



# TAXI TIMES

## NCTA Newsletter

SPRING 2024

### Letter from the President

Hello NCTA!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and colors of spring! Our 42nd annual summer show is just a few short months away. Show dates are August 1-3, 2024 at Village Inn 6205 Ramada Dr, Clemmons, NC 27012. This will be our last show at the Village Inn. In 2025 our summer show will be held at the Greensboro Marriott airport hotel. More info on that will be given at our summer show this year!

The President's challenge this year is the rainbow trout.

We will be raffling off a Winchester SXP 12ga. Shotgun, 10 tickets = \$10 or 25 tickets = \$20.

New award: Matuska Competitors Award! You must have 4 entries in the same category - masters or professional divisions. All 4 entries must have a combined score of 350 or greater. They can be 4 different species or all the same or a mix as long as they are all in the same division. There is a \$25 entry fee to be eligible. There will be 2 awards presented, one for the masters division and one for the professional division winners.

Also again this year in honor of Mr. Jim Allred we will be awarding the Jim Allred award to the highest scoring mount between both masters and professional divisions donated by Jim Allred Taxidermy supply. All mounts must be mounted on a form purchased from Jim Allred Taxidermy Supply Co.

Bring all your unused taxidermy forms or items for our live auction on Friday evening. For every 2 items brought, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win \$100 cash. Also if you have silent auction items please reach out to Vice-President, Ryan Garrison at (910)723-9029. The silent auction items will be placed on tables at the back of seminar rooms and bid on during our show. The winners will be announced at the end of our live auction on Friday evening, so our awards and dinner banquet can run more smoothly.

Banquet tickets are \$40 again this year. Membership fees are \$75 single and \$95 family. Show registration fees are \$45 before June 1st, after June 1st show registration fees will be moved up to \$65. Pre-registration is becoming even more important so don't forget to go online and pre-register!

I would like to personally thank each and every one of my board members for all the countless hours and dedication they put in for our great association so that all of our members can come together to have another great show and fellowship again this year. It wouldn't be possible without an awesome group of great taxidermy friends to work with like yourselves!

Don't forget to reach out and invite someone new to our show so we may grow our membership, and also teach better taxidermy to others in our communities.

Sincerely Your President, Paul Willis

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

**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 Lauerer 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](mailto: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 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

## 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](mailto:dougshores@crestford.com) or contact Paul*

# NEW AWARD FOR 2024



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AWARDED TO THE COMPETITORS WITH 4 OF THE HIGHEST  
SCORING ENTRIES IN THE MASTER'S (GOLD EAGLE) AND  
PROFESSIONAL DIVISION (SILVER EAGLE). ALL ENTRIES MUST  
HAVE A 1ST OR 2ND PLACE RIBBON WITH A COMBINED SCORE  
OF 350 OR GREATER.

To be eligible to win the Matuska Award there is a separate \$25 dollar registration fee on top of the registration fees of your other entries.

## *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

***NC Certified Taxidermist Dues are due for 2024.***

***Dues are \$25 Please make checks payable to: NC Certified Taxidermist***

***Go to the website to pay or mail checks to Daniel Nicholson***

***1912 Snowy Egret Dr. Morehead City, NC 28557***

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



## North Carolina Taxidermist Association 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention & Competition Schedule

### Thursday, Aug 1<sup>st</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 Kurt Ainsworth- Knowing and Understanding Building Habitats

5:30PM - 7:30PM Seminar #2 Andy Speer- Business Seminar- How to operate a more successful Business and Better Business techniques

7:45PM - Until HQ Taxidermy Supply Meet & Greet in Supply Room (Pizza and Wings)

8:30PM - 11:30PM Speed Mount Competition / Women's Speed Mount / Youth Speed Mount

8:30PM - Until Cornhole Tournament

### Friday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00AM - 11:00AM Registration Open - Competition Entries Received

8:00AM - 11:30am Seminar #3 Dennis Wessner - Mounting a Strutting Turkey

8:00AM - 11:30am Seminar #4 Brandon Brown - Mounting a Pedestal Mount Coyote

9:00AM - 11:00AM Supply Room Open

11:00AM - 11:30AM Speed Mount Competition Adjustments

11:30AM - 2:30PM Tanglewood Cookout Sponsored by McKenzie- Eat at noon

3:00PM - 5:00PM Seminar #5 Wes Mote- form alterations in correlation with individual bone structures

3:00PM - 5:00PM Seminar #6 Frank Williams - competition techniques & ideas judges are looking for on gamehead & mammals

3:00PM - 5:00PM Childrens Seminar Ages 1-6 Donna Naughton

3:00PM - 5:00PM Childrens Seminar Ages 7 + up Michelle Spell

4:00PM - 6:00PM Registration Open - Competition Entries Received - Supply Room

(No Mounts Received After 6:00PM Friday)

6:30PM - 7:30PM Competition Room Viewing & Peoples Choice Voting

8:00PM -10:00PM Kids Pizza / Movie Night (Bring Sleeping Bag / Blanket & Pillow to Watch Movie) Laci Brown

8:00PM - Until Auction & Door Prizes ( auctioneer - Mr. Andy Kearns )

### Saturday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00AM - 10:00AM Seminar #7 Jimmy Lawrence - Painting a Reproduction Largemouth Bass (Live)

8:00AM - 10:00AM Seminar #8 James Burley - Painting Duck Beaks and Feet and Competition Techniques

8:00AM -10:00AM Supply Room Open

10:00AM -12:00PM General Membership Meeting, Vote for Officers + Board Members **Please Attend**

12:00PM - 3:00PM Competition Room Open - Ribbons in Place - Critiques with Judges

3:30PM - 6:00PM Banquet - Awards Presentation - Silent Auction

**\*\*If you have not purchased a banquet 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**)



# NORTH CAROLINA TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## 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						
Date						
Category						
Placing						
Pts. Earned						
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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



**6TXWP - Texas Semi-Sneak Wall  
Pedestal Series**

**Here's the latest series sculpted by  
Dennis Behn!**

- Proportioned for Texas deer
- Nice sweeping turn
- Newly designed neck wrinkles

After our recent introduction of the new Texas whitetail deer by Dennis Behn, now comes the Semi-Sneak Texas Wall Pedestal. This wall pedestal form features a beautiful sweeping turn with finely designed wrinkles that naturally use up any extra skin on the inside turn. The extra skin just disappears!

*McKenzie*

*Taxidermy Supply*



# 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 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June 1, 2024**
- 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



# Head Quarters Taxidermy Supply

A DIVISION OF THE TAXIDERMIST'S ASSOCIATION

[www.hqtaxidermy.com](http://www.hqtaxidermy.com)

866-365-0130

We are going to change up some things this coming convention so that we do not fall into the that is the way we have always done it. New and fresh ideas that makes the most of the event center that we are at and make it better and better.

WANTS TO  
THANK

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.

# WEBSITE UPDATE!

The team has been working diligently to get our website up to date and it looks like all the bells and whistles working. THANKS TO THE TEAM!

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

we re on the vweb!

See us at:

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