

# 2019 NEWSLETTER

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VIRGINIA TAXIDERMISTS



ASSOCIATION





## Letter from the President:

Yet again, we had another great convention that was a testament to showcasing the amazing talents of our fellow taxidermists. The fun, fellowship, and overall excitement of coming together as an organization has continued to be a highlight of our annual event. Thanks to YOU, our membership, our organization continues to thrive. It's been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past year and I look forward to continuing to serve you in 2020. A special thanks to the VTA Board Members, their hard work, dedication and commitment to this organization has been key to our continued success.

Thanks,

Robbie



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## Letter from the Secretary:

Hi everyone, my apologies for the delay in the newsletter but I had some last minute, post-show business come through and additionally wanted to get the results from the World's Show to see if perhaps Virginia was represented. And I was right to do so because our very own Harold McGuire pulled in the win for the Best-in-World Award for his turkey mount! Congratulations to Harold and ALL the winners of the 2019 World Taxidermy Championship.

In a little VTA post-show news, regardless of having a few less mounts due to the World's, we still made our fiscal goals for the year! Additionally, we had more pre-registers at 87% (up 14% from LYTD). Lastly, our expenses decreased because we had an increase in donations from our vendors and our sponsors. Overall, our organization continues to move forward and as always, I want to thank you for your continued kindness and support. Your willingness to help the VTA Board with show set-up, take-down, front desk operations etc. is truly appreciated. Simply, it just couldn't all get done without you!

Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you all next year!

Suzy Q

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*"Not only is he a great taxidermist but is also a great guy!"*

## Harold McGuire World Taxidermy Win

Congratulations to our very own Virginia Taxidermist Harold McGuire for winning the 2019 World Taxidermy Championship Best in World Master Division Turkey. Harold owns and operates McGuire's Taxidermy & Freeze Drying in McDowell, Virginia. For those of you that know Harold, not only is he a great Taxidermist but is also a great guy. He has always been willing to help our organization and we are proud to have him represent our great state!



### Congratulations to our VTA Service Award

#### Winners:

- **VTA Distinguished Taxidermist**  
Gary Spradlin
- **VTA Service Award**  
Bonnie Runion
- **Beefy Collins Award**  
Tom McComas
- **VTA Lifetime Achievement Award**  
Mark Poirot

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## 2019 Convention and Competition



**Mark Poirot:**

Winner of Taxidermist Choice and Judges Choice Best Habitat, President's Award.

Taxidermists Choice Best Large Mammal, Highest Scoring Large Mammal, Taxidermists Best in Show and Matuska Taxidermy Competitors Challenge Masters, Best Commercial Gamehead.



**Lance Seal:**

Winner Judges Choice Best Master Fish, Polytranspar, Taxidermists Choice Best of Category.



**Jake Rouse:**

Winner of Taxidermists Choice Best Gamehead, Judges Choice Best Gamehead, Hog Wild.



**Pete Runion:**

Winner Taxidermist Choice Best of Category Small Mammal.



**Kendall Wilson:**

Winner Les Harper Best Bear and WASCO.



**David Clark:**

Winner Judges Choice Best Master Deerhead, Pro-1 Award.

**Shawn Powell:**  
 Winner Judges Choice Best of Show, Judges Choice Best of Category, Breakthrough, Artisan, Mounted in Alaska, VDGIF Best Native Species, Ducks Unlimited, Taxidermists Choice Best of Category.



**Crystal Stitzer:**  
 Winner Judges Choice Best Professional Deerhead.

# *A Special Thanks to:*

## **Our 2019 Show Vendors**

Ohio Taxidermy  
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## **Our 2019 Mounting War Participants**

Jarvie Robinson  
 Matt Marulli  
 Jake Rouse  
 Matt Jones  
 Jeremy Simon  
 David Clark



## **Our 2019 Seminar Instructors**

Sam Woody Pompell  
 Hilton Eppley Jr.  
 Harold McGuire  
 Jason Krause  
 Rick Denzler  
 Matt Marulli  
 Gerry Viola  
 Haley Rouse

## **Our 2019 Show Judges**

Sam "Woody" Pompell  
 Gerry Viola  
 Jason Krause  
 Hilton Epply  
 Rick Denzler





## 2019 Award Winners

### **Horizon Award: Gabe Robinson**

**Amateur Winners:** Daryl Howdyshell, Dalton Guy, David McKenny, Dave Robinson

**Billy Taylor Memorial Best Amateur:** David McKenny

**Wildlife Photo:** Jessica McKenny

**Wildlife Art:** Nic Shelton

**President Award:** Mark Poirot

### **Taxidermists Choice Best of Categories:**

Habitat: Mark Poirot

Small Mammal: Pete Runion

Gamehead: Jake Rouse

Deerhead: Jarvie Robinson

Fish: Lance Seal

Bird: Shawn Powell

Large Mammal: Mark Poirot

### **Judges Choice Best of Category:** **Professional**

Deerhead: Crystal Stitzer

Habitat: Russell Coble

Birds: James Farris

Fish: David Austin

Small Mammal: Kevin Hastings

Gamehead: Matt Jones

### **Judges Choice Best of Categories:** **Masters**

Deerhead: David Clark

Habitat: Mark Poirot

Bird: Shawn Powell

Fish: Lance Seal

Lifesize Small: Matt Marulli

Lifesize Large: Mark Poirot

Gamehead: Jake Rouse

**Les Harper Best Bear:** Kendall Wilson

**Highest Scoring Large Mammal:** Mark Poirot

**Highest Scoring Small Mammal:** Matt Marulli

**Ducks Unlimited:** Shawn Powell

**Polytranspar:** Lance Seal

**VDGIF:** Shawn Powell

**Second-2-Nature:** Gary Spradlin

**Calloway Bases:** Matt Marulli

**Pro-1:** David Clark

**Best Commercial Entry:** Harold McGuire

**Best Commercial Deerhead:** Matt Jones

**Best Commercial Gamehead:** Mark Poirot

**Van Dykes:** Kevin Hastings

**Competitors Challenge:** Professional  
Russell Coble

**Hog Wild:** Jake Rouse

**Mounted in Alaska:** Shawn Powell

**Artisan:** Shawn Powell

**WASCO:** Kendall Wilson

**Taxidermists Choice Best in Show:** Mark Poirot

**Breakthrough:** Shawn Powell

**Judges Choice Best in Show:** Shawn Powell



## 2019 Award Sponsors

**Dallas Taylor:** Judges Best of Show

**Taylor's Meat Processing:** Taxidermists Best of Show

**Gary Spradlin:** Best Professional Deer & Gamehead

**Custom Whitetail Taxidermy by Matt Jones:** Best Master Deer

**Jason Jenkins:** Highest Scoring Small Mammal

**Robbie Anderson:** Highest Scoring Large Mammal and Master Bird

**Rick Denzler:** Billy Taylor Memorial

**Rocky Mount Elk Foundation:** Best Commercial Gamehead

**Virginia Deer Hunter Association:** Best Commercial Deerhead

**Paul Cales:** PRO-1

**Kip Hughes:** Kip Hughes Award

**United Taxidermy Association:** Artisan

**Russell Knight:** Mounted in Alaska

**Second-2-Nature:** Best Deer on Second-2-Nature form

**Ducks Unlimited:** DU Award

**McKenzie:** Best of Categories, Wasco, Polytranspar, Van Dykes, Distinguished Taxidermists

**Calloway:** Best Mount on Calloway Base

**Mountain Meadow:** Best Hog

**Research Mannequins:** Amateurs

**VDGIF:** Best Native Species

**Matuska:** Master Competitor Challenge

**Break Through:** Break Through Award



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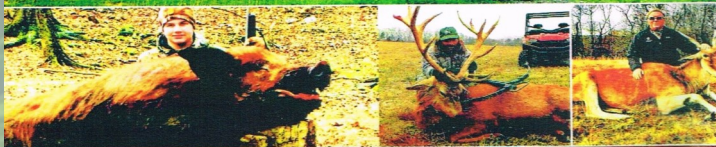


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