



TAXI TIMES

NCTA Newsletter

Holiday 2023

Letter from the President

Letter from the President:

Hello NCTA!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful colors of fall and the cooler weather. I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our 2023 summer show this year, it was awesome! We had a grand total of 154 entries. It is truly amazing seeing all the beautiful craftsmanship, thoughtfulness and countless hours poured into every single mount in the showroom. I would like to thank all our board members for their countless hours of hard work and dedication for making it possible for us to come together and have another great show again this year!

The NCTA would like to thank all the vendors and suppliers that attended our summer show in helping make our show better! The NCTA would like to welcome all of our new members that attended for the first time and everyone that came from other states to North Carolina to fellowship and have fun with us. I would like to thank all of the judges that came to North Carolina this year for judging, great critiques and awesome seminars so that we may learn better taxidermy and grow in our trade!

This coming year 2024 president's challenge is the Rainbow Trout.

We will be switching things up a little in 2024. Our competition room will be in the Ivey room beside the restaurant where we usually hold our auction. Our auction room/classroom will be in the Lexington room where our competition room was.

I hope everyone will have a wonderful upcoming holiday season, and let's all reach out to someone new and invite them to come fellowship with us this coming year.

Sincerely your President,

Paul Willis

NCTA OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS 2024

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We need Nominations for upcoming Officer and board member seats.

- President
- Secretary
- 1 Piedmont
- 1 Coastal
- 1 Mountain

2024 Board Members

MOUNTAIN BOARD MEMBERS Ed Laurner 23-24 Van Draper 24-25

PIEDMONT BOARD MEMBERS Andy Speer 2024 Craig Wyrick 24-25

COASTAL BOARD MEMBERS Manny Reiner 23-24 Paul Miller 24-25

***Nominations are needed for 2025
President, Secretary & Board Members!***

Please email nominations to dougshores@crescentford.com

Award of Excellence...

Have you earned your Award of Excellence? The cut off is June 1st so to in order to receive your award at next years show let Paul Willis know by June 1, 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

ALL STAR JUDGE LINE UP FOR 2024 CONVENTION

Main judges:

Whitetails - Wes Mote

Fish & Reptiles - Jimmy Lawrence

Birds - Dennis Wessner

Lifesize & Gamehead - Frank Williams

Habitat & Original Art - Kurt Ainsworth

Youth & Amateur:

Whitetails Brandon Brown

Fish & Reptiles - Ed Launer

Birds - Brian Stillwell

Lifesize & Gamehead - Manny Reiner

Habitat & Original Art- Kurt Ainsworth

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

2023 AWARDS

- President's Service Award- Ryan Garrison
- McKenzie Distinguished Award- Paul Miller
- Award of Excellence- Brandon Brown (lifesize), Reed Alderman (WT deer), Ryan Garrison (game heads)
- Master Taxidermist Recipient- Brandon Brown (lifesize, WT deer, game heads)
- Cornhole Tournament Champions- Wil Shores & Greg
- Youth Division
 - Children's Challenge 1st Place Winner- Jasper Carpenter
 - Horizon Up & Coming Award- Rowdy Tarlington
- Amateur Division
 - Best Up & Coming Amateur- Michael Mitchell
 - Most Creative Amateur Award- Roger Miller
 - Amateur Best of Show (Judge's Choice)- Jeszi Padgett
- Other Awards and Divisions
 - NCTA Habitat Award- Mannie Reiner
- People's Choice Awards
 - People's Choice Best of Show: Amateur Division: Steve Spell
 - People's Choice Best of Show: Professional Division: Jonathan Faircloth
 - People's Choice Best of Show: Master Division: Nathan Mixon
 - People's Choice Best of Show: Best Reptile: David Beamon
 - People's Choice Best of Show: Best Gamehead: Paul Miller
 - McKenzie Taxidermist's Choice: Best Fish: Mannie Reiner
 - McKenzie Taxidermist's Choice: Best Bird: Nathan Mixon
 - McKenzie Taxidermist's Choice: Best Lifesize: Winston Davis & Nick Shelton
 - McKenzie Taxidermist's Choice: Best Whitetail: Dalton Jeffers
- Collective Artist Winners
 - 3rd- Paul Miller & Adam Gibbons
 - 2nd- Dustin Jones & Alan Carpenter
 - 1st- Winston Davis & Nick Shelton
- Challenge of the Art Winners
 - 3rd- Donna Naughton
 - 2nd- Jeszi Padgett
 - 1st- Donna Naughton
- Judge's Choice Best of Categories (professional)
 - Reptile- Craig Wyrick
 - Reproduction Fish- Dalton Jeffers
 - Skin-Mount Fish- Mel Lopez
 - Waterfowl- Jonathan Faircloth
 - Non-Waterfowl- Tyler Whisner
 - Whitetail Deer- Reed Alderman
 - Lifesize- Joan Bjork
 - Gamehead- Mannie Reiner
 - Original Art- Dan Nicholson
 - Best of Show- Professional Division: Reed Alderman
- Other Awards
 - Jim Allred Award- Van Draper
 - Second to Nature Award- Jesse Faircloth
 - Polytranspar Award- David Strickland
 - President's Challenge Award- Roger Miller
 - Taxidermy Today Woody Award- Brandon Brown
 - Mounted in Alaska Award- Nathan Mixon
 - Chris Barnhardt Award- Roger Miller
 - Van Dyke Award- Terry Johnson
 - Pro-1 Award- Dalton Jeffers
 - Artisan Award- Paul Miller
 - WASCO- Jonathan Faircloth
 - The Breakthrough Award- Dalton Jeffers

• State Champions

- Reptile- Terry Johnson
- Reproduction Fish- David Strickland
- Skin-Mount Fish- Terry Johnson
- Waterfowl- Nathan Mixon
- Original Art- Brandon Brown
- Whitetail Deer- Dalton Jeffers
- Gamehead- Paul Miller
- Lifesize- Brandon Brown

Head Quarters Mount off Challenge

- 3rd- Dalton Jeffers
- 2nd- Paul Miller
- 1st- Kurt Kindly



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 2024.

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.*



NORTH CAROLINA TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

D. Price • Chairman

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UPDATE FORM

If you are not presently certified in all 6 categories (W.T. Deer-Reptiles-Birds-Sm. Game-Fish-Open) and have had additional winnings in competitions that will qualify you for a category or categories not presently listed on your certificate please give the needed information below. For NCTA certification you must have received in that category (1) One Blue Ribbon and Best of Category or (2) One Blue Ribbon plus 5 other points or (3) Two Red Ribbons plus 5 other points.

(Please indicate change in address if needed)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____

Please check here if you have been awarded the NCTA award of excellence.

PLEASE CIRCLE CATEGORIES YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

	W.T. DEER	REPTILES	BIRDS	SM. GAME	FISH	OPEN
Name of competition						

For certification you must show
1 Blue & Best of Category or,
2 Seconds' plus 5 other pts. or
1 1st Place plus 5 other pts. or
First - 4
Second - 3
Third - 2

I declare to the best of my knowledge that the above information is true and correct.

SIGNATURE

Make check payable: NC Certified Taxidermist

North Carolina Taxidermists Association

Application For 2024 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: Daniel Nicholson 1912 Snowy Egret Dr. Morehead City,NC 28557

North Carolina Taxidermists Association Membership

NEW
RENEWAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____

EMAIL

\$75 Single Membership

\$95 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
42nd Annual Summer Show Convention & Competition**

August 1st-3rd in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn & Event Center

To Pre-Register for the **NCTA 42nd 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:

Daniel Nicholson 1912 Snowy Egret Dr. Morehead City, NC 28557

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ EMAIL: _____

Register \$45 for pre register only, \$65 after

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

WANTS TO
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NCTA

SAY
YOU



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.

COMING SOON!

Updated web page with new functions to be able to
pay online for all parts of NCTA

Remember to get your NC Certified Taxidermist credentials!!!!!!!!!!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.nctaxidermist.net

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