

36th Annual Missouri Taxidermist
Competition and Convention
August 5th, 6th, and 7th 2016

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**TAXIDERMIST
ASSOCIATION**

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

2016 COMPETITION AND CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 4th

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm - Setup Competition and Vendor area.

Friday, August 5th

9:00 am – noon - Vendors set up in designated area.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Registration and check-in. Entries may be groomed and placed in competition area only until **1pm**, after 1pm all mounts will be placed by the MTA board.

1:00 pm - Judging Begins; competition area closes. **No entries accepted after 5:00 pm.**
Competitors will not be allowed in competition area until judging is complete.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - **Cindy Cunningham** – Small mammal finish work, epoxy and painting

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Vendors Open** (Please support each of our vendors!)

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Brandon Mitchell** - Building habitats using Habitat Rock Panels by Custom Birdworks

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm - **Garland Lessley** - Kids Seminar – Hands on fish painting.

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Family BBQ & live auction FREE OF CHARGE. (Donations Accepted)

Saturday, August 1st 2015

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Late Registration - ***NO entries accepted.*** There is a one-day registration; \$50 registration fee is due.

9:00 am - 11:00 am - **Cory Foth** – Painting a reproduction largemouth bass

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - **Vendors Open**

11:15 am – 11:45 am - **Competitors' Voting** for favorite mounts in competition area.

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **Mark Gonnering and Brian Olson** – Hands on setting deer eyes and tucking eyelids.

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Vendors Open**

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 IMMEDIATELY after the banquet.**

Sunday, August 2nd 2015

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 - **Mike Orthober** – The study of movement. How does a bird fly?

11:15 am - 1:00 pm - **MTA BUSINESS MEETING**

- Competition area closes. Mounts may be removed at the conclusion of business meeting but not before. **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.



THE LODGE
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The Lodge of Four Seasons
315 Four Seasons Drive
Lake Ozark, MO, 65049
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NEW VENUE!!!

This year's convention will be at a different venue than year's past. We have decided to move our convention to The Lodge of Four Seasons. This resort offers much more than the Country Club did, and new renovations make this venue a wonderful place for us to meet this summer. The Lodge offers four swimming pools, three golf courses, a marina, a world class spa, trap shooting, bike rentals, disk golf, tennis, basketball, sand volleyball, boat and wave runner rental, paddle board rental, guided fishing tours, water sports i.e. parasailing, daily movies in their theater, daily poolside activities, (weather permitting), and Kids Camp.

A block of rooms has been set aside for the Missouri Taxidermist Association. These rooms are open to us for reservation until **July 12th, 2016**. The Lodge is offering MTA convention attendees the low rate of **\$89.00 + tax**. You must tell them you are with the MTA in order for the MTA to pay your resort fee for you. This fee includes all of the resort amenities including free wifi throughout the resort.

The Competition Early Registration rate is \$75.00 when postmarked on or before July 15th, 2016. 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. **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.

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.

2016 MTA 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 2016 MTA Competition & Convention are:

- **Mark Gonnering - Whitetails** - Many of you are likely already familiar with the name, but this will be the first time Mark Gonnering has judged the whitetails at the MO show. Mark is no stranger to success in the world of whitetail taxidermy. Some of Mark's success in the competition room include 4 Breakthrough awards, National Champion, North American Champion, and won 3rd in World with an open mouth whitetail. Mark has judged many states, including Illinois, Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, and of course MO last year.
- **Brian Olson - Gameheads/Mammals** - Brian has been a taxidermist for 33 years. Brian enjoys working on mammals, gameheads, whitetails, and base work/habitats in his shop in WI. He is considered an expert among his peers at all mammals and gameheads, as well as birds. He has won countless ribbons & awards at the state, national & world levels over the years. In 1999 Brian won a Best in World title at the World Taxidermy Championships held in Springfield IL. Brian is still an active competitor, more recently winning National Champion in 2014. Add to that 3 more best of shows and 5 WASCO awards, Brian has proven to be a worthy competitor. He has judged several shows in the past (IA, IL, WI, and CAN), and his critiques are clear and precise. We are excited to welcome Brian to MO and look forward to having him in our lineup of judges.
- **Mike Orthober - Birds/Fish** – Mike Orthober is one of the most well known taxidermists in the world, and of course one of the most talented. For over 36 years Mike has been producing some of the highest quality taxidermy work in all areas, but his favorite projects are small song birds for museums. His experience in the competition room is quite impressive. Multiple State Championships, Best of Show in IA and WI, National Champion, North American Champion, Nationals Best of Show, Taxidermist of the Year, several WASCO awards, Two Time Master of Masters winner, a Second in World title, and two Best in World medallions. His judging experience is equally impressive having judged several state shows, Nationals, the World Taxidermy Championships, European Show, Russian Show, and the New Zealand show. It is an honor to have him back in MO sharing his knowledge with us.
- **Garland Lessley – Randy Pike Amateur Division** – A long time member of the MTA, Garland has been a full time taxidermist since his retirement from the Air Force in 1992. He is well rounded in his ability to portray all types of animals in natural poses and habitats. He has won multiple state championships, several "best of categories", National Champion at the 2011 NTA show, Best International Reproduction at the 2006 IGT, Best of Category and Western Regional Champion in 2002, and a second place ribbon at the 2013 World Taxidermy Championships. Garland's specialty awards include several Polytranspar and Starfish awards, Noonkester Boar award, McKenzie Fish award, RMEF award, MO Trappers Association award, 2 people's choice awards, Art Rocks awards, Best of Category awards for mixed group, Habitat award, and an Old Timer Award. Garland is a perfect fit to judge our Randy Pike Amateur Division.

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!**



EXCITING SEMINARS



Mike Orthober – Flying Birds

One of the most talented all-around taxidermists on earth. Mike Orthober will use visual aids to explain flight of birds. Mike will go into depth on how a bird moves, how it's wings work, and how we can incorporate this information into our flying bird mounts. Length 2 hrs

Mark Gonnering and Brian Olson – Setting and Mounting a Whitetail Eye (Hands On)

Mark and Brian are both extremely knowledgeable when it comes to whitetail taxidermy. In this hands on seminar both will be going over a couple methods for setting a deer eye. They will have 2 or 3 deer on stands with a prepped, tanned skin available, and attendees will be invited to set an eye, do the clay work, and tuck the eyelids. Length 3 hrs.

Cindy Cunningham – Small Mammal Finish Work

Owner and Instructor at Second Creation Taxidermy School, Cindy is one of our most talented members when it comes to small mammal taxidermy. Her finish work is second to none, and she has agreed to share her methods of finishing small mammals in her shop. Cindy will be doing the epoxy work on a mounted mammal, and then showing her method of painting one using multiple mediums. Length 2 hrs.

Brandon Mitchell – Realistic Habitats Using Habitat Rock Panels

Brandon Mitchell owns Advanced Taxidermy, Inc in Van Buren, AR with his wife Angie. Brandon is going to demonstrate his method of building a high quality habitat using Habitat Rock Panels from Custom Birdworks. He plans to cover everything from start to finish, and HQ Supply is donating a manikin and rock to the MTA to auction off. Length 2 hrs.

Corey Foth – Painting a Reproduction Largemouth Bass

Cory is an accomplished taxidermist and fish judge from our neighbor to the west, Kansas. He will be painting a largemouth bass replica using several mediums and methods. Though he is painting a reproduction, most of his techniques work equally as well on a skin mount. Length 2 hours.

Garland Lessley – Kids Seminar – Fish Painting

Garland will be hosting this awesome fish painting seminar/competition. A fish replica and paints will be provided, and the finished artwork will be voted on. Winners will be announced at the awards banquet Saturday night. Length 1 hr.

AWARDS BANQUET

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 6th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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 given to the highest scoring mount in the entire competition and will also receive the Breakthrough Award. (*Judge's decision final*)

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 the State of Missouri.

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.

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.

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.

SPONSORED AWARDS:

Breakthrough Award – is selected by the judges. It is given to the mount which has excellent quality and strong artistic impact. Will have received the Best of Show.

Hazel Creek Inc. State Champion Awards- an award is given to the highest scoring entry in each of these six (6) categories: Fish (skin mount or replica), Whitetail (shoulder mount), Reptile (skin mount or replica), Bird (bird or turkey category), Life-size Mammal (small and large), & 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.

NTA "The Old Man of Mikeno" Award- is to be chosen by the judges for their favorite mount in the masters division.

Matuska Competitor's Award- one will be given in the Professional Div. and one will be given in the Master Div. Each will be accompanied by a \$50 gift certificate. The competitor must enter (4) four pieces in one of the two divisions. The combined highest scoring mounts will win in each division.

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.

Starfish Award – is given to the highest scoring reproduction mount in the competition.

WASCO 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.

ART.ROCKS Habitat Award – is given to the highest scoring mount using ART.ROCKS in their display.

Walnut Creek Hardwoods Awards – a winner is chosen & an award presented in all 3 divisions by the judges for their favorite entries mounted on one of the products offered by Walnut Creek.

Missouri Trapper's Association – a winner is chosen & an award is presented in all 3 divisions by a representative of the Trapper's Assoc.

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.

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. "**Amateur Division**" shall mean a person who receives no money for their taxidermy work.
9. 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.
10. 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.***
11. The Competition Committee may, at its discretion, may move a mount up to the next division after consulting with the Competitor.
12. **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.
13. Major Awards are the decision of the Judges and Competition Committee based upon score and Division.
14. No member may be in the Judging area while judging is in progress other than the Judges, Competition Committee, and Special Guests.
15. (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.
16. 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.
17. Entries executed by more than one Taxidermist must be entered in the **Combined Artists Category**. Multiple ribbons; not eligible for major awards.
18. **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 of reproductive parts must be done by the competitor.

19. **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.
20. **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.
21. **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.
22. 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!*
23. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: **Honorable mention 65-69, Third Place 70-79, Second Place 80-89, First Place 90 and above.**
24. **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.
25. **Best Out-of-State Award** goes to the highest scoring mount by an entrant from another state; it need not be a blue ribbon.
26. 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.*
27. If there is no **Blue Ribbon** in a category, there will be no **Best of Category** awarded.
28. 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.
29. All **glass cases and protective covers** must be removed prior to judging.
30. Entries will be released after the MTA Business Meeting or at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
31. 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.*
32. The use of 3-D printers to replicate any mount, or any part of any mount is strictly prohibited.
33. 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.

THE COYOTE 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 **coyote**. 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.*



There will be a BBQ held at the Horseshoe Bend Community Center on Friday night at 6pm. Directions to the center, which is just off of the resort property, will be posted at the show. This is **FREE** to all registered attendees. There will also be a live auction after the meal so bring your wallets! Most of what you are used to see being sold at our Saturday night auction will be sold Friday instead, so don’t miss out on any possible deals.



Commemorative T-Shirts are available for purchase again this year. If you are interested in purchasing please use the form below and include it with your show registration. T-Shirt orders must be in by July 1st. Accepting pre-orders only. There will be no additional shirts available for sale at the show.

S, M, L, XL \$15.00 each
XXL, XXXL, \$18.00 each

QTY	SIZE	Black or Gray	AMOUNT
			\$
			\$
			\$
TOTAL			



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.

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. Also, anyone who has met the requirements at past shows and must now 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. Also, anyone who has met the requirements at past shows and must now compete at this level.

Categories

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

Small Mammals
Large Mammals
Game heads
Whitetails
Freeze Dry

Commercial Fish
Combined Artists
Mixed Group
Art

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) Art Rocks Walnut Creek Second to Nature manikin
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→→**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.



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) _____ \$ _____

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

Best All Around (MTA Members Only \$5) _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet (Adults – 13 and over \$25; Children 5-12 \$12.50; 4 and under FREE
You MUST purchase banquet tickets on this form. No Refunds

Banquet number of adults _____ x \$25 Number of children ages 5-12 _____ x \$12.50 _____ \$ _____

TOTAL (Make checks payable to the MTA) _____ \$ _____

***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