



33rd Annual Iowa Taxidermists Association Competition & Show

March 31 – April 3, 2016

Best Western Regency Inn & Convention Center
3303 S. Center Street, Marshalltown, Iowa

As an Iowa-licensed taxidermist, you are welcome to join the I.T.A. even if you are not able to attend the show. Show registrants are not required to enter a mount in the competition; however, you must be registered for the show to attend the seminars.

All pre-registration entries will receive a ITA t-shirt

This year's Show Challenge

MAMMAL CATEGORY – FOX (Any Species) – ANY DIVISION

**Pre-Registration must be postmarked no later
than March 20th**

2016 I.T.A. Show Schedule of Events

March 31 – April 3, 2016

Thursday, March 31, 2016

2:00 p.m..... Set up competition room. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m..... Mounts accepted. Registration open. Suppliers may set up.

Friday, April 1, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon Suppliers set up in vendor's room. Open for business 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Final call – register and check in mounts.***
10:00 a.m. - ??..... Meeting: ITA officers, board of directors, and Competition Committee.
1:00 p.m..... Judging begins.
1:30pm – 5:30pm **Seminar** Rick Krane – Painting a Reproduction Chum Salmon. This salmon will donated to the Saturday night auction
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Welcome reception in banquet room, Marshalltown Visitor's Convention Bureau. (Tentative)
6:30 p.m. -- ??? Live auction, taxidermy supplies & cash bar. Donations needed!!!

Saturday, April 2, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Competition room opens to show registrants when judging & ribbons completed.
9:00 a.m. – Noon Vendor Room open for business.
10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon **Seminar** Todd Kranau – Altering Manikins
12 Noon – 5:00 p.m. Competition Room opens to the general public. Free admission.
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Vendor Room open for business.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Seminar** Brian Eppley – Ears and ear butts – Hands on
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Kids' Seminar**, Roger's Road Kill
3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. **Seminar** Mike Orthober – Mounting a standing duck
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Set up for Awards Banquet and Auction by officers, board of directors, show committee members, and other welcomed volunteers.
6:00 p.m..... Open bar in banquet room.
7:00 p.m..... Banquet dinner – buffet style.
8:00 p.m. - ??..... Awards – Silent Auction – Fellowship. Donations needed for Silent Auction!

Sunday, April 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Meeting: Officers, board of directors, and committee heads. Prepare for the ITA General Membership Business Meeting.
9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon Competition Room open to the general public. Free admission.
9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon Vendor Room open for business (shop early – some vendors leave Saturday night!)
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Seminar** Dan Fiala and Greg Cuvelier – “Tips and Tricks” Round table discussion
12:00 p.m..... Out-of-state entries released.
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Annual business meeting for ITA General Membership in seminar room. Election of board members.
2:00 p.m..... **ITA member entries released.**

ALL SHOW REGISTRANTS ASSIST TEAR DOWN AND CLEAN-UP BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUNDS.

2016 Friday Activities -April 1st

9:00 a.m. – 12 NoonSuppliers set up in vendor's room. Open for business 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*** Final call – register and check in mounts.

Competition pieces **must** be checked in by 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 1st.

No exceptions, except for an emergency.

Hanging mounts must have D-ring hangers attached or they cannot be displayed!

A "D-Ring Hanger" is a hanger that has an opening at the top so it can be easily hung on a hook on pegboard. Look under "Hangers" in your taxidermy supply catalog for samples.

*** Registration and entries also accepted Thursday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

*** You must make prior arrangements with Sam Gaylord, show chair, if you are unable to make the 1:00 p.m. registration deadline on Friday due to circumstances beyond your control.

Absolutely no check-ins after 5:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. ...Meeting: ITA officers, board of directors, and Competition Committee.

1:00 p.m......Judging begins. Competition room closed except for Competition Committee.

1:30 p.m......Friday afternoon seminars start. Rick Krane – painting a reproduction chum salmon

5:30 p.m......Welcome Reception by the Marshalltown Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

6:30 p.m......Live auction of taxidermy supplies and cash bar. This will be your only opportunity to buy taxidermy supplies at auction prices.

More auction items needed! Please bring anything lying around the house or shop that you're not using, or new items, to donate. Does not have to be taxidermy related!

2016 Competition Judging

The following have agreed to judge at the 2016 show. Each judge will also conduct at least a 2-hour seminar.

Birds – Mike Orthober
Deerheads – Brian Eppley
Fish and Reptiles – Rick Krane
Mammals, Gameheads & Rugs – Todd Kranau

A sheet will be available at the registration table Saturday morning for entrants to sign up for a 15-minute consultation with their mount's respective judge. Please end your discussion when your time is up so the next entrant has an equal opportunity. Score sheets will be available Saturday (except for blue ribbon entries, which will be after the Awards Banquet). Entrants must show each entry's tag number to identify and claim their score sheet(s).

Kids Seminar. Saturday, 2-3 pm. Kids will be mounting road kill provided by Roger Hutton.

I.T.A. Competition Rules & Regulations

Please read & understand before registering a mount for competition!

1. Iowa residents must be an ITA member in good standing and have a current Iowa DNR taxidermist's license. Immediate family members of an Iowa-licensed taxidermist may enter on the same license. Out of state taxidermists are required have a current taxidermist's license from the state that they reside in. We reserve the right to deny entrance into the show / competition. This will be decided by the elected officers and board of directors.
2. Participants must be properly registered before entering a competition mount or attending a seminar. With a family registration, family members may do the same.
3. Out-of-state entrants are subject to the same registration guidelines, except are not required to have an Iowa DNR license or be an ITA member, unless they choose to pay dues in order to qualify for some awards.
4. Entrants accept the following conditions: Mounts are entered at the registrant's own risk. The ITA and committee volunteers assisting with the show are not responsible for loss due to damage, theft, fire, or natural causes to mounts entered by other registrants. Precautions are taken to ensure against losses, including locking the competition room each night and during the annual general membership meeting.
5. Entries of protected species must be accompanied by all necessary permits, which will be reviewed by members of the ITA Competition Committee.
6. Entries must be in "good taste" and are subject to approval and acceptance by the ITA Competition Committee. Mounts depicting man-inflicted injuries or connotations of violence or sex, for example, may be refused for entry upon the discretion of the Committee.
7. Exposed areas of mounts must be completely finished. Backsides of wall-mount fish must be finished in the Masters Division (Amateur and Professional divisions are exempt for backsides of wall-mount fish only.)
8. Competition mounts must be fully finished and ready for judging at the time of entry (completely dry, free of pins, carding, etc., including Amateur divisions).
9. Entrants may place and groom their mounts in the show room AFTER checking in at the registration table. Only the entrant may enter the show room to place their mount unless their entry is a large piece and assistance is needed. Entrants must leave the show area immediately after the mount is groomed.
10. Judging begins at 1 p.m. Friday. Only the Competition Committee, their designees (excludes guests), and the judges may be in the competition room during judging. Results will be available for registrants as early as possible Saturday. The time varies depending on the number of mounts to be judged.
11. Judges are selected from nominations made during the prior year's ITA general membership meeting.
12. Official Breakthrough score sheets are used for each division and category that is subject to judging.
13. Only the Competition Committee and their designees (excludes guests) may be in the show room when ribbons and awards are placed.
14. Judges' score sheets are distributed only to the respective taxidermist on Saturday. Entrants must show each entry's tag number to identify and claim their score sheets.
15. Glass cases on mounts must be removed prior to judging. Cases are placed in the competition room near the mount or under the display table where the mount is placed for judging.
16. Masters Division winners of first-place ribbons in a particular category may not move down to the Professional Division in future ITA competitions in that same category.
17. References used to prove an entry's process, pose, color, etc. must be submitted with the entry at check-in time.

18. Specimen(s) must be the main focus of the piece. The Competition Committee may make a judgment call or consult with other ITA officers or board members whether or not a piece meets this criterion and may be admitted for competition.
19. Pieces may not be admitted for show purposes only (non-judging) unless approved by the Competition Committee.
20. Iowa residents may not remove their mounts from the competition room until Sunday after the ITA general membership meeting and each entrant has assisted with teardown. Permission for early release due to an emergency may only be granted by a consensus of the Competition Committee. Entrants removing a mount early without permission are not allowed to participate the following year.
21. Out-of-state entrants may remove their mounts at 12 Noon on Sunday. While their assistance in teardown is greatly appreciated, they are not required to stay.
22. Concerns regarding judging of mounts may only be brought to the attention of the Competition Committee, NOT to the judges. Judges do not have identifying information regarding the mounts. All judges' decisions are based on set criteria from the ITA score sheets and are final. Entrants approaching a judge in direct conflict with this regulation are not allowed to participate in the following year's competition.
23. The awards presentation and auction portions of the show, but not the meal banquet, are open to everyone at no charge.
24. Disagreement with these rules and regulations should be brought to the attention of the Competition Committee, who will then discuss the matter with ITA officers and board members. A majority of those present may grant exception to a rule, or uphold the rule.
25. Competitors who are not involved in taxidermy may enter a piece in the Re-Creation open category without being required to have a DNR license or become an ITA member, but are required to pay show registration and entry fees.
26. Entrants awarded three blue ribbons, with one of them being a Best of Category in any category of the Amateur or Professional divisions, must move up to the next division in that category in future competitions.
27. Special awards in the Amateur divisions have been re-classified as Best of Category.
28. All hanging mounts must have a D-ring hanger attached. A D-ring hanger is a hanger that has an opening at the top so it can be easily hung on a hook on pegboard. Look under "Hangers" in your taxidermy supply catalog for samples.
29. Blue ribbon score sheets will not be distributed until after the Saturday night Awards Banquet.

Changes This Year

- We dropped the 18 month rule which stated that you can't bring a mount that is more than 18 months old
 - A new category – Joe Meder - Master of Masters!!!
 - We doubled the prize money for "Best of Category".
 - 1 free ITA t-shirt for each pre-registration
 - New ITA shirt styles and colors for sale!
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2016 I.T.A. Show Location & Lodging

The 2016 show will again be at the Best Western Regency Inn & Convention Center, 3303 S. Center Street, in Marshalltown, Iowa. Marshalltown is centrally located, with the Convention Center conveniently at the junction of Highways 14 & 30 (Center Street & Iowa Avenue), just off the Hwy. 30 exit 185.

Reservations. Make reservations for lodging no later than March 20th to take advantage of ITA's reserved block of rooms at the Convention Center. Be sure to request the discount for the Iowa Taxidermists Association – and re-confirm the ITA rate at check-in and check-out. We've been assured that our rate will be no more than \$79.95 plus tax per night.

Amenities at the Best Western include a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, indoor pool, whirlpool spa, and exercise room.

Contact the Best Western Regency Inn & Convention Center at 1-800-241-2974 or 1-641-752-6321 – and ask for the ITA convention rate.

The Super 8 Motel is immediately to the south of the Convention Center. Super 8 guests receive a complimentary continental breakfast with the room rate. Ask if there is a special ITA convention rate when requesting a reservation. Super 8's phone number is 641-753-3333.

March 20th is the deadline for the special rate.

Please act fast to reserve lodging because our block of rooms will be released March 20th. Due to the reserved block, you must telephone in your reservations. Online inquiries may appear as if the rooms are already taken due to the reserved block.

Family Activities. Located on the southern edge of Marshalltown, the Best Western is a short drive to downtown, shopping malls, theaters, and restaurants. Area community information is available in the lobby of the Convention Center.

Meals. The Junction Bar & Grill is located on the premises of the Convention Center. Both fast food and sit-down family restaurants and pizza parlors are either within walking distance or a short drive. Saturday night's banquet meal is on the premises.

Election of ITA Officers at 2016 Show

It's time to select new Officers for the 2016-2017 year. All Officers' terms end on "Even Years" and all Board of Directors terms end on "Odd Years". Please think of someone you would like to nominate — or, if you are interested in holding a position yourself, let someone know at the general membership meeting on Sunday and have them nominate you.

2015-16 Officers & Board of Directors

Officers:

President:	Mike Stegmann.....	641-691-7127	Term Expires 2016
Vice-President/Show Chair:	Sam Gaylord.....	319-470-7035	Term Expires 2016
Treasurer:	Amber Reinertson	319-530-4241	Term Expires 2016
Secretary/Editor:	Steve Cunningham ...	515-230-3244	Term Expires 2016
.....	Sue Cunningham	515-230-3031	

Board of Directors:

Dan Fiala	319-389-4765	Term Expires 2017
Jon Jones	641-919-5012	Term Expires 2017
George Luhman.....	641-780-7624	Term Expires 2017
Brian Reinertson	319-331-7126	Term Expires 2017
Monica Risher.....	641-895-2648/9668	Term Expires 2017
Dana Schultz	319-231-8464	Term Expires 2017
Durk Sterner.....	319-330-1774 (Past President)	
Chris Sturtz.....	515-275-3184	Term Expires 2017

Historian

Roger Hutton.....641-396-2760

Competition Divisions

Am- Amateur Age 15 & Under

For the young future taxidermist. Judging emphasizes teaching and learning. May qualify for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbons, as well as the Amateur Division 15 & Under Best Entry Award and other special awards.

AM+ Amateur 16 & Older

For the beginning taxidermist. Judging emphasizes teaching and learning. May qualify for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbons, as well as Amateur Division 16 & Over Best Entry Award and other special awards.

Pro Professional

For the taxidermist who produces mounts commercially. May qualify for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbons, as well as Professional Division Best of Category Awards, Professional Best of Show Award, and other special awards.

M Masters

For the advanced taxidermist. May qualify for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons, as well as Masters Division Best of Category Awards, Masters Best of Show Award, and other special awards.

MM Joe Meder's Master of Masters

For the advanced Master taxidermists. May qualify for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place ribbons and would be judged by other Master Taxidermists. See attached page for rules

Division Categories

Within a competition division, mounts may be entered in the following categories of species.

- Upland Birds
- Waterfowl
- Fish
- Reproduction Fish***
- Small Mammals (life-size) Coyote and smaller
- Large Mammals (life-size) Larger than coyote
- Deerheads
- Gameheads
- Reptiles
- Rugs

***Reproduction Fish:

Masters Division must cast their own fish (not manufactured). Also qualifies for Star*Fish Award.

Open Divisions

Mounts may be entered in an “open” category that does not adhere to “division” rules. Pieces may qualify for first, second, third, and fourth place ribbons and are selected collectively by the judges. Open category mounts are not eligible for the Best Mixed Entry Award, Matuska Awards, or Iowa Best All-Around Awards.

Collective Artist

Two or more taxidermists may compete as a team by entering one piece collectively. Each taxidermist must pay an entry fee. Each artist receives a ribbon if the mount places.

Freeze-Dry

Entries may be bird, fish, or mammal freeze-dried pieces that have their carcasses intact. Mounts with only parts (head, feet, etc.) freeze-dried do not qualify.

Novelty

Novelty entries must be a taxidermy mount and the original work of the taxidermist. However, since the category is “just for the fun of it,” the mount does not have to be anatomically correct or in a pose appropriate for the mount’s species. As funny as the mount may be, it must adhere to all professional ethics for good taste as outlined in the Competition Rules and Regulations. The creativity of the mount is only limited by the entrant’s imagination and sense of humor. Entries qualify for the Best Novelty Award selected by the voting registered taxidermists at the show.

Re-Creation

Entries may be of any medium other than taxidermy (wood, fiberglass, bronze, etc.) and depict wildlife. The entry must be entirely the taxidermist artist’s own original work. Entries made with commercial blanks or altered commercial blanks do not qualify. See the Competition Rules and Regulations #26. Entries qualify for the Best Re-Creation Award.

Annual Show Challenge - new species each year

Each year a different species is featured to challenge show participants. Entries are first judged in their appropriate division and category, then placed together to compete for the Annual Show Challenge Award. Ribbons will not be placed until voting by registered taxidermists has completed. There will be only one winner, who will choose a species that is easily accessible to all in the fish or mammal categories for the next year.

I.T.A. Show Challenge

Each year a different species of wildlife is featured to challenge ITA members. Entrants do not need to declare their intent to compete when registering.

All entries are first judged in the category of their division by the show judge. The mounts are then displayed in a separate area to compete for the coveted *Annual Show Challenge Award*. Registered taxidermist show participants vote on their favorite Show Challenge mount on Saturday. Ribbons are not placed on Challenge entries until after voting closes at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The winner of the *Annual Show Challenge* chooses a species for the next year’s challenge in either the fish or mammal categories that is easily accessible to everyone.

2016 Annual Show Challenge

MAMMAL CATEGORY – FOX (Any Species) – ANY DIVISION

2016 Awards Banquet Saturday Night

Saturday night's awards banquet begins with an open bar at 6:00 p.m. Watch for signs at the convention center for the location of the banquet.

Banquet. A banquet meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. immediately prior to the awards presentations. Tickets are \$24 per person if pre-registering, or \$27 per person if purchased at the show.

Planning on bringing children to the banquet meal? Pre-register and save \$\$\$. Pre-register children **10 and under for \$12 each, otherwise the cost will be the same \$27 as an adult.**

If you miss the pre-registration deadline, but are absolutely sure you will make it to the show, you can reserve banquet tickets by contacting Steven or Sue Cunningham no later than Wednesday, March 25th, at 515-230-3244 or 515-230-3031. The numbers for the banquet must be turned in before the show starts to avoid extra costs to the association if we don't have the appropriate head count.

Since seating is limited, we also want to ensure that everyone has a spot at the banquet. Please help for a smooth-running awards banquet and meal by pre-registering!

Special Awards. Immediately following the meal at 8:00 p.m., the judges will be introduced and the special awards will be presented. The special awards and fund-raising portions of the evening are open to everyone whether or not they participated in the banquet meal.

The **Early Bird Award**, a free one-year subscription to Breakthrough Magazine, will be drawn from pre-registrations during the banquet. Pre-register using the registration form to qualify for this drawing!

Silent Auction. A silent auction will be held throughout the banquet and awards presentation. All proceeds help fund future show expenses and judges.

Members are asked to bring an item for the auction, preferably non-taxidermy related. For example, create a basket with a theme such as hunting/fishing, family fun, outdoor fun, gift cards, women's products, Hawkeye/Cyclone products – or prints, blankets, coolers, and so forth.

Donations for auction items are still needed. Contact Mike Stegmann at 641-691-7127 or Sam Gaylord at 319-470-7035 if you have something to donate or can help solicit donations from businesses.

2016 I.T.A. Special Awards

- 1. Movin' On Up:** Plaque and \$50 by Hutton Valley School of Taxidermy to an entrant moving up to the Professional Division from Amateur for that species. Selected collectively by the judges. Entrants must declare their intent to compete when registering
- 2. National Wild Turkey Federation:** Ribbon
- 3. Best Life-Size Furbearer Mammal:** Plaque from the Iowa Trappers Association
- 4. Pheasants Forever—Marshall County Chapter:** Award for each division
- 5. Ducks Unlimited, Iowa River Valley Chapter:** Award for each division
- 6. Safari International—Iowa Chapter:** Ribbon for each division
- 7. Whitetails Unlimited:** Plaque for one Amateur (combined), one Professional, and one Masters.

8. **Marshall County Conservation Award:** Piece that best depicts natural history
9. **Jeff McAdam Memorial:** Award to Amateur 15 & Under entrant by Jim Van Scoyoc in memory of Jeff McAdam, former ITA member (Tentative)
10. **Celebrity's Choice:** ITA ribbon. Selected by the Celebrity of the Year
11. **Walnut Creek Hardwoods:** Plaque for each division by Walnut Creek Hardwoods. Entrants must use a Walnut Creek Hardwoods base or panel, and declare their intent to compete when registering
12. **Taxidermists' Choice:** ITA ribbon. Selected by the voting registered taxidermists at the show
13. **Research Manikins – Small Life-Size Mammal:** Plaque and a \$100 gift certificate from Research Manikins. Selected by the mammal judge, regardless of score
14. **Star*Fish:** Plaque from Star*Fish Replicas to the best fish reproduction entered in the fish reproduction, open category. May be displayed either alone or in a setting with other fish, animals, or birds that have been entered in other divisions. Selected by the fish judge. Form may be commercially crafted or made entirely by the entrant
15. **People's Choice:** ITA ribbon. Selected by the voting general public at the show
16. **Composition:** ITA ribbon and wildlife art print by the ITA Wildlife Artist of the Year. Selected by the artist as the entry with the most overall appealing appearance and artistic merit
17. **Hall of Fame Award:** See article below
18. **McKenzie Distinguished Service Award:** Plaque and \$100 gift certificate from McKenzie Taxidermy Supply. Selected by peers to the taxidermist best serving the ITA for the past year
19. **President's Choice:** ITA plaque, Selected by ITA President. Eligible entrants must be an Iowa resident and an ITA member
20. **Sculptor:** ITA trophy, selected collectively by the judges. Entrants must declare their intent to compete when registering. Not necessarily the highest scoring entry in their division. The form must be the original, personal work of the taxidermist entering the piece. No altered forms. At least four photographs taken of the creation prior to mounting from various stages, distances, and angles must be submitted at check-in
21. **Most Realistic Habitat:** ITA ribbon, Selected collectively by the judges
22. **Best Mixed Entry:** ITA ribbon, Selected collectively by the judges. Entrants must have mounts from at least two different division categories attached to the same base
23. **Best Re-Creation:** ITA ribbon, Selected collectively by the judges from entries in the Re-Creation category
24. **Best Collective Artist:** ITA Ribbon, Favorite collective artist
25. **Best Freeze Dry:** ITA Ribbon, Selected collectively by the judges
26. **Best Novelty:** ITA ribbon. Selected from Novelty entries by voting registered taxidermists at the show
27. **Annual Show Challenge – Fox (Any Species):** ITA Trophy. Selected from all show challenge entries by the voting registered taxidermists at the show

28. **Polytranspar:** Trophy from McKenzie to the best paint job on a fish, regardless of division or score. Selected by the fish judge. Entrants must declare their intent to compete when registering
29. **Pro 1 Award:** Trophy from Pro-1 Performance Chemicals using Pro-1 hide past or Pro-1 tanning chemical. Entrance must declare their intent to compete when registering
30. **Kids Award:** ITA ribbon
31. **McKenzie Taxidermists' Choice—Best Bird:** Award from McKenzie Taxidermy Supply. Selected by voting registered taxidermists at the show
32. **McKenzie Taxidermists' Choice—Best Deerhead:** Award from McKenzie Taxidermy Supply. Selected by voting registered taxidermists at the show
33. **McKenzie Taxidermists' Choice—Best Fish:** Award from McKenzie Taxidermy Supply. Selected by voting registered taxidermists at the show
34. **McKenzie Taxidermists' Choice—Best Life-Size Mammal:** Award from McKenzie Taxidermy Supply. Selected by voting registered taxidermists at the show
35. **McKenzie Taxidermists' Choice—Best Gamehead:** Award from McKenzie Taxidermy Supply.
36. **Professional Division Competitor:** Trophy from Matuska Taxidermy Supply. Entrants must declare their intent to compete when registering. A minimum of four pieces must be entered in the Professional Division, regardless of category. Selection based on highest cumulative point total of the four highest scoring mounts, regardless of number of mounts entered
37. **Masters Division Competitor:** Trophy from Matuska Taxidermy Supply. Entrants must declare their intent to compete when registering. A minimum of four pieces must be entered in the Masters Division, regardless of category. Selection based on highest cumulative point total of the four highest scoring mounts, regardless of number of mounts entered
38. **Amateur Division Best of Category:** ITA ribbon to the highest scoring blue ribbon mount in each category
39. **Amateur Division 15 & Under Best Entry:** ITA ribbon
40. **Amateur Division 16 & Over Best Entry:** ITA ribbon
41. **Research Manikins Amateur Award:** \$200 gift certificate from Research Mannikins. Selected collectively by the judges, regardless of score
42. **Professional Division Best of Category:** ITA ribbon and \$50 to the highest scoring blue ribbon mount in each professional division category
43. **Professional Division Best of Show:** ITA ribbon and \$100. Selected collectively by the judges from all Professional Division Best of Category winners, regardless of score
44. **Best Out-of-State Entry:** \$100 sponsored by ITA, plus a plaque sponsored by Walnut Creek Hardwoods. Selected collectively by the judges
45. **Masters Division Best of Category:** ITA ribbon and \$200 to the highest scoring blue ribbon mount in each Masters Division category

- 46. Best All Around Iowa Taxidermist.** ITA trophy and \$200. Entrants must be an Iowa taxidermist and declare their intent to compete when registering. Four mounts must be specified, one in each of the following categories (1) Gamehead or Deerhead; (2) Fish or Reptile; (3) Birds; and (4) Mammals. At least one mount must be entered in the Masters Division. All four mounts must place. Each entry receives a point value based on ribbon placement and division. The award is based on a cumulative total. Professional: 1st place = 4 points, 2nd place = 3 points, 3rd place = 2 points, and 4th place = 1 point. Masters: 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, and 3rd place = 3 points. Judges will collectively break any tie.
- 47. Joe Meder Master of Masters:** See last page for all details. Winner will receive a trophy and \$500. Plus to add to the excitement and the prestige, you will be representing your state association in the **BORDER WARS COMPETITION**, in which our 2016 sponsor Old Barn Tannery will award a matching \$500 check payable to your state association at your next state convention in your name! The trophy and \$500 will be awarded by Joe Meder.
- 48. Van Dyke's Award** Most original and creative presentation
- 49. WASCO Award.** Trophy and \$100 gift certificate from WASCO Wildlife Artist Supply Company for creativity, artistic skill, and imagination. Selected collectively by the judges
- 50. UTA Artisan Award.** Award from the United Taxidermists Association. Favorite piece selected by peers
- 51. Woody Award.** Plaque by Taxidermy Today magazine for excellence in taxidermy to a blue ribbon entry in either Professional or Master Division. Not to be Best of Show. Selected collectively by the judges.
- 52. Masters Division Best of Show.** ITA ribbon, trophy, and \$250, selected collectively by the judges from all Masters Division Best of Category winners, regardless of score
- 53. Breakthrough Award—Judges Choice for Best of Show.** Plaque and \$100 cash from Breakthrough Magazine.

I.T.A. Hall of Fame

Since 1999, a special ITA member, past or present, has been inducted into the ITA Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is intended for ITA members who have shown an extraordinary effort to help in the operations of the ITA, and unselfishly shared and helped other taxidermists. This member has also helped promote the ITA and taxidermy to the public, as well as maintained a reputable business and professional appearance.

The ITA Hall of Fame, however, is not an annual award. It will only be awarded in years when a deserving recipient has been officially nominated. Nominations must be in writing and include the nominee's name and reasons why they deserve to be voted into the Hall of Fame. Nominations may be sent to any ITA officer for approval by the Board of Directors or Show Committee.

ITA members registered for the show will vote for Hall of Fame members based on approved nominations. A special ballot box will be set up at the show along with the nomination submissions.

Past inductees include: Gary Bowen, Clark Hays, Roger Hutton, Jerome Sokolik, Joe Meder, Tom Sexton, Harold Krizan, Tom Matuska, Shep Brown, Wayne Souer, Bob Geurts, John VanderSchel, Kent Reedy, Darin Brincks, Greg Cuvelier, Jeff McAdam and Chris Hoskins.

I.T.A Joe Meder Master of Masters and Border Wars Competition

This competition is to celebrate the elite artists in our industry such as judges, former winners of a Best in the World Titles, National Titles or Best of Category Masters Division winners in any State, World or National competition. As a participant in the prestigious Joe Meder Masters of Masters Championship a person who has the desire can compete directly against his or her peers and will be representing themselves as one of the Best Taxidermists in the Midwest. Being named the Champion of this division will be one of the highest honors for which an artist can achieve in a state level competition.

To add to the excitement and prestige you will be representing your State Association in the BORDER WARS COMPETITION, in which our 2016 sponsor Old Barn Tannery will award a matching \$500 check payable to your state association at your next State Convention in your name!

This Division will be judged by a ballot cast among the competitors in the Master Division in the regular competition along with the convention Judges and the Iowa Taxidermy Association Directors. The participants of the Joe Meder Masters of Masters will also cast a ballot, but will be ineligible to vote for themselves [it will be their choice to vote or not]. Each voter will vote for their favorite piece in each of the four categories. Then they will vote for the one piece of their four they believe is the best piece of the four pieces.

Winner of the Joe Meder Masters of Masters will receive an award and a check for \$500

A competitor can compete with multiple entries in multiple categories

All work must be done by the competitor and certified as such by his or her signature on the registration form. Any visible exposed or viewable artificial parts must be original and made by the competitor. This would include duck bills, feet, artificial noses, mouth tissue, mouth parts, fish fins, fish heads, reproduction blanks of fish, reptiles and amphibians Commercial items allowed are ear liners (including ear liners with inner ears reproduced), eyes, manikins, and artificial turkey heads.

- Entry fee is \$50 per piece
- The pieces with the highest votes in each of the four categories will be awarded First place plaques
 - [Deer/Game head] [Life Size] [Fish/Reptile] [Bird]

Joe Meder Masters of Masters Award will be awarded to the one of the four first place entries, receiving the highest number of single best piece votes

Not eligible for major awards other than People choice

This will be a hands off Competition judged at 5 feet

Roped off no flashlights

Current judges eligible to compete

Game heads or Deer heads are considered any piece that does not have back legs

No age limit on a piece, just cannot be a current World Title piece [last World Competition]

Multiple artist entries are welcome to compete each artist will pay an entry fee and if they win the prize money will be split in half and an additional medallion will be provided