



TAXI TIMES

NCTA Newsletter

Summer 2023

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Letter from the President

Hello NCTA!

It is getting very close to time for having our summer show once again! Our 2023 summer show will be held at Village Inn ,6205 Ramada Dr, Clemmons NC 27012, July 27,28 & 29th. If you have not booked your hotel room yet, don't forget to do so and Pre-registration is highly encouraged! There is going to be a lot of great seminars for everyone and a great lineup of world class judges, so be prepared to learn something new and have lots of fun!

Don't forget to bring all your auction items you will be donating for our live auction . For every 2 items donated you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win \$100 . Also, our gun raffle for a Ruger EC9S 9mm pistol, 10 tickets for \$10 or 25 tickets for \$20.If you have any silent auction items you would like to donate, please reach out to David Beamon our Vice-President at (252)775-0663 or dshandyman2018@gmail.com

The NCTA is needing someone willing to step up and fill the treasurer's position. This will be a 2-year term and will start January 1, 2024. If anyone is interested, please contact Paul Willis at (336)410-1588

If you are interested in entering the speed mount competition and winning that beautiful belt buckle, donated by Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply, we still need more people to sign up and bring on the fun! Please reach out to Doug Shores at dougshores@creascentford.com or Paul Willis at (336)410-1588.

Also our cornhole tournament will be held Thursday evening and will be double elimination style. \$10 per team (2-man team) the winning team will receive a trophy and bragging rights. All participants will draw your teammates name out of a hat at the show.

I would like to thank all of our board members for all the countless hours put in so we all can come together and enjoy another great show again this year! Thanks Guys!!!

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and longer days. Don't forget to final check your competition mounts and bring those racoons for the President's challenge. Hope to see everyone at the show this year and remember to invite someone new!!!

Sincerely your President,

Paul Willis

Upcoming Events

July 20-22, 2023

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

Nominations for upcoming Officer seats.

Ryan Garrison Vice President

Daniel Nicholson Treasurer

Andy Speer 1 year term Piedmont

Craig Wyrick 2 year term Piedmont

Van Draper 2 year Mountain

Paul Miller 2 year Coastal

2023 NCTA Officers

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Nominations are needed for 2024

Vice President & Board Members!!!

Please email nominations to dougshores@crescentford.com

Award of Excellence...

Have you earned your Award of Excellence? The cut off was June 30th so to in order to receive your award at next yeas show let Paul Willis knowby June 30th 2024.

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 1st to receive your award at the show.

Scoring:

1st place ribbon = 3 points

2nd place = 2 points

3rd place = 1 point

NCTA WANTS TO THANK MCKENZIE TAXIDERMISTRY SUPPLY FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING NCTA BY PROVIDING LUNCH, AUCTION ITEMS and SPECIAL AWARDS

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@crestford.com or contact Paul

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 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 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

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.

If you have any suggestion on making NCTA better, there will be a suggestion box at the show or you can email you suggestion to dougshores@crescentford.com

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)

**Registration for the
North Carolina Taxidermist's Association
41st Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition**

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

To Pre-Register for the **NCTA 41st 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: _____

- Register** \$45
- Friday Kids Movie & Pizza Night** (Sponsored by the NCTA) _____ # Children
- Friday Children's Seminar** July 28th _____ # Children
- Saturday Night Banquet Tickets** July 29th _____ # Adults/Children \$40 per ticket

Confirmed Vendors for 2023 NCTA Convention

McKenzies Taxidermy Supply
HeadQuarters Taxidermy
Supply
Hilton Epplys Forms
Scenes By Nature, Bob Hutchins
Peace Maker Woodworking
Empire Tannery
Driftaway Driftwood
Dream Wood Designs
Calloway's Woodworks

**NCTA
WANTS TO SAY THANK YOU TO HEADQUARTERS
TAXIDERMISTRY SUPPLY FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THE
MEET AND GREET AND THE SPEED MOUNT
COMPETITION WITH THE WINNER TAKING HOME AN
AWESOME BELT BUCKLE**

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

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