

Virginia Taxidermists Association

April 2018



"What Remains"

Winner of the Mounted in Alaska Award,
the Artisan Award. Taxidermists Choice Best Habitat, Judges Choice Best Habitat

Mounted by Jeremy Simon

Welcome New Officers!

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Thank you all for your commitment to the VTA



President's Message:

First, let me thank each of you for your support of a great show! It was by far the best and what makes it so is YOUR contribution of time and showmanship. Your dedication to this organization is so appreciated.

Second, I'd like to thank all the outgoing Board Members for all their time and commitment to serving us. Thanks to their support the Board has been able to bring you an outstanding show along with growth for the organization. We couldn't have done it without these folks! That said, I'd also like to welcome our new Board Members to the team. There is a lot of commitment of time and energy to being a Board Member and these new folks certainly stepped up to the plate. Their desire for progress and success of this organization only solidifies that we are going to new heights in 2019! WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Third and final, please contact me with any ideas, suggestions, concerns you as the Membership would like to see as your Board continues to build our relationship with the VDGIF. We have made great progress on this front and in order to get ahead of rules and regulations we need YOU to bring ideas to the table.

In closing, I look forward to working with each of you this year. You can contact me directly at 540-765-8479 or email me anderson2655@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Robbie Anderson

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:

What an AMAZING show! There is so much to talk about but little space to do it so here are some highlights:

My sincerest gratitude to Sarah Morton, my right-hand at the Registration Desk. We were so challenged with various "pop-up" issues largely due to the sheer volume of attendees and mounts. Sarah ROCKED IT OUT by supporting the cause. I couldn't have done it with you Sarah!

A few numbers for the 2018 Show include 32 new attendees, 100% email address contribution, 17 vendors (packed the entire space), and 7 entrants for the Mounting War...and that's just a few. Overall, it was the best show in recorded VTA history! Because of YOU!

A "head's up" for you is re: the newsletters. You will be MAILED and EMAILED the registration/membership forms this year instead of their being put in the newsletter. The expense of printing has greatly increased and in order to save \$\$ we are moving forward with MAILING and EMAILING the registration/membership forms. Please check your emails regularly as I will be sending important updates re: various issues including events, VDGIF updates and upcoming meeting information. Since each of you gave me your email address I'll be using it as a platform to communicate with you. If you need to update or confirm the email address you gave me please send an email to anderson2655@gmail.com Of course, you can always access information on the website including the registration/membership forms.

In closing, I want to say THANK YOU to each of you. Your kindness and thoughtfulness to the registration process is so greatly appreciated. As you can imagine it's not an easy job but YOU make it so rewarding. I look forward to seeing you all again and set a new goal to BEAT 2018 show numbers in 2019! See you there, Suzy Q

Judges and Seminar Instructors



George Hipes
Bird Judge
Mounting A Duck Seminar



Gene Smith
Whitetail Judge
Whitetails Seminar



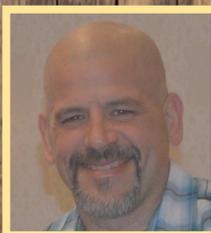
Owen Eldred
Game Heads and Mammals Judge
Ear Liner Techniques Seminar



Rick Denzler
Amateur & Habitat Judge



Ken DeViv
Finishing Work for
Whitetails Seminar



Matt Maruli
Casting Seminar



Chris Lacy
Finishing Pedestal Back Seminar



Kip Hughes
Large Game Form Alteration
Seminar



Rebecca Coble
Children's Seminar

Sam "Woody" Pompeii
Fish & Reptiles Judge
Artificial Trout Head/
Commercial Bodies
Seminar

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Award Winners

Taxidermists Choice Best of Category

Deer Head-Ken DeVivi

Gamehead-Steve Tugwell

Small Game-Jarvie Robinson

Large Game - Amy Carter

Bird - Harold McGuire

Fish - Brandon Tucker

Reptile - Jessica Meeks

Judges Choice Best of Category

Professional Division

Deer Head - David Clark

Gamehead - Nick Krovoniak

Small Game - Kendall Wilson

Large Game - Chris Lacy

Bird - James Burley

Fish - Lance Seal

Judges Choice Best of Category

Masters Division

Deer Head - Ken DeVivi

Gamehead - Ryan Garrison

Small Game - Jarvie Robinson

Large Game - Amy Carter

Children's Participation Award - Rebecca Coble

McKenzie Service Award - Ken DeVivi

VTA Service Award - Kip Hughes

Beefy Collins Award - Mark Poirot

Lifetime Achievement Award - Danny Waters

Horizon Award - Natalie Coble

Research Amateurs Winners - Daryl Howdyshell, Dalton Guy, Bryan Grant, Michael Tucker

Billy Taylor Memorial Best Amateur - Daryl Howdyshell

Golden Example - Ken DeVivi

President's Award - Chris Lacy
Les Harper Best Bear - Ryan Garrison
Kip Hughes Award - Amy Carter
Jason Jenkins Award - Kendall Wilson
VDHA - David Clark
Ducks Unlimited - Shawn Powell
Polytranspar - Lance Seal
DGIF - Ken DeVivi
AI Holmes - Shawn Powell
2nd to Nature - Gary Spradlin
Calloway - David Clark
Pro 1 - Ken DeVivi
Best Commercial Entry - Chris Lacy
Van Dyke's - Kendal Wilson
Competitor's Challenge Professional - Kendal Wilson
Competitor's Challenge Masters - Page Nethercutt
'Hog Wild' - Steve Tugwell
Mounted in Alaska - Jeremy Simon
Artisan Award - Jeremy Simon
WASCO - Page Nethercutt
Breakthrough - Page Nethercutt

Personal Achievement Awards



**BEEFY COLLINS AWARD
MARK POIROT**



**VTA SERVICE AWARD
KIP HUGHES**



**MCKENZIE SERVICE AWARD
KEN DEVIVI**



**GOLDEN EXAMPLE AWARD
KEN DEVIVI**



RESEARCH AMATEUR AWARD WINNERS



**LIFETIME ACJIEVEMENT AWARD
DANNY WATERS**

**TAXIDERMISTS CHOICE
BEST OF SHOW
HAROLD MCGUIRE**



**JUDGES' CHOICE/BREAKTHROUGH
BEST OF SHOW
PAGE NETHERCUTT**



Happy Competitors



Brandon Tucker
Taxidermists Choice Best of Category
Fish



Taylor & David Rather
Judges Choice Best of Category
Professional Habitat



Jarvie Robinson
Taxidermists Choice Small Game
Judges Choice Best of Category
Masters Small Game



Daryl Howdysell
Research Amateur Award-
Billy Taylor Memorial
Best Amateur



Shawn Powell
Ducks Unlimited Award
Al Holmes Award



David Clark
Judges Choice Best of Category
Professional Deer Head,
Virginia Deer Hunters Association Award
Calloway Award



Page Nethercutt
WASCO Award
Judges Choice Best of Category Masters
Bird



Jeremy Simon
Mounted in Alaska Award
Artisan Award
Judges Choice Best of Category Masters Habitat
Taxidermists Choice Best Habitat



Jessica Meeks
Judges Choice Best of Category
Masters Reptile



Judges Choice Best of Category Professional Reptile
Mounted by Bryan Piro



Kendall Wilson
Judges Choice Best of Category
Professional Small Game
Van Dyke Award
Jason Jenkins Award
Competitor's Challenge Professional



President's Award
Mounted by Chris Lacy



Judges Choice Best of Category
Masters Large Game
Kip Hughes Award
Mounted by Amy Carter



Gary Spradlin
Second 2 Nature Award



Horizon Award
Natalie Coble



Best Commercial Mount
Mounted by Chris Lacy



Research Amateur Winner
Bryan Grant



Judges Choice Best of Category
Professional Fish
Polytranspar Award
Lance Seal

Fur, Feathers and Fins







Creatures Great



And Small



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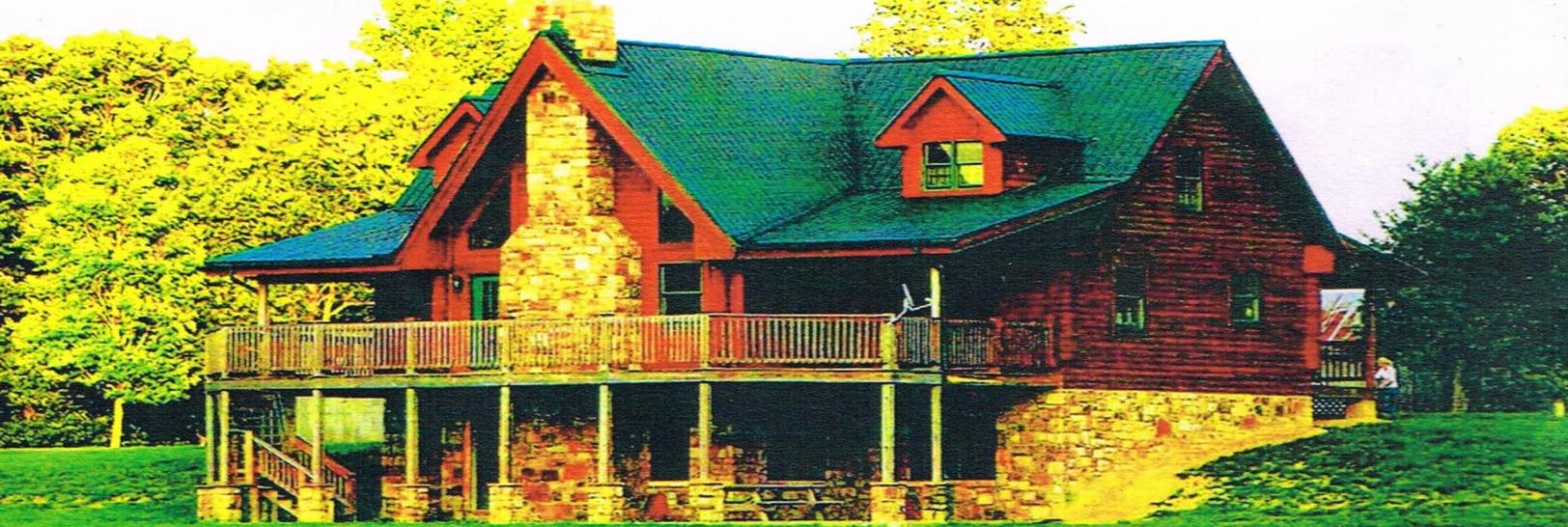
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