

VIRGINIA TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION  
SEPTEMBER, 2016

*Congratulations to Horizon Award Winner  
Macy Tugwell!*



## From the President

Greetings to all members and interested taxidermists,

It was a time of sorrow on April 16, 2016, when Franklin Mabe passed away. (see the memorial from Jamie Mabe on following page). I visited Franklin's shop several times over the years and I was always welcomed and picked up a few pointers. Franklin was one of the founding members of the VTA. He only missed one of our shows due to a medical emergency with his wife. He will be missed by everyone.

The board and I have been working hard for our next show, March 17 & 18, at the Best Western in Waynesboro.

We have purchased a new 20' box trailer. This will make it a lot easier loading, unloading and storing and transporting our back boards and supplies for the show.

We will be having 2 live auctions, a silent auction and several raffles. Bring whatever you can to support these fundraisers. Kip Hughes will be building a base in a seminar and will donate it with a life size bear form on it to the auction.

You will soon be able to use credit and debit cards for the next show for auctions and registrations. Remember that pre-registration saves time for the secretary/treasurer, enables a smoother flow at the registration desk during check in, and saves you money!

There have been a few changes to the officers and board of directors. Audrie McLane resigned as Secretary/Treasurer. She did a good job and she will be missed. Suzy Anderson filled this vacancy and is doing a wonderful job. She is catching on fast and has a lot of good ideas. Judy Waters was elected to fill Suzy's vacancy on the board of directors.

The evaluation sheets are a valuable item for the board. If you don't fill one out, feel free to stop a board member or myself at the show and tell us what you like/dislike.

Relax, keep calm—deer season is coming soon! Wishing all the best of luck in filling your freezers with game and your shop with customers!

Please contact me any time with questions or concerns.

Danny Waters,  
President



President's Animal

## IN MEMORY

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Franklin T. Mabe who passed away on April 16, 2016, in his shop in Max Meadows, Virginia. He was 82 years old.

Franklin was a founding member of the VTA. He was a board member for many years and served two terms as president.

Franklin had been doing taxidermy since 1955. He won numerous awards for his creative and innovative work. All of this while working swing shift at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, as a Lieutenant on the guard force for 27 years. He retired from RAAP in 1992 and mounted 292 deer that same year. He was no stranger to hard work.

I had the privilege of working right beside him in our shop for 23 years of hands-on training. He was married to Mary Lee Mabe for 62 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee, two sons; Mike and Jamie, and preceded in death by a son, Craig.

He will be missed by all.

My father, Franklin Mabe.

With deep sorrow,

Jamie Mabe

## LETTER FROM SECRETARY/TREASURER

Hello everyone, my name is Suzanne "Suzy" Anderson and I am your new Secretary/Treasurer for the VTA. It was my privilege to be voted on the board in March, 2016; then appointed Secretary/Treasurer. In that time it has been incredibly productive and lots of work has been done by your board to assure YOU have the best show planned for 2017!

A little about myself, I live at beautiful Smith Mountain Lake Virginia with my husband, Robbie Anderson. We have 4 children, one of which is currently stationed in Fort Wainwright, Alaska with the Army (HOOAH)! We are a proud military family and do a lot to support our military community as well as our family involved in the taxidermy industry. It will be my pleasure to contribute to this organization during my term and look forward to growing the VTA to new heights!

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions, feedback, questions etc by email [anderson2655@gmail.com](mailto:anderson2655@gmail.com) or by phone at 540-520-4567 Again, I look forward to serving you and am excited about the possibilities and future of the VTA!

Suzy Anderson

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# NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

A reminder that advertising is accepted for the newsletter. The newsletter is scheduled to be published 3 times per year—Spring/summer following the Convention/competition/show, Fall issue to be published in mid September and the Winter issue to be published in January. The Winter issue will contain all the information for the upcoming show in March. Any member (such as wholesale taxidermy shops) or supply vendors can purchase space in the newsletter as follows:

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In June of 2015 the board of directors voted to open a savings account with \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a new trailer and after the 2016 show, purchase the trailer outright instead of financing. The trailer was ordered after the show and has arrived. We now have a secure place to store our backboards and other items used each year at the show.

Our thanks to Richard Bell for the use of one of his trailers for storage in the past and for a place to keep our trailer throughout the year.

Having our own trailer saves us the cost of storage unit rental and additional labor of double handling our show items.



# Tuggy's Hands-On Habitat Seminar — 2016

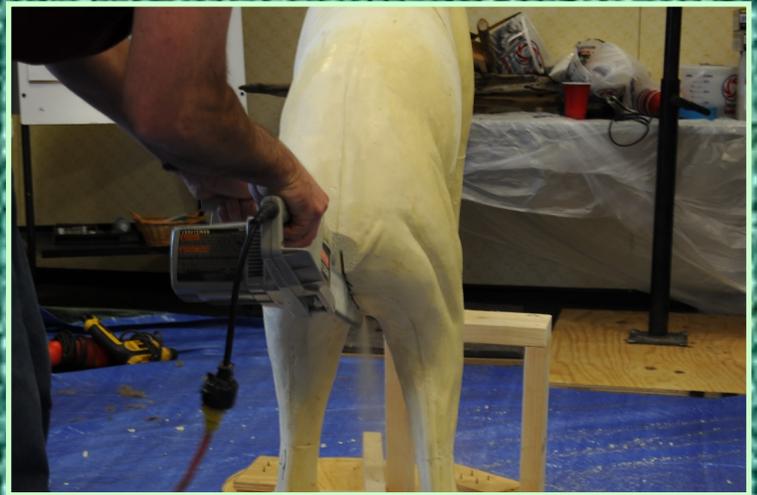


*More from the  
2016 Show*



*Speed Mounting  
Competition*

# Form Alteration Seminar with Kip Hughes—2016





***Adventures in  
Alaska  
with members Pete  
and Bonnie Runion***



# UPDATES

As consumers you know that the cost of everything is going nowhere but up! Rising costs affect us all and that is true for the Virginia Taxidermists Association as well.

After careful consideration, the board of directors have determined that the following increases in dues are necessary to the continued growth of our organization.

Beginning this year, the following increase will be in effect:

Dues will increase by \$10.00 for all types of membership.

The board of directors continues to look for creative ideas to additionally raise revenue such as the deer mounting seminar sponsored by Chris Lacy to be held at his shop in December. The organization will also be selling Virginia Taxidermists Association auto decals at the show in March.

Please contact Suzy Anderson or Chris Lacy with ideas for fundraising projects. All input is greatly appreciated!



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ASSOCIATION**

## **GOOD NEWS!**

At the 2017 show the VTA will be able to accept credit/debit cards . Members will not have to write checks or carry around lots of cash to register, pay dues and buy things at the auction

## **SPEED MOUNTING COMPETITION**

An event everyone seems to enjoy, the speed mounting competition this year will be for game heads—not just deer heads! Open up to 10 competitors to take place on Friday night following the Meet & Greet. Rules, entry fee and prize money details to come.

## **AUCTION**

Instead of one long auction at the banquet, this year the plan is to have an auction of smaller items after the Meet & Greet event on Friday night just before the speed mounting competition. Large items will be auctioned at the banquet. Another possible auction event will be a silent auction using bid boxes instead of sheets where everyone can see all the bids and who made them. Using bid boxes will allow bidders to decide how much they would be willing to pay for an item and make their bid. Winners will be announced at the banquet..

**The President's Animal  
for 2017 is a squirrel.**



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Catagories of Membership:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual      \$60
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family      \$85
- \_\_\_\_\_ Business      \$115 – Includes business name on the VTA website

Circle one:              New              Renewal

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Company Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

One year membership (January 1 to December 31) includes the VTA newsletters, pocket card, education, and protecting your rights. When you join the VTA you become a better informed taxidermist. Your dues work for your right to hunt and practice taxidermy. The VTA has a primary focus on unity and education.

Dues need to be paid prior to participation in the annual convention/competition. Dues may be paid at the convention.

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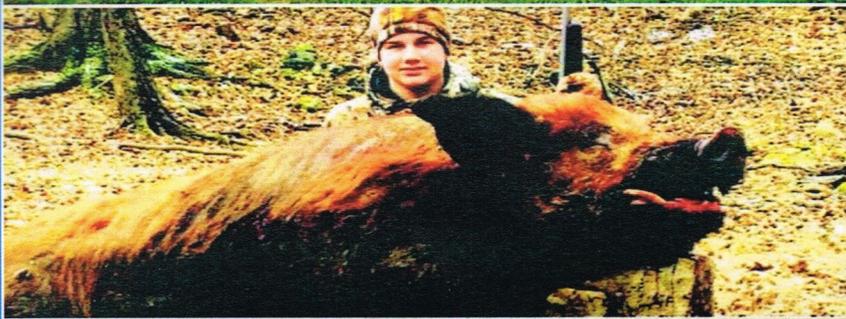
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