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Dear Fellow Taxidermists,

Summer is almost behind us, and my favorite time of the year is here -- hunting and the holidays. The convention is getting ever so close and the clock continues to tick away.

We've got the best ahead, and what a convention this is going to be !!!

I wanted to let all of you know about the new competition entry we are having this year: the President's Challenge. The fee will be \$10.00 on top of the entry fee, and the highest scoring piece in the challenge will receive a plaque and half of the pot received for that challenge. This year's President's Challenge will be a full body mount bobcat and only a bobcat. If you have any questions about this new category, please call me at 352-567-1521.

If you haven't already started your competition mounts, get started -- it's time. We would love to see the show room packed full once again. You don't want to miss the show. There's friendship, education, your favorite suppliers, outstanding seminars, and great judges. So get those pieces ready, it's going to be great! If you haven't done so already, get your entry forms in and we'll see you there.

*Trina Pritchard
FSTA President*

2010 CONVENTION REPORT

Judy Bartoletti, Secretary/Treasurer

DUES-WHY PAY THEM ON TIME?

As the end of the year approaches, FSTA members need to be considering payment of the 2010 dues. NTA offers a \$12,0000 accidental death policy to each member who pays their dues by December 31. The new company does not allow any leeway on the payment date. If you pay your dues at the convention, your insurance will lapst.

It has been brought to the board of director's attention that the by-laws are not being followed at the convention for the election of new officers and board members. According to the FSTA by-laws, dues must be paid 30 days in advance of any election. The 2010 Convention will be more important than ever to have dues paid by January 11, 2010.

REMEMBER: *If you want to vote on officers and directors at the 2010 Convention-dues must be paid by January 11, 2010.

*If you want the \$1200 accidental death policy, dues must be paid by December 31, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM-Bob Davis- A True Pioneer

With the recent passing of Bob Davis, the taxidermy profession and especially the NTA, lost one of its unique figures and a founding pioneer. Bob owned and operated Ike Shaw & Co taxidermy in North Ft Meyers, FL for many years and probably mounted more Tarpons, skins and repros, than any single person in history. But Bob was much more than a "Tarpon" taxidermist. An avid collector, Bob amassed one of the largest and most varied collections of fish molds in the world, and created a private museum that featured examples of all these fish for all to see and enjoy. He traded his reproductions to other taxidermists for their examples of animals, birds, reptiles and all other types of natural history items for display in the museum.

Bob attended the second NTA convention in Owensboro, KY in August, 1973, which is where I first met him. The NTA was a unique undertaking for its time, challenging taxidermists to move beyond their secretiveness, jealousies, and fears of each other and to begin a new era of cooperation with the goal of helping each other and improving the profession. Those of you who have entered the profession since the advent of the NTA, and the NTA sponsored State Associations, with seminars, videos, and a plethora of taxidermy schools, can't even begin to imagine what a radical idea this "freedom of information" movement was. And Bob endorsed the concept wholeheartedly. From that time onward, Bob supported the NTA with his time, talents, and finances. He served as the 4th president in 1975 back in the days when presidents traditionally served one term. (These were tumultuous times; one term was all anyone wanted!!).

After his presidency, Bob started the campaign to raise money for the Charlie Fleming Scholarship fund shortly after Charlie was diagnosed with a form of leukemia. He also worked tirelessly to help create the Taxidermy Hall of Fame, and rounded up examples of the work of people who were voted into the hall.

How many of you remember TAXIDERMY REVIEW, Joe Kish's magazine that went hand in hand with the juried competition that he conducted for years?

How many of you remember Denver? Did you know that Bob Davis originally started that magazine and it was called WIDE WORLD OF TAXIDERMY? He sold it to Joe and he renamed it TAXIDERMY REVIEW!

Bob was many-talented, hard working and a "friends" friend, all attributes that made him a great taxidermist, a true pioneer and a man who will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tony Gilyard

Thank You Ratso



I hope that all the members who were able to attend Ratso's workshop enjoyed themselves. The workshop went off without a hitch. Not only did we get a class on completing a turkey mount, we enjoyed good food and great entertainment from Ratso's closet of humor. We also had fellow taxidermists coming together to create a stronger bond in the FSTA. Good friends coming together to enjoy a day and learn from a well-known and talented taxidermist -- couldn't ask for better. I hope to see more of you at the next workshop. Thank you, Ratso!

Trina Pritchard
FSTA President



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In Memory of Don Gill
Donald James Gill June 28, 1955 - May 17, 2009

Don died suddenly at his home on Sunday, May 17, 2009. It was believed to be a heart attack, but later determined to be cancer. He was able to live right to the end without fear of dying from such a dreaded disease.

Don started taxidermy as a hobby at the age of 12. Don and I would shoot starlings, and squirrels and anything we could, to try and mount. He was always a patient teacher, and I was trying to learn at the same time. Don enjoyed the memories of the hunt, and would mount small brookies, or small deer because they were sentimental. A good fishing trip or a good hunt, antler size rarely mattered. We would spend a day in Montana putting on doe drives. He always made every outing an event. I know he enjoyed the time he got to visit all of you at the Florida show. It will be different to come down this year to judge and he not be there. The last time I got to see Don was the morning we left the Ocala show. We shook hands and said "goodbye," so always take the time to enjoy each other. You don't know how much time you have left.

Dan Gill
Nephew of Don Gill

**Florida State Taxidermists Association
Annual Convention and Competition
The Hilton, Ocala, Florida
February 11-13 2010**

Name: _____ NTA Membership Number: _____

Spouses' Name: _____

Childrens' Names: _____

Phone Numbers): _____

Please check here if you or your spouse will volunteer to help during the convention

Registration Information

Registration/ Seminar Fee (Family Included): (*Pre-Register prior to due Jan 7th, 2009*) \$45.00 _____

Out of state NTA member not joining FSTA

Regular 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

*****NEW*** Your first competition entry is FREE:** _____

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 _____

Presidents Challenge _____ (P)or (M) (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
Attn: Judy Bartoletti
106 west mckey st
Ocoee,fl 34761

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CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- U.S. Individual---\$95.00
- U.S. Family---\$115.00
- Business---\$155.00 *includes business name in Outlook Magazine*
- Renewal NTA Certification---\$20.00
- Renew NTA Judge Fee --- \$10.00
- NTA Lifetime Judges Fee---\$50.00
- FSTA Dues for NTA Life Members --- \$45.00
- Out of state NTA member ---\$45.00 (NTA dues paid through home state)

Membership Status:

New
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NAME _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____
ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE
(DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____
Email _____
Address: _____

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

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 _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ other

Please make check payable to your state Association and mail membership application to:

Florida State Taxidermists Association

ATTN: Judy Bartoletti
106 west mckey st
Ocoee, Fl 34761
(407) 656-7473

Florida State Taxidermists Association

Membership Application

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.

One-Year Membership Year:

January 1st to December 31st

When you join Florida and the NTA you become a better-informed taxidermist. Your dues work for your rights to hunt and practice taxidermy.

The Florida State Taxidermists Association is an affiliate of the NTA. Both associations have a primary focus of unity and education. In order to save funds for both associations, the NTA is mailing you this renewal notice. Your membership includes your membership to the National Taxidermists Association and FSTA, Six issues of Outlook Magazine, a \$12,000.00 AD&D Insurance Policy, optional health and business insurance, reference photograph, certificate and pocket card.

Your membership number is important if you are interested in NTA Certification or NTA Award of Excellence programs.

The NTA and FSTA are Not-for-profit, educational organizations striving to improve our profession, educate, and promote conservation of wildlife.

And remember: the NTA and FSTA are concerned about the future of all taxidermists.





2010 Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 11th

1:00 pm	To	????	Setup Backboards (everyone's help is appreciated)
3:00 pm	To	????	Supplier Setup
4:00 pm	To	7:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm	To	????	Dale Buffenmyer- seminar on mounting a duck (flying or standing)

Friday, February 12th

8:00 am	To	12:00 pm	Registration - Mounts Accepted
9:00 am	To	11:00 am	Seminar – Jerry Moseley- Ageing whitetail and antler growth, antler development, and scoring.
10:00 am	To	12:00 pm	Supply Area Open
12:00 pm	To	1:00 pm	Lunch Hour
1:00 pm	To	5:00 pm	Registration - Mounts Accepted
1:00 pm	To	5:00 pm	Supply Area Open
1:00 pm	To	3:00 pm	Seminar – Dan Gill- Proper eye set on a bobcat (hands on class)
3:30 pm	To	5:30 pm	Seminar- Mike Kirkhart- painting a reproduction bass.
6:00 pm	To	7:30 pm	Membership meeting all <u>members</u> please attend and a Cash Bar will follow.

Saturday, February 13th

7:30 am	To	9:00 am	Late Registration (<u>No Mounts Accepted After 9am</u>)
8:00 am	To	11:00 am	Seminar – Mike Gillis – class on creating special habitats for shoulder mounts.
9:00 am	To	12:00 pm	Supply Area Open (<u>Supply Area Breakdown 12pm</u>)
12:00 pm	To	1:00 pm	Lunch Hour
1:30 pm	To	4:00 pm	Competition Area Open
4:00 pm	To	5:00 pm	Breakdown (everyone's help is greatly appreciated)
6:30 pm	To	????	Banquet and Auction

Judges

Jerry Moseley	Whitetail, Game Heads
Dan Gill	Fish, Reptiles, Mammals
Dale Buffenmyer	Birds