

### Awards:

Awards are tentative based on sponsorship and delivery. If you would like to sponsor an award please contact Suzanne Anderson at 540-520-4567 or [Anderson2655@gmail.com](mailto:Anderson2655@gmail.com)  
Please note that all awards and criteria are subject to change.

- **Breakthrough Award** - Plaque and a \$100.00 merchandise gift certificate for Breakthrough - The judge's Choice Best of Show Award should be selected by all judges, by mutual agreement, from any of the first place entries in the competition. Any entry not earning a first place is not eligible.
- **Wasco Award** - Award and a \$100.00 merchandise gift certificate for WASCO – The most artistic entry chosen by all judges.
- **The Polytranspar Award** - Engraved plaque and a \$50.00 merchandise gift certificate for WASCO – Best use of polytranspar paint.
- **Competitor's Challenge Award** - Cash based on entries Professionals and Master's Divisions- You may enter any three mounts in any category (they can be the same category) – There is a professional and Masters division – The judges will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **The McKenzie Taxidermy Supply Distinguished Service Award** - A plaque of recognition and a \$100.00 merchandise gift certificate from McKenzie - Any member, in good standing, with their state association, who has done the most during the past year to Promote professionalism in his/her business, Advance the art of taxidermy, Depict taxidermy and hunting in a positive image, Share knowledge of taxidermy techniques, Improve the quality of his/her taxidermy work, Promote the goals of the state association. Chosen by board and members of the association.
- **Taxidermist Choice Best of Category** – Deer Head, Game Heads, Small Game Life Size, Big Game Life Size, Birds, Fish, Reptiles, Habitat, Wildlife Art. Voted through special ballot.
- **Judges Choice Best of Category** – Master and Professional Division – Deerhead, Game Heads, Small Game Life Size, Big Game Life Size, Birds, Fish, Reptiles, Habitat. The judges will choose the winner. It is not base on scores
- **Chris Barnhardt Memorial Award** - Masters Division - Highest scoring small mammal.
- **Al Holmes** - Best Habitat mount in the competition. The Habitat judge will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **Calloway Custom Woodworks** - Most Artistic Mount Award and \$50.00 merchandise gift certificate - The judge will choose the winner that is on a Calloway base.
- **Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries** - Best Native Species. The judge will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **Les Harper Award** - Best Bear mount in the competition. The judge will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **The Virginia Deer Hunter Association** - Best Deer mount in the competition. The judge will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **Research Mannikins** - Amateur Division. The judge will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **Best Commercial** - Best commercial mount in the competition.
- **Best All Around Professional** - Best Professional mounts in the competition. It is based on scores.
- **Best All Around Master** - Best Masters mounts in the competition. It is based on scores.
- **Taxidermists Choice Best Of Show** – Highest votes from the taxidermists choice voting.
- **Judges Choice Best Of Show** - The judges will choose the winner. It is not based on scores.
- **Service to Virginia Taxidermists Association Award** – Voted on by the board.
- **Dennis Mills Memorial Award** - Sponsored by Rick Denzler and awarded to the best amateur mount at the competition. Rick Denzler chooses the winner. Not based on scores.
- **The National Wild Turkey Federation Award** - awarded to the best turkey mount at the competition.
- **Golden Example**- awarded to the taxidermist 60+.
- **Highest Scoring Amateur**- awarded to highest scoring amateur.
- **Virginia Deer Hunter Association**- best commercial whitetail.
- **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**- best commercial gamehead.
- **Jason Jenkins Award**: Best professional small mammal. Based on score.
- **Kip Hughes Award**: Best large mammal in Master's. Based on score.
- **Pro-1**: Use of Pro-1 Chemicals Awarded by Paul Cales.
- **Ducks Unlimited**: Awarded to the best duck.

- **Second to Nature:** Mounted on Second to Nature form.
- **Van Dykes:** Most original entry.
- **Hog Wild:** Best hog in show.
- **Artisan:** Voted on by people.
- **Mounted in Alaska Award:** Best entry that tells a story. Judges decide.
- **Horizon Award** - Awarded to the best youth mount in the competition. It is based on scores.
- **Presidents Award** – Chosen by the President and is not based on scores.

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