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SEPT 2018 Newsletter

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To All My Fellow Taxidermist and Friends,
Hello!

We are coming to you again with the latest and greatest news available for the 2019 convention .Again the show dates are February 7,8,9 2019 at the Ramada Inn in beautiful Lakeland Florida. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there and your wonderful taxidermy pieces.

The Presidents challenge will be a Full Body Coyote The first place piece will receive an award and 50% of the money taken in for the presidents challenge.

Also please include your little ones for a fish class during the show giving them an opportunity to be a part of the show after all they very well could be the future of our industry and the next world champion may just come out of Florida.

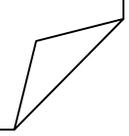
I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your President again, it has been a pleasure to serve you ,even after please know that any member can call my shop and always ask for help. all the Florida members are such a great group of people I am so glad I chose to be a part of this family.

As you know we will be holding the elections Saturday the 9th 2019 for not just our board but our President and Vice President positions please be a part of helping this great organization to continue to grow, every vote counts in making the right choices.

When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire ,you will not be burned; the flames will not consume you.
Isaiah 43:2

Be Blessed.

Sincerely,
Trina Pritchard
FSTA President



Casting Class with Amy Carter

For the first time we are offering a class at our convention that is very different. If you are interested in furthering your education by taking a casting class with Amy separate from the normal schedule, the fee for this class is **50.00 per person this is a hands on class. Amy will show you how to cast a jaw set using silicone products and then will show you how to cast small items to take home with you. you will have your supplies given to you at the show.**

We have to have a minimum of 8 people to have this class but there is no maximum.

The deadline for signing up for this class is December 1st 2018.

Please call Trina at 352-567-1521 to sign up before its to late to be a part of this wonderful opportunity that Amy Carter is offering us at this great low price.

LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Thank you for allowing me, Theresa Durham to become your FSTA Secretary. If you have any questions my contact numbers are 386-546-7353 cell our home number is 386-328-7515 , email theresadurhamfsta@yahoo.com . I was asked to give you all a little history about myself. My husband , Barney Durham and I have a Durham Taxidermy business just west of Palatka, Florida . I myself specialize in turkey while he specializes in deer , mammals n fish. We have been married for 44 years. I am very competitive By nature, I have achieved many awards outside of Taxidermy through archery. I have won many Florida State Titles and still hold many records in target shooting with my bow. I have won ASA shooter of the year on the 3d animal circuit and have many winnings in that as well over the years. I love teaching children and youth the Bible , I am a Christian and I love my Lord Jesus Christ.

Joining the Florida State Taxidermy Association it has helped me to achieve to a higher level of quantity as a taxidermist, it has allowed me to make new friends , earn awards and be recognized for my talents. Joining the FSTA has allowed me to give back to the dying art of Taxidermy by serving on the board and sharing my talents with my peers. I look forward to serving you all as your new FSTA secretary.

Theresa Durham

FOWL MOUTH

A Letter from the Vice President

Greetings, fellow taxidermists! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Jared Mallard and I am the VP of the FSTA and the Owner/Operator of Mallard's Fowl Life Artistic Taxidermy, LLC. I began my taxidermy journey on March 14th, 2013. I mounted a wood duck for my first animal and I was instantly hooked. Fast forward five years and I have recently resigned from my Operations Manager career and am doing taxidermy full time! Very exciting and nerve racking at the same time. I have been on the board of Directors for 3 years and been the VP for 2 years.

Anyhow, I have spent the last five years competing with the FSTA. This most recent year, I have traveled all over the southeast going to other states and competing with some very talented taxidermists. While I love competing, the main reason for my many state travels was for the advantage of the FSTA. Going to other states allowed me to sit down with boards of other mindsets and pick their brains for what works in drawing great numbers to the shows. I personally want to have to make us get larger rooms and bigger areas because we simply cannot fit the number of people who have showed up.

With my travels to Louisiana, Alabama and Kentucky, I have learned that most Associations are struggling with numbers. In Florida, we have a massive number of taxidermists but not a lot of taxidermist who compete. In my thriving metropolis of Starke, FL, we have at least 3 taxidermists in town that I know of. Within a 25-mile radius, I can name 8 off the top of my head. That is insane if you extrapolate that number across the state of Florida.

To avoid being long winded, I will close my letter stating, **"WE NEED YOU!"**. If we are to grow this Association, I need each of you to reach out to your local taxidermists and show them the value that you get out of the Association. You get to sit down with world and national champion taxidermists for a fraction of the cost of going to their shop for a lesson or even the cost of a DVD these days! If all the members contacted two local taxidermists around them and we got a 20% bite on attendance, we would add close to 30 new members which results in greater things for the association! Florida is a destination state in and of itself, we just need to make it a destination state for taxidermy conventions!

We can all accomplish this together, we just need to show other taxidermists the value that we have received from the Association. I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention this year and thank you for all that you contribute to the FSTA!!!

Respectfully,

Jared Wade Mallard

FROM THE DESK OF DALE

Do you ever get the feeling that you are totally misunderstood as a taxidermist or what is involved in this profession? Heck, I will even go as far to say your loved ones might not know or barely understand taxidermy or what you do on a daily basis. This is true in many professions, but in my opinion, being a taxidermist is certainly toward the top of the list of misunderstood jobs/careers. Taxidermy is certainly a unique, specialized profession. In the public eye, misconception about taxidermy has always been the norm and as our society towards hunting and fishing have changed with the younger generations drifting away from outdoor activities. It is not surprising to meet individuals who have no idea what taxidermy is at all. Recently I've read the book "The Authentic Animal" by Dave Madden. It was a very interesting book about taxidermy and the author addresses many different viewpoints along with an historical perspective. It is an easy read and I would certainly recommend the book. Even among taxidermists ourselves, we have different viewpoints of taxidermy of what drew us toward this life. No matter your experience, knowledge, talent, particular interest, competitor, hobbyist or professional; we all at some point, decided to inquire what taxidermy was all about. We all started somewhere. Times are different for every generation of how we learn. Whether it started from a correspondence lesson or by watching videos on U-tube; this taxidermy fascination began. I remember when I was 16 years old I went to a taxidermist near my home and offered to work for free just so I could be around a taxidermy shop and see if I liked it. He turned down my proposal, but I didn't stop trying. Unknown if there was a state association at that time where I lived; I would have loved to have gone to a convention. It was 1980, so my only option was to order a correspondence course and start skinning pigeons. (One of the toughest birds to mount, it was amazing I didn't quit taxidermy that first year) Anyway, a few years later, I was able to go the Piedmont Mini Course/Convention in North Carolina and after a few seminars, I learned more in three days than the past three years on my own. I was hooked. I made a plan and later I was fortunate to attend the taxidermy program under Ralph Garland there at Piedmont Technical College. Most of my classmates were from other states and due to our common interest in taxidermy we quickly became friends as we learned from one another. Striving to improve and having the attitude of never stop learning led to joining state taxidermy associations. But, I would have to admit, back then, I never thought a state taxidermy association would be the starting point of so many life-long friendships and positive business connections. It does not happen overnight and it is one of those things you look back on and then you realize, hey... I met them through the Florida State Taxidermist Association. Of course, there are a few "bad apples" in every organization cause that is life and nothing is perfect; however, look at the positive and I believe you will find more positive than negative. I guarantee someone will be at the convention who could help with your particular problem and a multitude of individuals will have "understanding" because they have been there with the struggles in this business. This profession is a bunch of work and challenging at times. Speaking of challenges, putting on a convention is also challenging in numerous ways. Always keep in mind, FSTA Officers and other helpful members are all volunteers and there is usually a lot of nail biting going on to see if the show is a success, meaning, can we afford to have another convention next year? The 2019 FSTA Convention isn't far off so start to plan now. I know that feeling of having reasons why you might not make it and we understand that life happens. Modern life is certainly a busy life. But, I can't image where my taxidermy life would be without the people I've met directly or indirectly through the FSTA. Even after 33 years in the FSTA, I always learn something new that I will try in the coming year in the shop. We have many talented members in the association and seeing the beautiful taxidermy art/pieces is certainly inspirational.

See you at the show!

Dale Buffenmyer

**“ATTENTION
PARENTS:
KIDS Seminar for the
2019 Convention**

We are having a kids hands on workshop and would love to have you and your little sidekicks to join us in painting a small fish with non toxic hand and brush paints and other means of coloring to let their imaginations run wild. So please join Jesse Kelly and DC Simms in this fun activity for our future little taxidermists.

ALL AGES WELCOME>>>>

2019 Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 7th

1:00 pm	To	????	Setup Backboards (everyone's help is appreciated)
3:00 pm	To	????	Supplier Setup
4:00 pm	To	7:00 pm	Pm Registration/
6:00 pm	To	????	Seminar –Dale Buffenmyer/duck skinning hands on class

Friday, February 8th

8:00 am	To	12:00 pm	Registration - Mounts Accepted
8:00 am	To	11:00 am	Seminar-Paul Czarnecki/setting up birds and anatomy
10:00 am	To	12:00 pm	Supply Open/
12:00 pm	To	1:00 pm	Lunch Hour- Mounts will not be accepted during
1:00 pm	To	5:00 pm	Registration - Mounts Accepted
1:00 pm	To	5:00 pm	Supply Area Open
1:00 pm	To	3pm	Seminar – Mike Mizelle Turkey/mounting and repair class
3:30	to	5:30	Seminar- Mckenzie Taxidermy Supply to be announced
6:00 pm	To	????	Friday Night Member meeting /Jack Emery Whitetail head mounting and technique

Saturday, February 9th

7:30 am*	To	9:00 am	Late Registration (No Mounts Accepted After 9am)
8:00 am	To	11:00 am	SEMINAR- Henry Ford blue Gill class...ALSO Children's Fish Class/with DC Simms/Jesse Kelly
9:00 am	To	12:00 pm	Supply Area Open / breakdown at noon
12:00 pm	To	1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	To	4:00 pm	Competition room open/and critique on mounts
4:00 pm	To	5:00 pm	Breakdown (everyone's help is greatly appreciated)
6:30 pm	To	????	Banquet and Auction/please support the FSTA

Judges

Paul Czarnecki	Birds
Jack Emery	Mammals, Game heads, and Deer
Paul/Jack	fish

FLORIDA STATE TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Convention and Competition

February 7,8,9 2019

Ramada Inn

Lakeland Florida

863-688-8080

Name: _____ Spouses' Name: _____

Childrens' Names: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Please check here if you or your spouse will volunteer to help during the convention

Registration Information **Pre Register to Save money**

Convention Package (includes convention reg fees and 1 dinner ticket if registered by January 1 2019) Price \$70.00 _____

ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER OF ANOTHER STATE YES _____ NO _____

Day of show Price:75.00. _____

Saturday Night Dinner, Award Banquet and Auction

Number of Adults: _____ (each) \$30.00 _____

Number of Children: _____ (children 12 and under are free)

Competition Entries

Number of Mounts: _____ Amateur (A) or Professional Division (P) (each)\$15.00 _____

Number of Mounts: _____ Masters (M) Division (each)\$20.00 _____

Number of Mounts: _____ Habitat (H) (each)\$15.00 _____

Number of Mounts: _____ Commercial (C) Youth(Y) (each)\$10.00 _____

Number of Mounts: _____ Martha Maxwell Award (each)\$20.00 _____

Number of Mounts: _____ Challenge of the Arts (COA) (each)\$25.00 _____

Number of Mounts: _____ Presidents Challenge (includes half pot) (each) \$50.00 _____

Number of Mounts _____ Father George Award (each)\$50.00 _____

Number of mounts _____ Best All Around (total 4)\$75.00 _____

Number of mounts _____ Walnut Creek Award(on walnut panels only) _____

Number Of mounts **Collective Artists** (each) \$20.00 _____

TOTAL

Please use the highlighted code above and indicate what you are bringing to competition, be sure to indicate whether it is a wall, table or floor mount. If your mount will take up more than a 2' X 2' space please let us know that as well..

****I agree all mounts entered have been completed by me or my studio and failure to comply with FSTA competition rules will result in my disqualification for ribbon points.****

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed registration forms to: **FSTA, Inc.**
Attn: Charlotte Lord
3955 SE 55 A highway
Old Town Florida 32680

Florida State Taxidermists Association, Inc. Membership Application

**Preserve Your
Profession!**



**Share taxidermy with
friends and family!**

Membership Status:

- New
 Renewal

Annual membership: \$50.00

(Membership is from Convention to Convention)

For voting purposes dues need to be paid 30 days prior to the next convention.

NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

Email Address: _____

Donations to the Florida State Taxidermists Association

_____ \$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ other

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Please make check payable to your state association.

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