

KAT Competition Categories

- WATERFOWL
- UPLAND GAME BIRDS
- TURKEY
- CLOSED-MOUTH WHITETAIL
- OPEN-MOUTH WHITETAIL
- GAMEHEAD
- ORIGINAL ART
- COLLECTIVE ARTIST
- SMALL LIFE-SIZE
- LARGE LIFE-SIZE
- FISH
- REPRODUCTIONS
- REPTILES
- HABITAT
- COMPETITORS

*Cannot compete in Master AND Professional level in same category, nor Amateur and Professional in the same category.

*Small life-size mammals are amateur, professional, and master any mammal species (adulthood size) smaller than a coyote. (Ex. fawn deer would be in the large life-size & a coyote pup would be small life-size.)

*Large life-size mammals amateur, professional, and master any mammal species (adulthood size) larger than a coyote. (Ex. fawn deer would be in the large life-size & a coyote pup would be small life-size.)

*Amateur and Professional fish reproductions can use commercial or self-made reproductions. Masters fish and reptile reproductions MUST be a self-made reproduction.

* Whitetail Open-Mouth – Open mouth pieces may vary, however, if using a flehmen mouthpiece, the top pallet must be visible. A judge must be able to see into the mouth opening.

* Collective Artist entries will be judged at the highest entry taxidermist level. Each artist must pay the registration fee (whether attending or not) plus the combined artist fee. Mount fee is included in the combined artist fee. Only 1st place will be awarded.

*Competitors Award: This is open to Professional and Masters level of competitors. Masters Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Professional awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. 1st place will be given to the highest total score for four (4) mounts. Masters must score a minimum total of 350+ and Professional a total of 320+. These entries may all be in the same category or mixed categories. (Original art or habitat is not accepted). If you have any questions on how this award works, please contact the President.

*State Champion Award will go to the highest scoring Master mount in each category, minimum score is an 85.

*Best of Kansas Award will go to the highest scoring Professional mount in each category, minimum score is an 80.

Levels of competition include: Youth, Amateur, Professional, Master, Collective Artists.

Special Youth Division: Bring your nature artwork, form alterations, or other taxidermy pieces to the convention and enter them in the youth division. We will have a judge and give ribbon awards. There is no fee to enter, so see what you can do. **Pieces entered in Youth will not be eligible for other classes or awards.** Come learn and have fun at the convention.

Ribbons will be awarded based on the following point system:

First (Blue) 90-100 Second (Red) 80-89 Third (White) 70-79

ORIGINAL ART RULES:

1. Taxidermy Sculptures-Limited to manikins or clay sculptures made specifically for use in the taxidermy trade.
2. Bronzes or Castings-Limited to sculptures which have been cast in bronze or some other medium to create a finished piece of wildlife art.
3. Carvings-Limited to birds, fish, mammals and reptiles which have been wholly carved from wood or some other medium to create a finished piece of art.
4. Paintings-Limited to flat art only.
5. Reproductions-Limited to unfinished parts of mammals, fish, birds and reptiles, which have been molded directly for the actual species and reproduced in some type of casting material.

Judges committee will decide all questions and will make final decisions.

!!!!!! K.A.T. AUCTION!!!!!!

Every year, the K.A.T. holds a silent auction which closes at 12pm on Saturday and there is a live auction after our banquet. This is the way we raise most of our money to fund our state show. As in the past, we will have donations given by various taxidermy companies. We will also have a variety of merchandise collected by our Regional Directors and other members from area merchants and individual contributors. You can, if you wish, also bring something of your own to donate to the auction. Please don't use this to clean out your shop of useless or broken stuff. Please feel free to let Brian Sigman know if you or someone you know wants to donate something for the live auction.