **all mounts will be placed by the MTA board. At this time you must leave the grooming area.**
- 8:00 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 (approximately 9:00 am on Saturday morning)*
- 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.
- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Vendors Open (Please support each of our vendors!)
- 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - **Clint Rickey** – Mounting a partial open mouth whitetail
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Tim Gorenchan** – Hands on eye setting
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm - **Garland Lessley** – Hands on Kids Seminar
- 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Family Fun night – Live Competition - Live auction - Located in the vendor area.

Saturday, July 31st

- 9:00 am - Noon - Late Registration - **NO entries accepted.** There is a one-day registration for \$50
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am - **Lance Johnson** – Introduction to molding and casting
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am - Vendors Open
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am - Competition area open to registered taxidermists. **Judges critiques.**
- 11:00 am – Noon - Competitors' Voting for choice awards in competition area.
- Noon - 2:00 pm - **Scott Roscoe** – Mounting a commercial shoulder mount using competition techniques
- Noon – 4:00 pm - Competition area open to registered taxidermists. **Judges critiques.**
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm - **Brenda Duval** – Let's talk feet
- 1:00pm - 5:00 pm - Vendors Open
- 4:00pm - Competition area closed.
- 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 1st

- 8:00 am - 9:00 am - Competition area open to public and judges' critiques until meeting begins.
- 8:00 am - 10:00 am - Vendors Open (Some vendors may elect to tear down during this time)
- 9:00 am - 10:00 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.
- 9:00 am - Judges Dismissed

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 \$132.00/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 JUNE 30TH. NO RESERVATIONS AFTER JUNE 30TH 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.

2021 Judges

We have invited five 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 2021 MTA Competition & Convention are:

- **Clint Rickey - Whitetails** - Clint has been doing taxidermy for 17 years. In 2003, he started Rickey Ridge Taxidermy in Dodgeville Wisconsin. His area of interest is shoulder mounts. He has had “a lot” of competition success including 2017 2nd in the World Whitetail Deer. He has been judging taxidermy for the past 4 years. We are very excited that Clint is coming to judge our whitetails this year.
- **Brenda Duval - Gameheads/Mammals** –Brenda has been a Full Time Taxidermist since 1986. She owns a studio located in Medford Wisconsin. She has served on the board of directors for the state of Wisconsin for more than 10 years, Brenda is a strong believer in getting involved with the associations that protect and strive to improve this great industry we all love. Brenda wants to share the knowledge and techniques that she has built up over 30 years of doing this trade. She gets a bigger high when someone can learn a faster, better way of doing something, then in return, able to make a better profit. She has made a great living doing taxidermy. As far as taxidermy accomplishments, She was the first person to win the “Challenge of the Art” when it was started at the NTA. She was also the first to win National Champion Recreation. She has won a Carl Akley award at the World Show. She has numerous State Champion awards, but none of these mean as much as they people she has had the pleasure of meeting over the years. We look forward to working with Brenda.
- **Lance Johnson – Birds** – Lance joins us from Hunter North Dakota and has been doing taxidermy for 14 years. Lance is an expert in finish work and enjoys creating movement, attitude, composition and flow in his taxidermy work. He is a WASCO award recipient, 2 times a National Champion Bird winner and has won 9 state championship awards. Lance is a great judge and we welcome him to Missouri this year.
- **Tim Gorenchan – Fish/Reptiles** – Tim also has been doing taxidermy for 14 years, when it comes to fish, Tim knows his stuff. He’s a major player in competitions, winning 3 Breakthroughs, 4 WASCO Awards, National Champion, North American Champion, 2017 & 2019 Best in World Coldwater Fish, 2019 NTA Champion and 8 state champion titles. Get those fish mounted up, you don’t want to miss an opportunity to learn from one of the best.
- **Garland Lessley – Amateur** – Garland has been a valued member of the MTA for a very long time. He has been extremely successful in the competition room, and has offered to share his knowledge with our Youth and Amateur competitors. Many of our state members received their first critiques from Garland and we are thrilled to have him back this year!
- All five 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



Brenda Duval-

“Let’s talk feet” This seminar will focus on how to achieve proper anatomy of everything from small mammals to large hooved beasts! Brenda will show multiple ways to achieve great great looking feet plus, how to make your own reference.

Length 2 hrs.

Lance Johnson –

Lance’s seminar will be an introduction to molding and casting. See the equipment needed for molding and casting as well as how it’s used. Learn about the different types of silicones and plastics. Also learn how to use them to produce quality molds and casts. Length 2 hrs.

Tim Gorenchan –

Tim’s seminar will be a hands-on eye setting seminar. Please contact Bruce Scheeter at 573-334-1548 to pre-register. Length 2 hrs.

Clint Rickey –

In Clint’s seminar he will be mounting a partial open mouth competition whitetail deer buck. We will be going over the mounting process with competition in mind. We will be thoroughly going over hair patterns, how to glue lips to open mouth parts and grooming. This is sure to be an amazingly fun seminar that you definitely do not want to miss. Top secret information will be shared. Length 2 hrs.

Scott Roscoe -

Scott will be mounting a commercial shoulder mount using completion techniques! This seminar will cover form prep, sculpting ears and eyes and replacing the nose with a cast nose. He will also cover your basic ins and outs of quality commercial whitetail taxidermy!

Length 2 hrs

Cindy Cunningham – Cindy will be doing a Hands On Bobcat eye setting seminar on THURSDAY NIGHT. She will provide you with her award winning techniques to create a lifelike representation of a mammal eye. Supplies will be provided however, each participant must bring their own eye tool. No preregistration is required but the supplies are limited. Please contact Cindy with any questions at (913) 422-3111 2 hrs

Garland Lessley– Kids Seminar

Garland will be hosting a hands-on seminar for the kids where they will each get a chance to be creative. Supplies 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, July 31st 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.

Don Frank Master of Masters- This award is chosen by ballot given to competing Masters, Master of Masters, show Judges, past MTA MOM best of category winners & MOM champions.

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 or reptiles/amph./other, 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, whitetails, 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 or reptiles/amph/other (skin mounts only), game head or whitetail, and sm. or lg. 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.

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 NWTFF.

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.

MTA Best Habitat Award – Selected by a Judge or MTA board member not entered in the competition.

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. **“Don Frank Master of Masters Division”** is reserved for the best of the best. Competitor must meet the following criteria to qualify: Have won 1st, 2nd or 3rd place medallion from WTC, North American or National Champion, Breakthrough B.O.S. winner, 2 State titles or an active Judge within past 2yrs. Judging will be by ballot. Those receiving ballots: those competing in masters division, judges, M.O.M. competitors, past MTA MOM BOC, or MOM champions. Judging is from 6ft away, no flashlights or touching allowed. **This division will only be held on even numbered years.** (Held on even numbered years,)
7. **“Masters Division”** is for the taxidermist who wants to compete at the highest and most technically correct level.
8. **“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.
9. **“Randy Pike Amateur Division”** shall mean a person who receives no money for their taxidermy work.
10. **“Youth Division”** shall mean any youth competitor ages 16 and under.
11. 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.
12. 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.***
13. Any competitor who makes their own taxidermy parts **must show proof of work** to receive credit for it. Example: carving, casting, molding etc.
14. The Competition Committee may, at its discretion, may move a mount up to the next division after consulting with the Competitor.
15. **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.
16. Major Awards are the decision of the Judges and Competition Committee based upon score and Division.
17. No member may be in the Judging area while judging is in progress other than the Judges, Competition Committee, and Special Guests.
18. (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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. **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.
22. **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.
23. **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.
24. **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.
25. 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!*
26. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: **Honorable mention 65-69, Third Place 70-79, Second Place 80-89, First Place 90 and above.**
27. **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 or Reptile --Warm or cold water fish, reptile, amphibian, other. 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.
28. **Best Out-of-State Award** goes to the highest scoring mount by an entrant from another state; it need not be a blue ribbon.
29. To be eligible for "**Best Overall Professional**" Award all (4) four pieces must be entered in the Professional Division: Birds, Fish or Reptile/Amph/Other, and Gameheads or 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.
30. If there is no **Blue Ribbon** in a category, there will be no **Best of Category** awarded.
31. 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.
32. All **glass cases and protective covers** must be removed prior to judging.
33. Entries will be released after the MTA Business Meeting or at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
34. 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.
35. The use of 3-D printers to replicate any mount, or any part of any mount is strictly prohibited.
36. The MTA will not be responsible for grooming, pictures, awards or removal of cases for any mount entered in the competition without the registered party attending. The registered taxidermist should make prior arrangements with a show attendee.
37. 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, 2020. 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!!!**

**TROPHY ROOM WOODSHOP
MATUSKA TAXIDERMY SUPPLY
CONSERVATION FEDERATION
FRANK BELLER WOODWORKS**

**RHONDA'S RUGGERY
PRO-1 PERFORMANCE CHEMICALS
THE DRIFTWOOD GUY**

LIFE-SIZE WHITETAIL CHALLENGE



The challenge is open to all competitors regardless of division; *however, the judges 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 a Life-size Whitetail. The winner is ultimately the **Judges’ 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.*



HABITATROCK

**Habitat Rock State Show Group Order opportunity for the
Missouri Taxidermists Association show,
July 29th – August 1st 2021.**

Here's the deal...

**All orders will receive a 12% quantity discount on any of our product
and free shipping to the show. So, even if you buy a single panel or
individual rock, you get the quantity discount because you are
ordering as part of this group.**

Deadline for orders is Friday July 16, 2021.

Orders must be pre-paid prior to shipping.

**You can find pictures and pricing of our product here:
www.habitatrock.com Questions? Call or email us at 406-543-5501 or
info@habitatrock.com.**

Our best wishes for a great convention and competition.

Disclaimer: This offer is intended to benefit members of state taxidermy associations only. If you would like to place orders for trophy rooms, museums or other large installations, please contact us regarding available discounts and shipping options.



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) \$ _____

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

Don Frank Master of Masters (\$40.00 per entry) (even numbered years) \$ _____

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 Faron at (417) 776-2546 or visit www.missouritaxidermist.org

Credit Card information number _____ expiration date _____

 Billing address zip code _____ Security Code _____



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.

Masters Division

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

Don Frank Master of Masters Division (Even numbered years)

Ultimate level of Competition. Competitor must meet specific qualifications to enter. See rules for details.

Categories Master of Masters Categories

Fish (skin mount)
 Reproductions
 Reptiles/Amphibians/Other
 Birds
 Turkeys
 Freeze Dry

Small Mammals
 Large Mammals
 Game heads
 Whitetails
 Whitetails-OM
 Whitetails – CM
 (open/closed mouth
 WT **masters only**)

Commercial Fish
 Combines Artists
 Mixed Group
 Art

Fish/Reptile (skin or replica)
 Game Head (all)
 Lifesize Mammal (all)
 Birds (all)

Mounts Entered

**To Qualify for these awards
 Indicate if you used:**
 Pro-1 (paste or tan)
 Polytranspar (any fish)
 Lifetone (any fish)
 Walnut Creek

Division	Category	Species	
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

→→→**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.