

Virginia Taxidermist Association 3rd Quarter Newsletter

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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Virginia Taxidermists Association is to promote a standard of quality, fairness and conduct for all of the Virginia Taxidermists and our associates. To this end we shall encourage all interested parties through education and example to better themselves and their practices for the benefit of our customers, ourselves, and the general public.

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Welcome to the October 2024 Newsletter

A Message from your President Matt Jones



Hard to believe the 45th VTA competition is right around the corner! Hope everyone is rolling stuff out the door and getting ready for a busy hunting season. Be thinking about your next competition mount, as the show will be here before we know it. The board and myself are getting things worked out and it's shaping up to be a great show. Don't forget to take some time to yourself and get out in the woods this season. Good luck in the woods and in your shop this coming season! Can't wait to see you all very soon!

~Matt Jones, President

A Message from your Vice President David McKinney

Hope everybody is doing well and ready for
the upcoming season!

~David McKinney, Vice President



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A Message from your Secretary/Treasurer Robbie Anderson



Hey Everyone hope you had a great summer. Your Board has been hard at it getting Ready for your 2025 show. Some new and exciting things going your way, Be on the look out trough Facebook and news letters that Amanda is doing a great job on. Make sure you got every thing ready for the opening of season and the board hopes you take as many as you want this year.

Thanks
Robbie

Board Member Messages

Thank you to everyone that participated in the pricing survey! Also check out the website, vataxidermists.com! I have updated it with a member list, please look it over and if you see any mistakes or if I accidentally left you out let me know! Thanks so much and I can't wait to see everyone at the show in March!

Don't forget we are starting on Thursday this year!!

~Amanda Robinson

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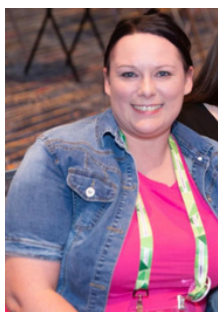
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VTA Board Meeting Schedule

Next Board Meeting: December

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February

Annual Member Meeting

March 2025 at the Show.

Upcoming March Election Ballot

President - David McKinney

Vice President - Jarvie Robinson

Secretary/Treasurer - Amanda Robinson

Re-Election - Mike Stevens

Board Members: Derrick Clinedest & Jason Burner

**If you would like your name placed on the ballot
please let your board know.**

**Scan the QR Code below with your phone's
camera to access the board contact sheet**



**Use this form to
submit any
comments,
concerns or
questions that you
would like to be
read to the board at
the next meeting**

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VTA Annual Convention and Competition

2025 Show Update!

Date: March 6-8, 2025

SHOW STARTS ON THURSDAY EVENING!

Where: Best Western 109 Apple Tree Ln, Waynesboro, Va

HOTEL ROOM BLOCK IS NOW OPEN TO BOOK!!

Call 540-942-1100 to reserve your room

PRESIDENTS AWARD - WATERFOWL

Judges

Whitetail - Darin Brinks

Mammals/Gamehead - Greg Cuevelier

Fish - Chad See

Birds - Kevin Windby

Habitat/Amatuer - Rick Denzler

Seminars

Business Basics 101- Chad See

Fish Seminar TBD - Chad See

Casting Deer Parts - Dalton Jeffers

Casting Duck Parts - Nate Mixon

Split, Turn, Flesh & Tanning Green Capes - Jarvie Robinson

Habitat work - Todd Rapalee

MORE COMING SOON!!!

These seminars were suggestions on our post show survey
from March!

Your opinion matters to your board!

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VENDORS

We are NOW Accepting vendor applications
Please contact David McKinney @ 804-334-9162
or email him at mckinneystaxidermy@gmail.com

Vendors attending

Pro-1 Proformace Chemicals Ohio Taxidermy Supply
Robin's Nest Rugs Hilton Epply Forms
McKenzie Taxidermy Supply Gary's Custom Woodworking
Rock Ridge Wildlife Artistry - Dalton Jeffers
Warhorse Taxidermy & Consulting

What's NEW for the 2025 show

 The show will be kicking off on THURSDAY EVENING
this year with Registration & Seminars.

 Crustacean Award - Awarded to the best Crustacean

 Pre - Register to save Big on Convention Fees & mount
entry fees. Along with a pre-registration only giveaway!

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45th Anniversary Taxidermy Convention & Competition March 6-8, 2025



Rooms are limited so call today to reserve yours!

**Best Western Plus
109 Apple Tree Ln
Waynesboro, VA 22980
540-942-1100**

Room Rates:

March 6, 2025 - \$110.99

March 7 & 8, 2025 - \$120.99

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Upcoming Taxidermy Conventions

Neighboring State Association Shows

Maryland February 27- March 1, 2025

Virginia March 6 - 8, 2025 in Waynesboro, VA

Pennsylvania March 19 - 23, 2025

West Virginia June 12 - 15, 2025 in Sutton, WV

Kentucky June 12 - 15, 2025 in Cave City, Ky

National Taxidermy Convention August 14 - 16, 2025 in Peoria, IL

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Virginia Taxidermist compete in North Carolina Taxidermy Competition



Not Pictured: Lane Thacker & Shawn Thacker



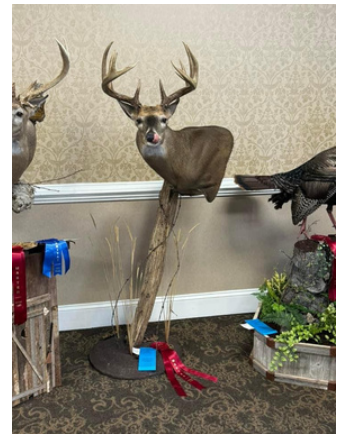
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Blue Ribbon - Masters
Peoples Choice Best Master Entry
Taxidermist Choice Best Deer
Matuska Challenge Award



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State Champion Deer



Derrick Clinedest
Blue Ribbon - Masters



Derrick Clinedest
Red Ribbon - Masters

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Red Ribbon - Masters
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Robert Weikle
Red Ribbon - Professional
Red Ribbon - Habitat



Nick Shelton
Blue Ribbon - Professional

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Members News

Membership is the key to the success of our association.

Without our members we could not be here so thank you all that become members every year. Even if you did not or do not attend the annual show, please still join the association.

We are planning things throughout the year.

We have Individual, Family and Business memberships available.

If you would like to become a member please reach out to

Robbie @ 540-765-8479

Newsletter Content

If you attend any other state shows please submit your photos to the FB Page so that we can put it in the next newsletter!

If you have any taxidermy tips or ideas for the newsletter please submit those also!

Don't forget to Submit Photos of what you've been up to since the show.

Newsletters will go out quarterly and be available on the 1st of April, July, October, January

We have also set up a form that you can use to submit ideas & comments for the newsletters and to the board.

Each submission sent to it will be read to the board. We want to hear from you!

Scan with
you Phone
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form



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Member News

**The VTA would like to Congratulate Nick Shelton
on his engagement to Haley Casper!**

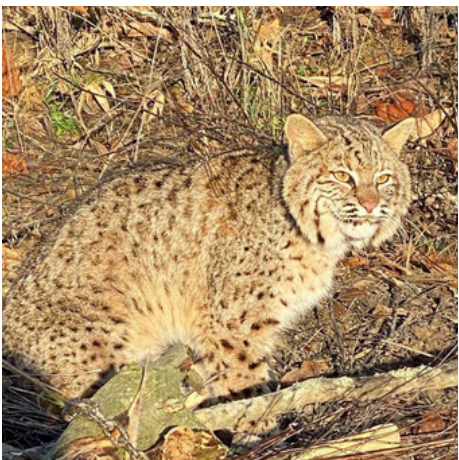
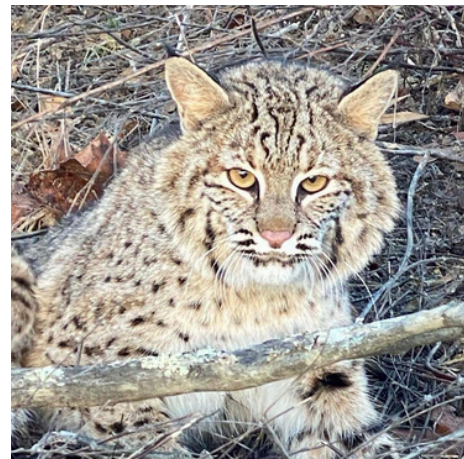
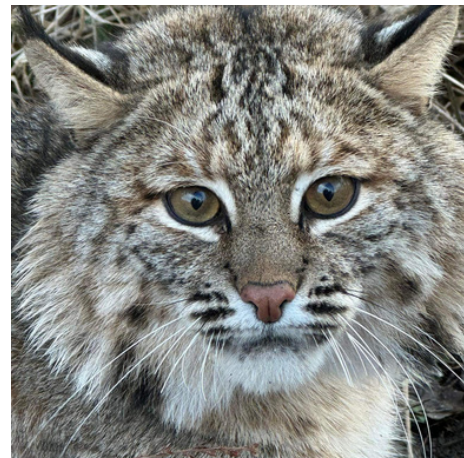
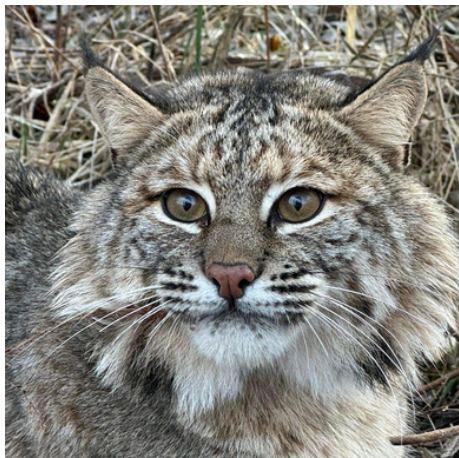
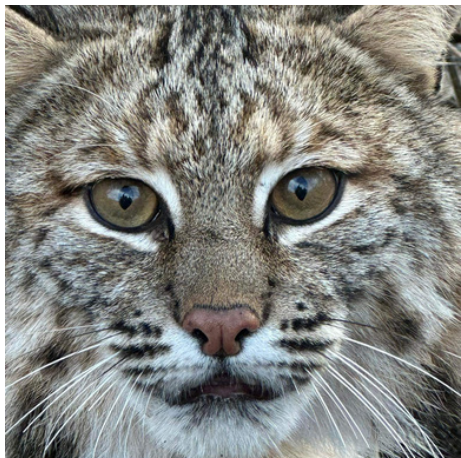


**Nick popped the question while they attended the
NCTA show in June.**

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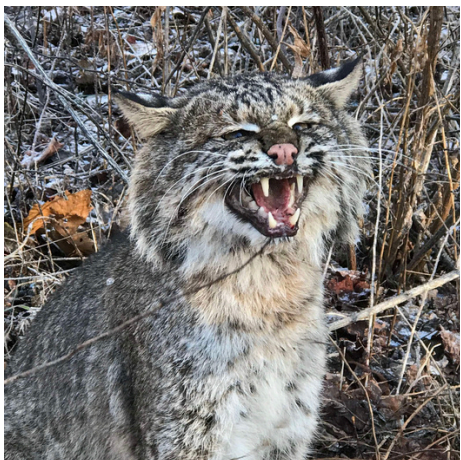
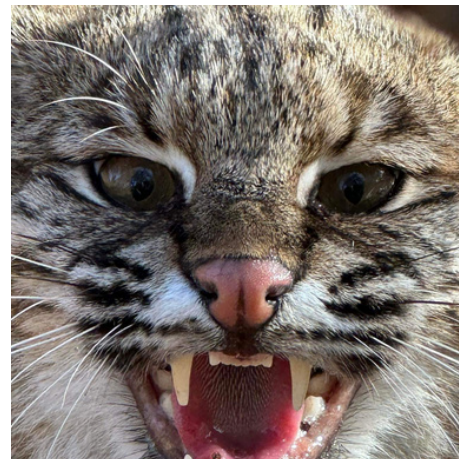
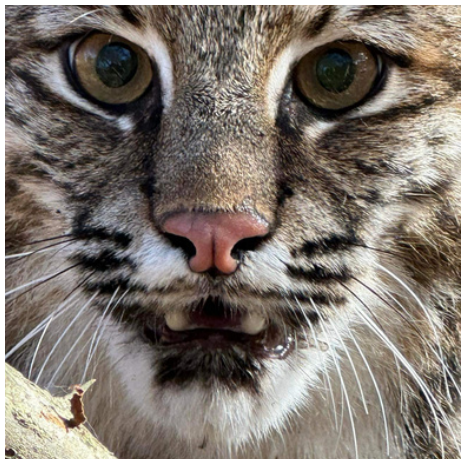
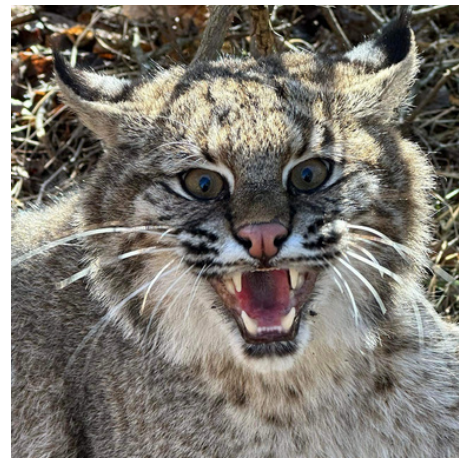
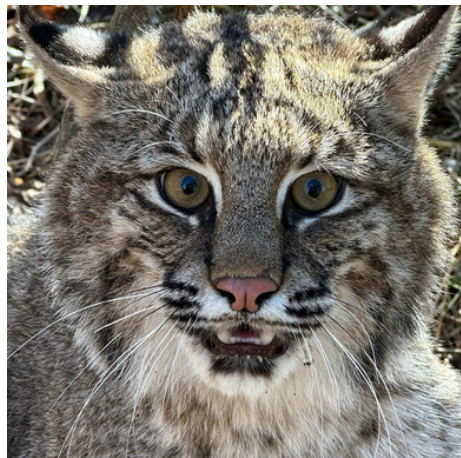
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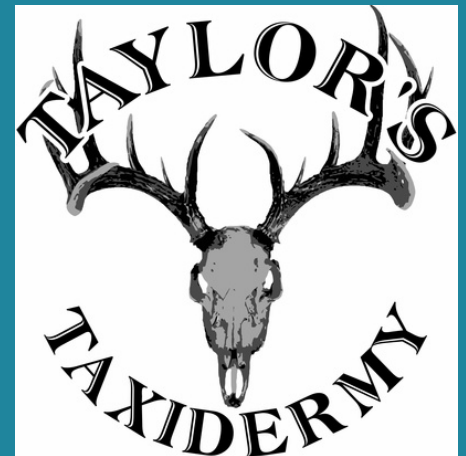
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Business Members



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Special Thanks to all our Vendors and Sponsors that help make all the awards, auction items and show a success!

If you would like to Sponsor the VTA's show or set up a vendor space next year please reach out to

**Robbie Anderson at 540-765-8479 or
email him at anderson2655@gmail.com**

Sponsors of the VTA

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Breakthrough Magazine

Pro-1 Proformance Chemicals

McKenzie Taxidermy Supply

Ohio Taxidermy Supply

Matuska Taxidermy Supply

Wildlife Gallery

Robins Nest Animal Rugs

Ingles Wood Working

Gary's Custim Woodworking

Dixie Panels

Hilton Eppley Forms

Steve Padgett Engraving

Robbie & Suzi Anderson

Dallas Taylor

Matt & Kayla Jones

Shawn & Genii Powell

David & Jessica McKinney

Vendors at the 2024 show

Pro-1 Proformance Chemicals

McKenzie Taxidermy Supply

Ohio Taxidermy Supply

Kip Hughes Forms

Wildlife Gallery

Robins Nest Animal Rugs

Tad's Taxidermy: War Birds

Trophy Makers

G&G Taxidermy

Gary's Custom Woodworking

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Ruozzi & Sons Supply

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Dixie Classic Panels

Hilton Eppley Forms

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2024 Fall Pricing Survey

| 2024 Virginia Taxidermist Association Pricing Survey | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| Species | Average | Low End | High End | N/A |
| Deer Standard | \$775 | \$550 | \$1,230 | 11.4% |
| Deer Wall Pedestal | \$900 | \$600 | \$1,530 | 11.4% |
| Deer Floor Pedestal | \$1,030 | \$600 | \$2,700 | 20% |
| Deer Lifesize | \$3,550 | \$2,000 | \$5,900 | 24.2% |
| Deer Pack Mount | \$1,075 | \$600 | \$1,968 | 27.6% |
| Whitetail Euro | \$200 | \$100 | \$440 | 16.1% |
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| Bear Standard | \$760 | \$600 | \$1,600 | 9.7% |
| Bear Wall Pedestal | \$920 | \$600 | \$1,900 | 16.1% |
| Bear 1/2 Life Size | \$2,285 | \$1,300 | \$4,900 | 16.7% |
| Bear Life Size | \$3,815 | \$1,500 | \$7,000 | 22.6% |
| Bear Pack Mount | \$1,309 | \$600 | \$2,560 | 33.3% |
| Bear Rug | \$1,868 | \$1,200 | \$3,200 | 35.5% |
| Bear Euro | \$270 | \$100 | \$500 | 31.4% |
| Game Head Open Mouth | \$440 | \$100 | \$1,450 | 25.7% |
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| Lifesize Bobcat | \$1,550 | \$550 | \$3,000 | 9.7% |
| Lifesize Fox | \$1,518 | \$550 | \$2,800 | 12.9% |
| Lifesize Coyote | \$1,748 | \$600 | \$3,300 | 16.7% |
| Lifesize Raccoon | \$1,281 | \$500 | \$2,800 | 20.0% |
| Lifesize Squirrel | \$562 | \$150 | \$1,230 | 32.3% |
| Small Mammal Table Pedestal | \$787 | \$325 | \$1,500 | 26.7% |
| Same Game Soft Tan | \$293 | \$150 | \$700 | 42.9% |
| Small Game Open Mouth | \$392 | \$100 | \$1,350 | 31.4% |
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| Elk Shoulder | \$1,875 | \$1,075 | \$2,800 | 37.1% |
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| Lifesize Turkey | \$1,327 | \$800 | \$2,500 | 48.6% |
| Waterfowl | \$459 | \$360 | \$800 | 51.4% |
| | | | | |
| Skin Mount Fish | 28.5/inch | 15/inch | 52/inch | 60.0% |
| Reproduction Fish | 33/inch | 19/inch | 48/inch | 51.4% |