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EMAIL NEWSLETTER

FROM: The Desk of Theresa Durham
Secretary of FSTA

Hello Members!

I trust all is well and your business is steady and productive. The Board and Officers would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to all the winners of the 2024 FSTA Show! Much appreciation to the Judges, The Sponsors, and the Attendees! The 2024 Show was by far our largest and very lucrative! The financial report will be included in our **October Issue of The Florida's Taxidermy Scoop Newsletter/Magazine**, (not to spoil your surprise but our ending bank balance to date is **\$25,086.03**). Without your continued support and without our sponsors this past show would not have been so successful. We cannot forget to mention our star player at our action – Ratso , our action is fun, a huge money maker and full of fellowship and laughter! Thank you Ratso!! All action donations are very much appreciated!!!

The Florida's Taxidermy Scoop Issue will be going out October, if you would like to **advertise your business** you can place your ad in the magazine or if you know a company who would like to place an ad they can call Michele, *Business Card size \$25 * Quarter Page- \$50 * Half Page -\$75 * Whole Page- \$100 **Note: Michele needs a pdf of your add and payment by October 1st**. Also, this will be an important official newsletter that will include the forms of registrations, membership, schedules, competition rules and list of categories ect, so you do want to be on the lookout!

The show **Dates for 2025 will be Feb 6,7,8 2025** @ the Best Western Gateway Grand, 4200 NW 97th Blvd, Gainesville FL 32606 352-331-3336. Let us all plan to attend and make this event even larger! The Board and Officers have entertained all suggestions of changes, and they are carefully being met! We are still in the planning stages, but we will have another room added for the showroom and the banquet time and food will be addressed. We will keep everyone posted on the Fb Page of all coming events and changes.

Pre-registration is especially important to help give us time and make plans for this event. New for 2025 show, there will be a Fast Lane for all that have preregistered attendees that have no add on or changes. For all pre-registration members there will be a drawing of \$100.00. December 31, 2024 is deadline.

Judges have not been contracted as of now so when we have contracts, we will make the announcement of Judges.

Note: You all did an outstanding job with **sponsoring the awards** at the 2024 show! Sponsors that sponsored an award last year will need to contact Michele Blankenship by October 31, and if you want to sponsor an award contact Michele. ** \$200.00 to sponsor an award yearly!!

Presidents Challenge – GAMEHEAD OR WHITETAIL WALL MOUNT! \$75 entry fee

**Winner gets ½ of all entry collected plus \$250 cash prize

General reminder- **Ethics Committee** Is Dale Buffenmyer 352-317-3831, Scott Staton 904-463-5355 and Steve Stock 386-547-0318. if you have an issue or concern, please address it with these above.

Another friendly reminder is to get your mounts planned and dried, the disqualification is sad but necessary for wet mounts.

Yours truly
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