



# MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

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### Upcoming Events

**The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual MTA Competition & Convention  
July 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**At the Truman Hotel & Conference Center  
In Jefferson City Missouri**

**Register early to save and be entered to win a drawing for one free night stay at the hotel. Make your reservations now! Registration and reservation info are in the packet. We are fortunate enough to have some great vendors coming back this year. In this struggling economy it is getting increasingly difficult for these vendors to continue supporting our organization by bringing supplies and offering them at a discount. Please take advantage of this opportunity by purchasing from them. It is a great time to place an order and have them bring it to the show, also, do your best to buy supplies at the show. Ohio Taxidermy Supply is coming and they have some of the most accurate deer manikins on the market, as well as ear liners, hide paste, TruEyes, and other great products. Research is also bringing supplies, and timing is perfect; they are running their life-size manikin sale from now to the end of our show. What a perfect time to save a ton of money on freight and life-size manikins. I hope all of our members make it worthwhile for these vendors to attend.**

### NOTICE!!!

**Don't forget we will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to attend a taxidermy class given by a Missouri Master Taxidermist in the state of Missouri only. Applications must be received by the July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mail to: Debbie Cross**

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**On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, we had our annual Riverhills shoot. Around ten members attended, all who attended seemed to have a good time. We hope more members will take advantage of the fun next year.**

### **MTA Business Meeting Minutes**

**May 21, 2011**

**Cole gave a rundown on suppliers and vendors attending our show. He also gave a list of seminars for the show. They are as follows:**

#### **Kenneth Bauman-Molding and Casting**

This seminar is for those looking to do some molding and casting on a budget. Taxidermists by nature are penny pinchers and tightwads. Kenneth is no different. He will be going over his methods of molding and casting whitetail noses, jaw sets, fish fins, fish heads, rocks, antlers and just about anything else you can think of for taxidermy mounts and habitats. Kenneth has come up with some creative ways to save money without sacrificing quality. If time allows he will also do some casting to show the results he is getting with his methods. Anyone who has seen a Kenneth Bauman seminar knows this is a "can't miss"!!!

#### **Kent Reedy-Bird Wiring/Wing Wrapping**

Anybody can wire a bird and wrap bird wings, but as a bird judge Kent would rather we learn to do it right. Kent is going to show us why the way we currently wire our birds might just be the reason he finds anatomy issues when he judges them. He is going to demonstrate the 3 point system for wiring legs, and also go over wrapping and wiring wings as well. Kent also markets artificial bird heads, as well as a pheasant mounting video that should be ready for purchase at the seminar.

#### **Mitch Webb-Mounting a Wild Boar**

Mitch will be mounting a shoulder mount boar hog from start to finish. He will show some key things to look for in boar anatomy. Mitch gives an informative seminar, and will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have along the way.

#### **Randy Pike-Design & Composition**

Randy will go over the basics of design and composition. He will show things we can do to make our competition work, and perhaps more importantly our commercial work stands out from the rest.

#### **Dan "Psycho" Hudzik- Skinning and Tanning an Alligator & Mounting a Crocodile**

Dan will be demonstrating how to skin, flesh and tan an alligator so that it is clean and ready for mounting. He will also demonstrate in a second seminar his method of mounting a croc from start to finish using the fill method. While mounting the croc Dan will explain some of the finer points of gator/croc anatomy as well as explain how he would finish the gator/croc once it has dried. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to gain some knowledge in an area of taxidermy you may not be familiar with.

#### **Jimmy Lawrence-Painting a Reproduction Steelhead**

Jimmy will be joining us to demonstrate his proven methods of painting a spawning steelhead. Jimmy lives out in "Coldwater fish country" and is an expert at painting all species of Coldwater fish. If you do any fish work at all, the methods Jimmy uses would be beneficial to know and can be used on any type of fish, including skin mounts. Jimmy will be painting a Lake Country replica and donating it to the live auction to raise money for the MTA.

**At our last show someone ask if we could purchase name tags for our members. A motion was made and passed to not purchase as they are very expensive. You may purchase your own if you choose. Jim Cook and Gary Sharp are saving lots of money on shipping by purchasing several forms at one time and having a big truck deliver them. If you are interested in saving some money too, get with one of these guys for more information. Other topics of discussion to be voted on at our next meeting will be as follows: Doug has continued to receive hotel bids for 2012. He has bids from Truman Hotel & Conference Center, Capital Plaza, Resort Port Arrowhead, Grand Glaze, and Country Club Hotel & Spa. A motion was made to pay for dinner or registration, etc., for non-judges who have seminars at the show. If this motion is passed it will be made retroactive for this show. Meeting adjourned.**