

Arkansas Taxidermists Association 31st Annual A.T.A. Convention and Competition February 16th - 18th, 2012

Knights of Columbus Center Fort Smith
10201 Columbus Acres Road, Fort Smith, AR

Judges: Bret Defreaties and Greg Broomfield

Hotel Information

The host hotel for the show will be the GUEST HOUSE INN in Fort Smith again this year. It is located at 3600 Grinnell Ave, right on highway 71. The room rate for this year will be \$62.00. For reservations, call (479) 646-4598 and tell them you are with the taxidermy convention to receive this discounted rate. The hotel does have a free continental breakfast. To get to the show from the hotel, turn right on Hwy 71 to 1st stop light, turn right on Brooken Hill Drive. The first street on the left is Columbus Acres Road, follow it through the private gate to the Knights of Columbus Center. It is about 1 mile from the hotel to the convention.

Dessert Contest

Banquet Information

The banquet will be a buffet catered by Bravo's Italian Restaurant and will be at the Knight's of Columbus. The price will be \$15.00 for adults. The awards ceremony will follow dinner.

The new dessert contest is open to men, women, and children who are a member or have a member of the A.T.A. in their household, and prizes will be awarded in all three categories. Your entry can be any dessert or sweets of any kind. Please keep in mind we will not have any way of refrigerating anything when deciding on your entry.

There will be a judging committee that will sample each of the entries, so we will take a piece of each one for the judges. The rest of the dessert will be served at the social, and winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the banquet. You will need to get an entry form at the registration desk and it will need to be turned in with your entry by 4:00 pm on Thursday.

Awards

We are excited about all the awards we will have again this year. We will have the Breakthrough, WASCO, Van Dykes Most Creative, Polytranspar, Arkansas People's Choice, McKenzie People's Choice (Bird, Fish, Mammal & Whitetail), President's Challenge (ground hog), Arkansas Travelling Trophy, Arkansas Journeyman's Award (collective artists), Best of Categories (Bird, Fish, Mammal & Whitetail), Competitor's Award (4 mounts in any category(ies), Youth Horizon, Best Amateur, Woody Award, Ivan Harvey Award, Arkansas State Champions (Best Masters Bird, Mammal, Whitetail, Fish and Reptile), E & A Woodworking Best Base Award (Base only, not habitat -does not have to be made of wood), Best Habitat Award, Best out of State Award for highest scoring piece by a non-resident. And new this year we have the Scottie Phillips Best Improved Award. We have service awards from Pearl Henderson and McKenzie.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 16th

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Set up
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	SEMINAR #1 - JIM CREAGER, SKINNING & MOUNTING A FISH
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Check-in mounts
10:00 a.m.	Supplier Set-up
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration & check-in mounts
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	SEMINAR #2 - BRETT DEFREITAS, TURKEY SEMINAR
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Social & Business Meeting with Elections
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	SEMINAR #3 GREG BRUMFIELD, ALTERING GAME HEAD FORMS
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Registration & check-in mounts

Friday, February 17th

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Check-in mounts - NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER 10:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	SEMINAR #4 - JACOB CLARK, MOUNTING AFRICAN GAMEHEAD
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	SEMINAR #5 - RODNEY HARPER, PAINTING REPRODUCTION FISH
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	People's Choice Voting
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	SEMINAR #6 - REBECCA WILCHER, MOUNTING A RINGTAIL CAT
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	SEMINAR #7 - DENNIS HUGGS, MOUNTING A WHITETAIL DEER
6:30 p.m.	Banquet & Awards Presentation

Saturday, February 18th

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Competition room open to public - \$2.00 per person
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Competition room open, critiques with Judges
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	SEMINAR #8 - JOHN CREAGER, PAINTING A SKIN MOUNTED FISH
12:00 p.m.	Release mounts & Breakdown
	NO MOUNTS WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE NOON