April 2014 Newsletter
To All Fellow Taxidermist and Friends,

Hope this finds everyone well and getting in plenty of work!

With the show being moved to June most of our members have not paid their dues for the year 2014 and they were supposed to be paid by December of 2013. Many of us wait until the show and pay at that time. The only problem is if you are not paid 30 day in advance of the meeting, you will not be able to vote on any issues that are brought up or be able to vote for the Officers for the upcoming year, so please get your dues paid and while you are doing that it would be a good time to pre-register and not have to do that when you get to the show.

If you have been thinking of being on the board of directors or holding an office now is the time to get your name in the hat. We need to know who you are and get your name on the list of prospective officers or board members. We are going to have a couple of vacancies for the upcoming year.

It looks like we are going to have some new suppliers this year as a couple of our regulars will not be able to make it due to the change of date, but I am sure there will be plenty of products there for you to see and buy.

We have gotten mixed reviews on changing the show date as graduation is going on in some areas and members will not be able to attend. It appears there are lots of shows out west going on at the same time we are having ours. If this date does not work we can always go back to our old show dates, as nothing is cast in stone and sometimes change is not as good as we expect it to be.

I hope everyone has their Turkey ready or getting it ready for the show. There is going to be a special award for the winner of the Presidents Challenge this year! Included is a schedule of the upcoming show along with registration forms and membership applications. Remember Pre-Register prior to May 2, 2014 to receive your first mount entry free!

For the ones that were not able to attend the class presented by Shawn Logan mounting a white tail, you missed a very good class. Shawn always does an outstanding job of presenting everything in a manner so everyone gets something new out of his classes. For next year you need to let us know what you would like to have as a class and we will work on getting it put together.

Our family would like to wish you a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming show.

Sincerely,

L. Garry Miller, President
WE NEED ITEMS FOR THE AUCTIONS!!! IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE OR INFO CONCERNING SUCH.... PLEASE BRING TO THE CONVENTION OR CALL A BOARD MEMBER AND WE WILL ARRANGE TO PICK IT UP OR MAKE CALLS FOR YOU!!!

VENUE INFO:

2014 FSTA CONVENTION
JUNE 5-7, 2014
BEST WESTERN PLUS
GATEWAY GRAND
GAINSVILLE, FL
www.gatewaygrand.com
Rooms $89/night
Check out their website. This is a very nice motel, easy to find and plenty of parking; all should be pleased!

BEST WESTERN PLUS Gateway Grand
4200 NW 97th Boulevard
Gainesville, Florida 32606
877.464.2378

Directions to Our Hotel

From the North:
From Interstate 75, take Exit 390 in Gainesville. Make a right off exit 390 onto 39th Avenue West. Take a right onto 97th Boulevard.

From the South:
From Interstate 75, take Exit 390 in Gainesville. Take a left off exit 390 onto 39th Avenue West. Take a right onto 97th Boulevard.

From the East:
Take 39th Avenue West over Interstate 75. Make right onto Northwest 97th Boulevard.

From the West:
Take 39th Avenue East and make a left onto Northwest 97th Boulevard.

For more information about our hotel location or reservations at the BEST WESTERN PLUS Gateway Grand hotel in Gainesville, Florida, please call 877.464.2378

Best Western Gateway Grand
4200 NW 97th Boulevard
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SEE YOU THERE !!!
THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE FINGER

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cutoff the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as “plucking the yew” (or “pluck yew”).

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and they began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, “See, we can still pluck yew!”

It is also because of the pheasant fathers on the arrow used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as “giving the bird.”

This might not be completely accurate but it makes for a very good story!

Below is from a book called Disorder in the Courts and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm and keeping a straight face while the exchanges took place!

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn’t it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn’t know about it until the next morning?
WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20 year old, how old is he?
WITNESS: He’s 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?
WITNESS: Are you sh…ing me?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?
WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.
ATTORNEY: Was this a male or female?
WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I’m going with male.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 pm.
ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

Hoping You Enjoyed! Laugh Hard, Live Well…Carol
# Florida State Taxidermists Association, Inc.
## Membership Application

Preserve Your Profession!  
Share taxidermy with friends and family!

| Membership Status: | Annual membership: $50.00  
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**DATE OF BIRTH________________________________________________**

**ADDRESS________________________________________________________**

**CITY_________________________ STATE ______ ZIP_________**

**TELEPHONE (DAY)____________________ (EVENING)________________**

**Email Address:________________________________________________**

**My contribution to the Charlie Fleming Education Fund:**

- $5  
- $10  
- $25  
- $50  
- Other

**My contribution to the NTA Wildlife Conservation Fund to oppose anti hunters:**

- $5  
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- $50  
- Other

Please make check payable to your state association.  
Mail completed membership application to:  
Florida State Taxidermists Association, Inc.  
Attn: Carol Smith  
13460 Moore Rd.  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
863-858-2832
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CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP
- U.S. Individual---$65.00
- U.S. Family---$88.00
- Business---$138.00 includes business name in Outlook Magazine
- Renewal NTA Certification---$20.00
- Renew NTA Judge Fee --- $10.00
- NTA Lifetime Judges Fee---$50.00

One Year Membership Year: January 1st to December 31st

One-Year Membership includes $12,000 Accidental Death Insurance Policy, optional health and business insurance, 6 issues of Outlook Magazine, reference photo, pocket card, certificate, convention, Certification program, Award of Excellence program, Education and protecting your rights.

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- New
- Renewal

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If family or business membership, please issue insurance policy in this name:________________________________

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FLORIDA STATE TAXIDERMISTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Annual Convention and Competition
June 5-8, 2014
BEST WESTERN PLUS GATEWAY GRAND
Gainesville, FL

Name: ________________________________ Spouses’ Name: __________________________
Children’s Names: __________________________________________________________________
Phone Numbers: ___________________________________________________________________

Please check here if you or your spouse will volunteer to help during the convention
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Registration Information
Registration/Seminar Fee (Family Included): $45.00 _________

(Pre-Register prior to May 2, 2014 to receive your first mount entry free)

Day of show Price: $65.00 _________

Saturday Night Dinner, Award Banquet and Auction
Number of Adults: ___________ (each) $30.00 _________
Number of Children: ________ (children 12 and under are free)

Competition Entries
Number of Mounts: _______ Amateur (A) or Professional Division (P) (each) $15.00 _________
Number of Mounts: _______ Masters (M) Division (each) $20.00 _________
Number of Mounts: _______ Habitat (H) (each) $5.00 _________
Number of Mounts: _______ Commercial (C) (each) $10.00 _________
Number of Mounts: _______ Youth (Y) Division (each) $10.00 _________
Number of Mounts: _______ Challenge of the Arts (COA) (each) $15.00 _________
Number of Mounts: _______ Presidents Challenge (PC) (each) $10.00 _________

TOTAL DUE: _________

Please use the highlighted code above and indicate what you are bringing to competition, be sure to indicate whether it is a wall, table or floor mount. If your mount will take up more than a 2’ X 2’ space please let us know that as well:

________________________________________________________________________________

*I agree all mounts entered have been completed by me or my studio and failure to comply with FSTA competition rules will result in my disqualification for ribbon points.*

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Mail completed registration forms to:
FSTA, Inc.
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