



The North Carolina Taxidermists Association Newsletter

Fall 2022

Letter from the President

Happy Fall Y'all!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 40th Annual NCTA Summer Show and congratulations to all of our winners! This was the second largest show we've had regarding the number of entry pieces and membership/show registration. None of this is possible without you! I'd like to personally thank our judges and seminar instructors for taking the time to share their knowledge and experiences with our membership as well as my fellow Board of Directors for putting in the long hours and manpower in putting on a great show.

Our final numbers for this year are:

- 94 paid memberships*
- 91 paid show registrations*
- 136 competition entries*
- \$2,132 in profits!*

This will be my final letter as your NCTA president and what an honor it has been to serve our association these last three years (thank you Covid-19)! It is a role that humbled me deeply and granted me the opportunity to work with amazing people ranging from our remarkable Board of Directors, the suppliers and contractors, our judges from near and far, to the new guy wanting to start up in taxidermy and needing direction on how to do so.

Please welcome our new NCTA president, secretary, and oncoming board members and support them as they step in to begin the planning process of the upcoming 2023 Summer Show. Here's to making it bigger and better than ever!

I'd like to end this letter with a final farewell and wish everyone a successful hunting season, profitable business opportunities, and blessed upcoming holiday season.

*God Bless,
Sabra Cahoon
NCTA President*

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Your Oncoming Officers and Board Members for 2023 are...

President- Paul Willis

Secretary- Doug Shores

Mountain Seat- Ed Launer

Piedmont Seat- Ryan Garrison

Coastal Seat- Sabra Cahoon

Thank you for stepping forward to serve the NCTA!

Are you a NC Certified Taxidermist?

Did you know there is a North Carolina Taxidermists Association (N.C.T.A) Certification Program? Here's how to become a NC Certified Taxidermist....

- Must be a NCTA Member in good standing & meet one of the three following qualifications in Professional Division
 - One 1st Place Blue Ribbon & Best of Category
 - One 1st Place Blue Ribbon Plus 5 other points
 - Two 2nd Place Red Ribbons Plus 5 other points

Points System:

1st Place = 4 points
2nd Place = 3 points
3rd Place = 2 points

NC Certified Taxidermist Dues are due for 2023

Dues are \$25

Please make checks payable to:

NC Certified Taxidermist

Mail to:

***D. Price
5228 New Oak St.
Youngsville, NC 27596***

The website will be updated ONCE a year on September 1st; this way it will be updated and current for the upcoming hunting seasons.

You must be in good standing with the association (current dues paid) and have your certified dues paid before then if you would like to have your info included on the CERTIFIED page for the year running September 1 - August 30.

THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES!
2022 COMPETITION MASTER AND
PROFESSIONAL JUDGES

Whitetail Deer:

Ronnie Gaillard of SC

Life size and Game Head:

Justin Hinson of NC

Skin Mount and Replica Fish and Reptiles:

Brian Claar of MA

Birds:

Harold McGuire of VA

Original Art and Habitat:

Page Nethercutt of NC

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2022 COMPETITION AMATEUR AND
YOUTH JUDGES

Whitetail Deer:

Brandon Brown

Life size and Game Head:

Paul Miller

Skin Mount and Replica Fish and Reptiles:

David Beamon

Birds:

James Burley

Original Art and Habitat:

Page Nethercutt

JUDGES CHOICE BEST OF SHOW

Breakthrough Award- Brandon Brown
Wasco Award- Thomas Jeffers
Artisan Award- Manuel Reiner
Van Dyke's Award- Manuel Reiner
Professional Division- Manuel Reiner
Amateur Best of Show- Johanna Dobet

MCKENZIE TAXIDERMIST'S CHOICE

Best Whitetail- Paul Miller
Best Fish- Paul Miller
Best Bird- Ryan Garrison
Best Lifesize- Philip Blackman

PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST OF SHOW

Masters Division- Paul Miller
Professional Division- Curt Kindley
Amateur Division- Lewis Jones

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Best Reptile- Aaron Cruse
Best Gamehead- Paul Miller

MASTERS DIVISION STATE CHAMPIONS

Whitetail- Brandon Brown
Gamehead- N/A
Fish: Skin-Mount- N/A
Fish: Reproduction- Ed Launer
Lifesize- Brandon Brown
Bird: Waterfowl- Ryan Garrison
Bird: Non-Waterfowl- N/A
Reptile- N/A
Original Art & Other- Darlene Tarlton

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION BEST OF CATEGORY

Whitetail- Dalton Jeffers
Gamehead- Manuel Reiner
Fish: Reproduction- Manuel Reiner
Fish: Skin- N/A
Lifesize- Nicole Mervin
Bird: Waterfowl- Jared Mallard
Bird: Non-waterfowl- Thomas Jeffers
Reptile- N/A
Original Art & Other- Manuel Reiner

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

Chris Barnhardt Award- Manuel Reiner
McKenzie Distinguished Award- Andy Speer
President's Service Award- Jake Rouse
Pro 1 Award- Brandon Brown
Collective Artist 1st Place- Rowdy Tarlton and Darlene Tarlton
Challenge of the Art 1st Place- Craig Wyrick
Polytranspar Award- Manuel Reiner
Taxidermy Today Woody Award- Ryan Garrison
President's Challenge Award: Wood Duck- Ryan Garrison
NCTA Habitat Award- Manuel Reiner
Mounted in Alaska Award- Ryan Garrison
Most Creative Amateur Award- Adam Gibbons
Best Up and Coming Amateur Award- Jeszi Padgett
Children's Challenge 1st Place- Rowdy Tarlton
Horizon Up & Coming Award- Jasper Carpenter

HEAD QUARTERS MOUNT-OFF COMPETITION WINNERS

1ST Place- Curt Kindley

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Doug Shores & Hilton Epply

North Carolina Taxidermists 41st Annual Convention and Competition

July 27-29, 2023

6205 Ramada Drive
Clemmons, NC 27012
336-766-9121

<http://www.thevilageinn.com/>

This is going to be a great show that you won't want to miss!!
Hotel rooms book up fast and the NCTA special rate is set until June 28th so be sure to call
and make your reservations now!
NCTA special rate is **\$86.00 (plus tax)/night** for your room.

President's Challenge 2023

The 2023 NCTA President's Challenge is the Raccoon! Both lifesize and shoulder mounts are permissible, so the opportunities are endless. To my fin and feather dominant competitors try your hands at playing with some fur. YOUR mount may be the winner!

Competition Divisions

Competition Entry Fee: \$25 per entry

Collective Artist Division: \$50 per entry

- **Commercial Division**
The mounts will be judged from a distance and the judge will be looking for a good, sound commercial work. There will be multiple first, second, and third place ribbons. Entry fee is the same as the other divisions. You may enter a mount in any category but after you receive two 1st place ribbons in an individual category you have to move on to the Professional Division. You will NOT receive a score sheet.
- **Youth Division**
No entry fee with registered adult. This includes any youth 12 years old or younger.
- **Amateur Division**
This division is for someone just starting to compete. You are competing against a score sheet, not against other competitors.
90-100= 1st Place 80-89= 2nd Place 70-79= 3rd Place
- **Professional Division**
This division is for someone who has experience but still wants to learn. You are competing against a score sheet, not against other competitors.
90-100= 1st Place 80-89= 2nd Place 70-79= 3rd Place
- **Masters Division**
You can enter the Masters Division of your own choosing, but if you have an Award of Excellence in any category or have taken a mount to a higher competition (NTA or World) and have won 1st Place, you have to enter Masters Division. If you have two mounts in the same category you must enter them into the same division (for example: two shoulder mount whitetail deer – you cannot enter one into Professional and one into Masters, you have to enter both into one or the other). State Champions will come from this division in each category if there is a mount score 90 or above. Masters division will be divided into all categories same as Professional and Amateur.
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- **Collective Artist Division**
This division has been setup for those taxidermists who want to combine their skills on a certain mount. All taxidermists, Amateur through Masters may compete on a certain piece or pieces. Pieces will be judged for artistic composition by the judges. Scores will be combined by the number of animals and then divided by that number to determine final score. Three ribbon elimination, no multiple ribbons. Scores do not count for points toward your Award of Excellence.

NEW FORMS

BBLs-2578L

by Aaron Connelly, Black Bear
Walking Uphill, Left Turn
(6³/₈"x17¹/₂"x34¹/₂"x54"x66¹/₂"x77¹/₂")

BBLs-2469L

by Aaron Connelly, Black Bear
Walking Uphill, Left Turn
(6"x14³/₄"x28¹/₂"x54"x64"x 69")
*Same pose as BBLs-2578L

BBLs-2578L
Pictured



MDFS-7018R

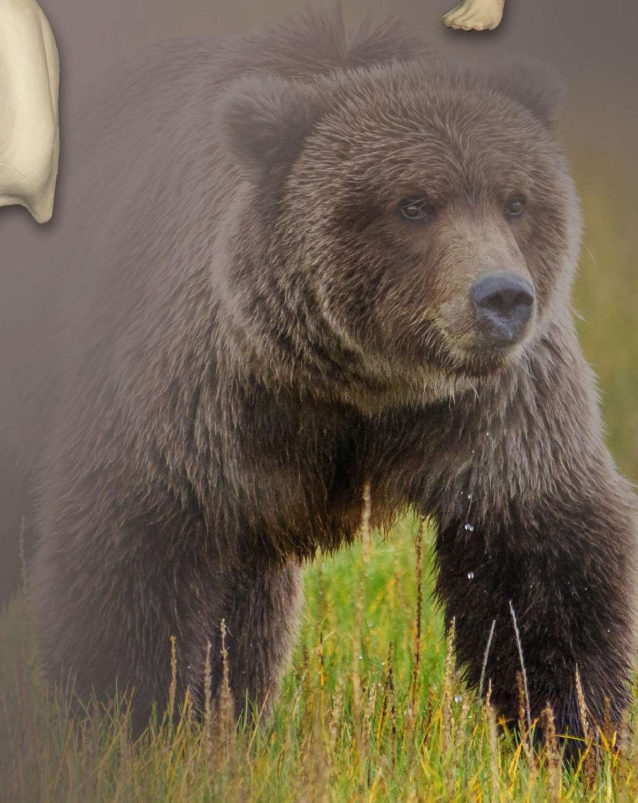
by Aaron Connelly, Mule Deer
Full Sneak, Shoulder Form,
Right Turn (Left turn also available)
(7"x18"x19¹/₂")



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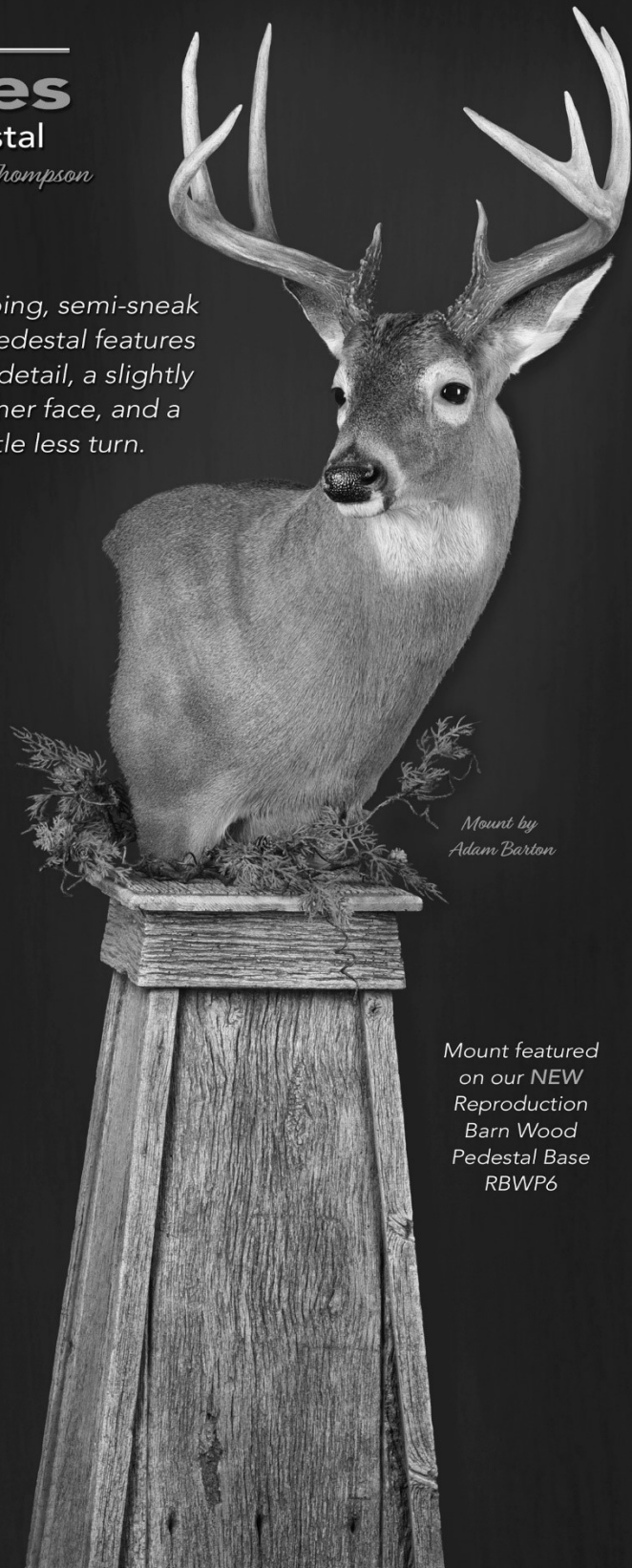


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2022 Membership List

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Arnold Anderson	Rocky Dix	Jared Mallard	Steven Spell
Jessica Bailey	Johanna Dobeck	Mark Malloy	Wayne Stanley
Thomas Baker	Dan Draper	Jess Meeks	Crystal Stitzer
Lucas Baxley	Randy Dunkley	Nicole Mervin	Mike Tanner
Mitchell Baysinger	Hilton Eppley	Paul Miller	Darlene and Rowdy Tarlton
David Beamon	Ryan Garrison	Roger Miller	Lindsey Triplett
Martin Bess	Adam Gibbons	Nathan and Hillary Mixson	Steve Tugwell
Joan Bjork	Hanspeter Giger	Richard Moore	Danny Waters
Philip Blackman	Brianna Gladden	Emma Mueller	Robert Wexle
Ambra and Kaleb Branum	Karen Harrell	John Mulder	Michael White
Brandon Brown	Taylor Harrison	Donna Naughton	Paul Willis
Ridge Burleson	Kale Hartman	Page and Bonnie Nethercutt	Paul Wilson
James Burley	Aaron Hill	Jeszi Padgett	Craig Wyrick
Sabra and BJ Cahoon	Justin Hinson	Brian Piro	
Alan and Jasper Carpenter	Sawyer Hunnicutt	D. Price	
Howard Carter	Jessica Ingram	Wyatt Propps	
James Carver	Dalton Jeffers	Jody Reavis	
Paul Cheek	Thomas Jeffers	Manuel Reiner	
Cody Childers	Terry Johnson	Wesley Rigdon	
Daniel Cox	Lewis Jones	Jake and April Rouse	
John Cranford	David Jordan	Richard Schultz	
Tod Creech	Curt Kindley	Kellie Sharp	
Triston Crowley	Martin Kramer	Nicolas Shelton	
Aaron Cruse	Ed Launer	Doug Shores	
	Mark Leonard		



North Carolina Taxidermists Association

Application For 2023 Membership

The NCTA is a non-profit educational organization in the State of North Carolina to further contacts and better understanding among taxidermists and related industries, unite into one organization all interested taxidermists and taxidermy suppliers, disseminates information, aid the profession as a whole by lobbying for fair legislation on the State and Federal levels.

To join the NCTA please fill out the following membership application and return the form along with your check made payable to the *North Carolina Taxidermists Association* and mail to: **Hanspeter Giger, 107 Amrita Ct., Charlotte, NC 28211**

North Carolina Taxidermists Association Membership: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL: _____

\$55 Single Membership \$75 Family Membership

Please Check Appropriate Box that applies to your section of the state

COASTAL (area East of interstate 95)

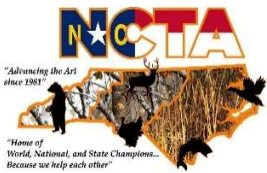
PIEDMONT (Area East of Hwy 52 to Interstate 95)

Mountain (Area West of Hwy 52/Mt. Airy to Winston-Salem to Lexington to Salisbury to Albermarle to Wadesboro)



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