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New England Association of Taxidermists Annual Convention and Competition 2015 Show schedule for June 5th, 6th & 7th @ The Holiday Inn Enfield/Springfield Enfield, CT

President's Message

Hello everyone,

Time sure does fly!! All that snow is finally melting away and now it's only 2 months until the show! I hope everyone is doing well and have found the time to put a piece together for the show. The judges are in place and the seminar schedule is all set. McKenzie will be back in our vendor room so have your orders ready to be placed. We also have other vendors who plan on attending so the room should be full again!!

I would like to strongly suggest that you pre-register for the show, and I encourage you to register online thru our website. Pre-registrations help the BOD out significantly when planning the show and also can save you money as well. It is a huge help for us especially when we are planning for the banquet. As a reminder, when you pre-register you only have to do so for dues, show registration and banquet. You can register your mounts when you arrive at the show on Friday...you have until 5PM unless other arrangements have been made with me or another board member.

At this time, I'd like to encourage people to consider being nominated for a board position. There will be a few positions coming up this June and it's a great time for you to become involved in "YOUR" association. The membership meeting will be held Sunday morning around 9AM and I encourage all to attend. This meeting is a good opportunity to voice your ideas, concerns and suggestions. This input strengthens our show and makes it successful.

Hope to see many of you there, and together, **WE** can make the 2015 show one of the best shows ever!

Thank you very much,

President
Mike

Hi Everyone,

Happy spring! I trust you all fared the winter ok, I know I'm glad it's over! We are closing in quickly on our next convention and hopefully you can all make it. The board has pulled together some great judges and seminars once again. Judges' critiques are valuable, and of course everyone can learn something from a seminar. Conventions are a place to learn and improve, but also fun! Got those competition pieces started?

The board has also worked on show improvements and ways to keep the successful aspects the same. We hope you like what we have planned for this year and look forward to seeing you all.

Vice President
Cathy Gearwar

!!!!!!2015 PRESIDENT'S CUP!!!!!!



BEAR!!!!

Convention Schedule

This schedule is subject to change

Friday, June 5th:

- 8AM – 5PM** **Registration and competition pieces received and checked in.**
****NO MOUNTS RECEIVED AFTER 5PM FRIDAY****
- 10:00AM – 1PM** **Supply area open.**
- 11:30AM – 2:30PM** **Seminar #1:** Gregg Ielfield – Mounting a Turkey
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM** **Seminar #2:** Matt Marulli – Small Mammal Carcass Casting
- 5:00PM – 5:30PM** Competition Room opens for viewing and voting for McKenzie Taxidermists Award (4), People Choice Award, Artisan and Old Timers Award.
- 6:00PM – 8PM** **Seminar #3:** Mike Gillis (McKenzie Supply) Business Seminar
- 6PM - ??** **Judging begins – Competition Room will be closed.**
- 8PM – 11PM** **NEATZA Party! Sponsored by the UTA – Networking with fellow taxidermists**
Have a snack, ask questions or just have a good time!!
Bring items to swap or sell.

Saturday, June 6th:

- 9:00AM – 11:00AM** **Seminar #4:** Brian Noody – Reference and Anatomy/Hands on portion helping you with problem areas you struggle with. **See full description under the list of judges!!**
- 9AM – 3:30PM** Supply area open – Ongoing seminars.
- 11:30AM – 1:30PM** **Seminar #5:** Jean Roll – Collecting Reference and Improving your Work.
- 1:30PM** Competition Room will open for viewing ribbons and critiques.
- 3:00PM – 5:00PM** **Seminar #6:** Kurt Ainsworth – Game head Details and Making Custom Ear Liners.
- 3:30PM – 5:00PM** Break down supply area and set up for Banquet and Awards Ceremony
(*** any and all members help during this time is greatly appreciated ***)
- 6PM – 6:30PM** Cocktail Hour with 'CASH' bar
- 6:30PM - ??** Dinner Banquet - Awards Ceremony - Auction.

Sunday, June 7th:

- 9:00 - ??** **Membership Meeting - **It is very important that everyone attend**** Voting for new officers, evaluate the show, new and old business, ideas and/or suggestions for next year including fundraising, suppliers, judges, etc...

Competition pieces may be removed AFTER the Membership meeting
****Please plan to stay and help break down the Competition Room****

CLASSES OF COMPETITION

- AMATEUR:** Anyone in business less than a year, or does not do any commercial work, or who has never won a first place ribbon in any taxidermy competition.
- PROFESSIONAL:** Anyone who is not an Amateur or a Master.
- MASTERS:** Any Professional who has won three first place ribbons on a state or national level in a given division or category must move up to the Masters class in that category only. Any Professional may enter into the Masters class at any time.
- DIVISION OF EXCELLENCE:** Any competitor who has won two 1st place masters ribbons in that category, or who has achieved the NTA award of excellence in that given category.
- YOUTH:** Anyone 16 years old or under and must be registered as a family membership. An essay explaining what inspired the piece may be added, but is not mandatory.
- COMMERCIAL:** Any average customer's piece.

Categories of Competition

1) Amateur, Professional, Masters Classes & Division of Excellence:

- Whitetail deer heads: open and closed mouth categories.
- Game heads: open and closed mouth categories.
- Life Size Mammals:
 - Small: Coyote and smaller, juvenile large mammals, fawns, cubs, etc will be included as small mammals determined by body mass as to coyote size.
 - Large: Any mammal larger than a coyote.
- Birds: Upland birds, Waterfowl, Turkeys – allow freeze dry heads.
- Reptiles: Skin Mounts.
- Reproductions: Fish, Reptiles, Amphibians, replica antlers, etc.
- Fish: ALL fish are judged as a two-sided mount. The only one-sided fish is in the commercial, youth and amateur divisions. The judge will need to see two eyes and a finished area to blend the seam to score the fish. Please specify the category on the entry sheet. The competition committee will classify anything questionable into the commercial division.

2) Wildlife Art:

- Wildlife art will be any open category—to include but not exclusive of sculpture, painting, photography, carving, casting, or flat art. (The judges will choose the winner.) Nothing will be allowed that is lewd or offensive to the public (i.e. traps, blood, arrows, and NO LIVE AMMO).

3) Commercial Category:

- The reason for having a commercial class is for the average customer's piece to be critiqued" The commercial category will follow all previously stated rules. This will be an open class. Each piece will be judged without the use of a flashlight and physical touch. Judges will critique and place a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbon. A Best of Category ribbon will be awarded in each category to the best blue ribbon entry (category judge's choice). All judges will then judge Best of Category winners in the commercial division for Best of Show Commercial. Commercial pieces will be eligible for Taxidermist's Choice, President's Trophy and the WASCO Awards.

4) Freeze Dry:

- This will be an open class. Entries must be designated for this category. No other freeze dry will be in the general competition other than turkey heads.

5) Novelties:

- All classes together.

6) Open Class:

- This will be a combination of all pieces. Amateur, Professional and Masters in one class (freeze dry, commercial, wildlife art, and novelty categories only).

7) Best of Category:

- These ribbons will be awarded in each class for categories listed above in 1. The Best of Category ribbon will go to the highest blue ribbon entry. If a class has no blue ribbon, it will not receive a Best of Category ribbon.

RULES OF COMPETITION

- 1) All attending must be dues paying members of NEAT and must be registered at this convention or before. Registration badge must be worn at all times.
- 2) All competition pieces should be pre-registered at the cost of \$25.00/piece.
- 3) Pick up your packet before entering competition pieces. All competition pieces must be delivered to check in area by 6:00pm on Friday June 4, 2008. Any final grooming is to be done only in the check-in area prior to the official judging session. Pieces may not be removed until the end of the board meeting on Sunday June 6, 2010. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Anyone wanting someone else to transport their competition pieces on Sunday will need to supply a written document to the competition committee with both signatures for release.
- 4) No one is to be allowed in the competition area prior to, or during, judging other than authorized competition committee personnel.
- 5) Pieces may be used to compete only one time in a NEAT competition.
- 6) **HANGERS.** Please place all hangers so that they extend above the panel on backer. If two hangers are required, space on full inches apart for pegboard display. (You can move them back down after the show).
- 7) A competition piece can be rejected from competition if members of the committee judge it to be lewd or offensive to the general public (i.e. blood, trap, arrow, and also **NO LIVE AMMO** allowed).
- 8) Any plaques or signs identifying the taxidermist or customer must be removed or obscured before judging. All glass cases must be removed by the competitor only before judging. This will be done in the grooming area.
- 9) Multiple ribbons will be awarded in most categories, according to quality of work. In the event of a tie, duplicate ribbons will be given.
- 10) Score sheets will be given to competitor. Raw score will be used for the ribbon placement in all the classes. Judges will be notified of the class.
- 11) Any un-sportsman like behavior will result in loss ribbon.
- 12) Animals hunted legally in the world are allowed with proper permit including transport permits. Hawks, Owls, Songbirds, or Eagles will have state and federal paperwork. The competitor is responsible for knowing and following all such laws pertaining to species on federal or state protected or threatened lists.
- 13) **JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**
- 14) All competition pieces will be entered at the competitor's own risk. NEAT is not responsible for any liability due to damage, theft, fire, or natural causes.
- 15) Any competitor 16 years old and under will receive a ribbon and may register under family membership, but must still pay the entry fee.
- 16) If you bring any animal that does not conform to the score sheet or category, you must submit photos and reference pictures for the judge to determine if it was correctly interpreted in the mount. There will be no best of category ribbon.
- 17) Competitors will be expected to abide by a decision of the NEAT board on any circumstances not covered by the above rules.

A mount can only be entered in one division in the competition, i.e. you cannot enter the same mount in the masters and commercial division at the same time.

JUDGES:

Jean Roll - Mammals and Lifesize
Brian Noody - Birds and Fish
Kurt Ainsworth - Deer and Gameheads

Brian Noody's Hands-on Seminar

This seminar will be a hands on teaching opportunity. First covering reference and anatomy, then move into assisting anyone in the room with challenges they may be struggling with on their fish. Brian will bring painting supplies, carving supplies and other miscellaneous supplies he uses on a regular basis. Attendees should bring the subject you need help with. If it is carving a form, correcting a template, painting, fixing seams etc... he will address the challenge in the seminar. Bring some projects you need help/advice on!

The Holiday Inn in Enfield, CT

ONE BRIGHT MEADOW BLVD.
1-860-741-2211

Make your room reservation now!

We have a block of rooms reserved for NEAT

****Be sure to say you are with the New England Association of Taxidermists****

The room rates are \$99.00 per night

All pre-registrations can check in from 8-10pm Thursday night.

"There is no fee to make a reservation, so make them early and don't miss out on a great rate."

From points South and East: Take I-95 to I-91N in New Haven. Head North on I-91 to Exit 49 Enfield. Make a right on Enfield Street (Route 5) and make next right onto Bright Meadow Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

From Points North: Take I-84/Mass Pike to I-91 South. Get off at Exit 49 Enfield. Make a left on Enfield Street (Route 5) and make next right onto Bright Meadow Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

From Points West: Take I-84 east to I-91 North to Exit 49 Enfield. Make a right on Enfield Street (Route 5) and make next right onto Bright Meadow Blvd. Hotel is on the left.

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2015 Annual Show/Competition Registration

JUNE 5th, 6th & 7th, 2015

ENTRY FEES: NAME _____

NEAT Dues _____ **\$35.00**

Single Youths under 16-----Free

Registration—Before May 31-Family-----\$40.00 _____

Registration---at the door ----- \$50.00 _____

of Entries _____ @ \$25.00/entry _____
(Fifth entry free)

Habitat Entry _____ \$10.00 _____

Best All Around (4 pieces-different categories). \$25.00 _____

President's Cup Challenge (Bear) \$20.00 _____

Most Distinguished Taxidermists (5 pieces) _____ \$25.00 _____

Old Timers Award (age 60 and older) _____ \$10.00 _____

TOTAL _____

BANQUET

Adult Buffet--\$35.00 _____ **Children Buffet (15 & under)- 20.00** _____

(Children 5 & under eat free: Chicken tenders & French Fries)

Adult Buffet registered at the door—45.00 _____

Quantity: _____ **TOTAL \$** _____

Please fill out the other side and mail to NEAT address!



2015 Show Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you want to have demographics listed in newsletter and web site: YES _____ NO _____

Species Division (Amateur; Professional; Masters; Division of Excellence) Wall/Table

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2. _____

3. _____

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9. _____

10. _____

NEAT Address:

Mr. Matt Marulli, Treasurer
145 Coppermine Road; Oxford, CT 06478
Phone: (203) 734-3263 Email: huntdeerinct@sbcglobal.net

If you don't know what you want to bring PRE-REGISTER & pay for entries at the door.

No late fee for entries will be charged if pre-registered before June 1!



2015 Membership Application

Send to: Matt Marulli – Treasurer
145 Coppermine Road
Oxford, CT 06478

Membership Dues: \$35.00
Please make your check payable to:
'N.E.A.T.'

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

This year's Raffle at the banquet

40" LED TV



What's New?

1. NEAT Trophy Page: We would like to add a page to our next newsletter to include photos of your successful hunts, fishing expeditions, time spent in the outdoors, nature photos or of a commercial taxidermy piece that you have completed and are proud to show. Please email digital images to Andy Malinowski at realgreenacres@frontiernet.net

2. Member Input Page: Anyone interested in writing a story, sharing a recipe or describing a tip or technique in taxidermy or the outdoors should also email submissions to Newsletter Editor Andy Malinowski at: <mailto:realgreenacres@frontiernet.net>

This is YOUR page!

Please send me your Photos, Tips, Stories, recipes, etc.

If you have a particular reference photo that you have the copyrights too and would like to share, please send it and I will include it for everyone to benefit from.