



# TAXI TIMES

## NCTA Newsletter

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## Letter from the President

Hello NCTA!

*I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather! It is time to get started on those competition pieces for our 41st Annual NCTA summer show! Don't forget this year's President's challenge is the Raccoon.*

*Dates for the show are July 27, 28 & 29 at the Village Inn Convention Center at 6205 Ramada Drive, Clemmons NC 27102. It is time to book your room reservations if you haven't done so already. Pre-Registration is open, and I encourage everyone to do so if you are able. Pre-registering helps our board members run everything more smoothly at the show! If you are planning on attending our banquet dinner, I strongly encourage everyone to please pre-purchase your banquet tickets online at our website [www.nctaxidermist.org](http://www.nctaxidermist.org) because the hotel now requires us to give them an accurate number of tickets to be purchased and will not allow us any extra at the show! You can also pre-register by using the form on the back of this newsletter.*

*It is time for some spring cleaning! Bring all those items you would like to donate for our live auction on Friday night, and for every 2 items you donate you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win \$100. Also, if you have something you would like to donate to our silent auction, please contact our Vice-President David Beamon (252)775-0663 or email [dshandyman2018@gmail.com](mailto:dshandyman2018@gmail.com).*

*NCTA GUN RAFFLE! It is time to raise some money for our great association! We will be raffling off a RUGER EC9S 9mm pistol at the show. 10 tickets for \$10 or 25 tickets for \$20.*

*Please remember we still need nominations for board positions! If you would like to become a board member and help our association, we would love to have you join us to lead the NCTA! Please reach out to Paul Willis (336)410-1588 or Doug Shores at [dougshores@crescentford.com](mailto:dougshores@crescentford.com). Nominations are due May 31st. I would like to thank all our board members for all the hard work and effort, and countless hours that goes into making our shows possible so we may all come together and have another great show again this year! Thank you all!!!*

*Don't forget to reach out and invite someone new to the show this year and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!*

God Bless,

Paul Willis

NCTA President

## Upcoming Events

**June 9-11, 2023**

West Virginia Taxidermist's  
Association  
Flatwoods, WV

**June 15-17, 2023**

South Carolina  
Taxidermist's Association  
Columbia, SC  
<http://www.southcarolinataxidermy.com/>

**July 20-22, 2023**

National Taxidermists  
Association  
Champion, Pennsylvania  
<http://nationaltaxidermists.com/>

## 2023 NCTA Officers

**President** Paul Willis  
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## 2023 Board Members

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***Nominations are needed for 2024***

***Vice President & Board Members!!!***

*Nominations are due by May 31!*

*Please email nominations to [dougshores@crescentford.com](mailto:dougshores@crescentford.com)*

## **Award of Excellence...**

Have you earned your Award of Excellence? If so, make sure you let Paul Willis know by June 30<sup>th</sup> in order to receive your award at the show!

If you have accumulated your 21 points and earned a best in category in the professional division in N.C. you are eligible to receive your award of Excellence. You must reach out to Ryan Garrison by June 1<sup>st</sup> to receive your award at the show.

Scoring:

1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon = 3 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place = 2 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1 point

## **2023 Memberships are Due NOW** **PLEASE get those in ASAP!**

Please fill out membership form (page 6 of this newsletter) & mail it and your payment to....

**HP Giger- 107 Amrita Court Charlotte, NC 28211**

**You can also pay your  
memberships ONLINE!!**

**Go To...**

**[www.northcarolinataxidermistassoc.com](http://www.northcarolinataxidermistassoc.com)**

**Click Join NCTA Online**

## **NCTA OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

We as the NCTA Board have been working diligently since the end of the last show to prepare the best opportunity to all of the members of the NCTA, to learn and grow to be better taxidermist and to propel NC back to the top of the list on the best of the best. There are many decisions that have to be made that are tough decisions and are not made lightly. Our President has picked an award winning pack of Judges to give us the best critiques and information ever. Now our jobs as taxidermist is to take that information and make ourselves better. Next during all of the board meetings we have had tough conversations. We were not going to have a banquet this year and have heavy hors d'oeuvres. After much discussion and going over the contract that we were in with Village Inn, if we did not have the banquet we would be in breach of contract and on doing so we would not be able to ever come back to the Village Inn or any Wyndam hotel without paying inflated prices for the breach of contract. With that being said there is going to be a banquet at Village Inn in 2023. We as a board are working on a lot of good things for the NCTA and I will continue to update through the Newsletter. I will also be sending out mini news letters with different things going on as we continue to prepare for the upcoming show. If you have any questions or concerns or comments please contact Doug Shores @ [dougshores@crestford.com](mailto:dougshores@crestford.com) or Paul Willis President of NCTA

### **2023 NCTA Competition Judges**

- White Tail Deer- **Hilton Epply, Jr.** (World Champion)
- Life Size & Game Head- **Daniel Meng** (World Champion)
- Fish & Reptiles- **Kenneth Bauman** (World Champion)
- Birds- **Kent Reedy** (World Champion)
- Habitat & Original Arts- **Bob Hutchinson** (World Champion)

#### **Amateur & Youth Judges**

- White Tail Deer- **Dean Matthews**
- Life Size & Game Head- **Brandon Brown**
- Fish & Reptiles- **John Cranford**
- Birds- **Nicholas Shelton**
- Habitat & Original Arts- **Bob Hutchinson**

## *Are you a NC Certified Taxidermist?*

Did you know there is a North Carolina Taxidermist 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 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon & Best of Category
  - One 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Ribbon Plus 5 other points
  - Two 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Ribbons Plus 5 other points

Points System:

1<sup>st</sup> Place = 4 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 3 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 2 points

If you have Questions about the NCTA Certification Program, Please Contact D Price

***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 Oaks St. Youngsville, NC 27596***

*Only NCTA members who have met All qualifications can display the  
NCTA Certified Taxidermist Logo on their website.*

### ***Distinguished Service Award Nomination!***

*Every year we award the McKenzie Distinguished Service Award to any member in good standing with the state, who has showed professionalism in their business, advanced the art of taxidermy, depict taxidermy and hunting in a positive image, share knowledge of taxidermy techniques, improve the quality of their taxidermy work , promote the goals of the state association. Chosen by the board and members of the association.*

*Please Email [dougshores@crescentford.com](mailto:dougshores@crescentford.com) or contact Paul*

# 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 Line 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 Albemarle to Wadesboro)

***Pre-Registration* for the  
North Carolina Taxidermist's Association  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition**

July 27, 28, and 29<sup>th</sup> in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn & Event Center

To Pre-Register for the **NCTA 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition** please fill out the following pre-registration form along with your check made payable to the **North Carolina Taxidermist's Association** and mail to:  
Hanspeter Giger, 107 Amrita Ct., Charlotte, NC 28211

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Register** (Before Show) \$40

**Friday Kids Movie & Pizza Night** (Sponsored by the NCTA) \_\_\_\_\_ # Children

**Friday Children's Seminar** July 28<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ # Children

**Saturday Night Banquet Tickets** July 29<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults/Children \$40 per ticket

North Carolina Taxidermist Association  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention & Competition Schedule

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am- 1:00pm Set up Competition and Supply and Registration Areas  
1:00pm- 3:00pm Board Meeting  
3:00pm- 6:00pm Registration Open- Competition Entries Received- Supply Room Open  
5:30pm- 7:30pm Seminar #1 Bob Hutchinson: Creating Realistic Habitats with Scenes of Nature  
5:30pm- 7:30pm John Cranford: Mounting a Skin Mount Largemouth Bass  
7:45pm- Until HQ Taxidermy Supply Meet & Greet in Supply Room (Pizza and Wings)  
8:30pm- 11:30pm Speed Mount Competition  
8:30pm- Until Cornhole Tournament

**Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am- 11:00am Registration Open- Competition Entries Received  
8:00am- 12:00pm Seminar #3 Daniel Meng: Mounting a Shoulder Mound Brown Bear  
8:00am- 12:00pm Seminar #4 David Beamon: Mounting a Skin Mount Rattlesnake  
9:00am- 11:00am Supply Room Open  
11:00am- 11:30am Speed Mount Competition Adjustments  
11:30am- 2:30pm Tanglewood Cookout Sponsored by McKenzie Taxidermy Supply- Eat at noon  
3:00pm- 5:00pm Seminar #5 Hilton Epply: Whitetail Deer Nose Replacement, Eye Setting, & Ear Anatomy  
3:00pm- 5:00pm Seminar #6 James Burley: Mounting a Skin Mount Flying Duck  
3:00pm- 5:00pm Children's Seminar Ages 1-6  
3:00pm- 5:00pm Children's Seminar Ages 7 & up  
4:00pm- 6:00pm Registration Open- Competition Entries Received- Supply Room  
(No Mounts Received After 6:00pm Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>)  
6:30pm- 7:30pm Competition Room Viewing & Peoples Choice Voting  
8:00pm- 10:00pm Kids Pizza/ Movie Night (Bring a Sleeping Bag/ Blanket & Pillow to Watch Movie)  
8:00pm- Until Auction & Door Prizes

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am- 10:00am Seminar #7 Kenneth Bauman: Slideshow Presentation of a Reproduction  
Largemouth Bass A-Z  
8:00am- 10:00am Seminar #8 Kent Reedy: Slideshow Presentation- Waterfowl Anatomy &  
Competition Techniques  
8:00am- 10:00am Supply Room Open  
10:00am- 12:00pm General Membership Meeting, **Please Attend**- Vote for Officers & Board  
Members  
12:00pm- 3:30pm Competition Room Open- Ribbons in Place- Critiques with Judges  
3:30pm- 6:00pm Banquet- Awards Presentation- Silent Auction  
\*\*If you have not purchased a meal ticket, you will not be allowed in the banquet room until the  
Awards Ceremony begins.\*\*  
6:00pm- 7:00pm Pick Up Mounts (NO mounts removed until after Awards Presentation and Silent  
Auction)  
Breakdown Competition Room (**Help Needed**)



# Confirmed Vendors for 2023 NCTA Convention

McKenzies Taxidermy Supply  
HeadQuarters Taxidermy  
Suppy  
Hilton Epplys Forms  
Scenes By Nature, Bob Hutchins  
Peace Maker Woodworking  
Empire Tannery  
Rocket Fuel Camp Stoves  
Dream Wood Designs  
Calloway's Woodworks

*We need items for our annual auction. if you know anyone (person or business) willing to make a donation for our auction, please contact Ryan Garrison at (910)-723-9029 or [ryangarrison1@yahoo.com](mailto:ryangarrison1@yahoo.com).*

*...Thanks!!*

*\*Does not have to be taxidermy related\**

### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!!!!

Thursday evening after the meet and greet.

This year we will be doing individual sign ups and teams will be drawn.

\$10 per person to enter.

Double elimination.

Win a gun!!

We will be having a gun raffle for a RUGER EC9S 9mm.

One ticket for \$1

Ten tickets for \$10

Twenty-five tickets for \$20

Drawing will be at the Banquet.

For every **TWO** items you bring to donate to the silent auction you will receive one raffle ticket to win \$100.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.nctaxidermist.net](http://www.nctaxidermist.net)

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