

We invite you to be a part of ...

THE GREATEST TAXIDERMISTRY CONVENTION IN 2010
39th Annual National Taxidermists Association
Convention, Competition and Trade Show
July 14th – 17th Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois

The Super Bowl, Stanley Cup, World Series, and the Masters. Almost everyone who knows anything recognizes those events. And almost everyone who knows anything about taxidermy knows about “Nationals.” Taxidermists, exhibitors and guests from around the globe gather to enjoy the festivities. You’ll be glad you came as you’ll find that we’re big enough to serve your every need—yet small enough to know you personally. The NTA convention is the perfect blend of serious taxidermy information and family fun that you’ve been looking for.

Your membership and registration fee enable you to observe any seminar at the convention whether it’s painting, finishing, business, reproductions, casting, habitat, or cooking. And if all of those seminars aren’t enough, you can browse and shop to your heart’s content...With the NTA being a virtual who’s who of the taxidermy world, everyone of major importance will be displaying and demonstrating how to make your work easier, faster, simpler and more cost effective. You will have the opportunity to purchase many of these supplies at convention discounts and show specials that are offered to those in attendance. The 2010 NTA convention is the only place where you can see it all in one location.

To register to attend the NTA Convention in Springfield, Illinois you can call (985) 641-4NTA (4682), email Ntahq@aol.com or visit our secure website www.nationaltaxidermists.com. We’ll assist you in arranging everything quickly for attending the convention in Springfield. Those members taking advantage of the pre-registration service can pick up their packets and conference kits before the convention starts. The first things you’ll always see at the NTA convention are smiles and just how easy it actually is to start your convention experience.

Come visit the NTA in Illinois, and enjoy a perfect balance between on-the-go activities and evenings filled with enjoyable relaxation. The NTA is not just a convention...it’s an experience you can share with the entire family. Your Board has chosen the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois, as our host city for July 14-17, 2010. With first rate seminars, competition judges, accommodations and great food, this summer getaway will provide members with a winning combination for a family vacation.

WEDNESDAY: Our Registration Area will open at 5:00 pm and close at 8:00 pm as well as accepting competition entries. While registering for the show you will have the opportunity to renew friendships and make some new ones while everyone takes care of their registration and competition entries. Next you will have your choice of 5 great seminars to attend Wednesday evening, in addition to a seminar just for children.

WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:30 pm: The Crowne Plaza will sponsor a “Welcome to Springfield Reception.” We want you to attend the welcome reception and then meet and greet new people you have never met. What a great way to meet friends at an NTA get together! We welcome the opportunity to celebrate our 39th Anniversary with you. While not a meal, we’ll have assorted finger foods.

THURSDAY 6:30 pm-10:00 pm: The Competition Area will be open for public viewing. We also encourage you to have family and friends time. Take a few moments and go to dinner with friends, pizza and a movie in your room or just enjoy an evening of good conversation. Whatever you and your family decide to do, just have fun in Springfield!

FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. - until: The Trade Show area will again remain open until 6:30 pm. We will break and meet at 7:00 pm. Rounding out our evening, we will be presenting the 2010 Charlie Fleming Educational Scholarships and announce this year's election results. We will hold our annual auction of donations from the suppliers. Members are encouraged to bring or make a contribution to the auction and participate in the bidding. **100%** of the proceeds for this auction are designated to the NTA General Fund; there are **NO** commissions or percentages paid to anyone. Be sure to attend and make some great purchases at discounted prices and help the NTA at the same time. Our annual membership meeting will be held at the conclusion of the auction. Be sure to attend this meeting. Dress for the evening is very casual. There will be no meal served at this meeting; there is no cost to attend.

SATURDAY: 6:00 pm-7:00pm: How Sweet the Sound--Prior to the banquet...God has chosen to touch hearts with hymns and spiritual songs and it is in this light on Saturday evening from 6:00 to 7:00, we will host a good ole fashioned gospel singing prior to the banquet.

Kids Pizza Party: 6:15 pm-11:00 pm:

Kids from ages 3 to 8 and 9 to 12 can have loads of fun while Mom & Dad attend the Awards Banquet. There will be pizza, videos and games with supervision. You **MUST** pre-register. Be sure to bring your pillow and sleeping bag and don't forget your appetite! Parents, located at the bottom portion of your badges are your NTA membership number. Should an issue arise, we will announce your membership number at the banquet, not your name. This is your signal to immediately proceed to the pizza lock-in to reference the little issue. (Tips encouraged and accepted for your sitters.)

Social Hour 6:15 pm-7:15pm: Prior to the banquet this social gathering will allow everyone a chance to unwind and reflect on tonight's big winners. A cash bar will be available.

7:15 pm: Our Annual National Awards Banquet will be held. The NTA salutes its volunteers, Board and staff and will present all awards tonight. Be sure to purchase your tickets by Thursday afternoon, as the cut-off is 48-hours advance notice. Prior to the awards presentation the NTA will conduct an auction comprised of hunts, fishing trips and other surprise items, which may be purchased at prices our members can afford.

The prestigious NTA Award of Excellence recipients will be presented and following will be our 2010 NTA Director of the Year Award and President's Award will be announced. At the conclusion of our auction we will carry out our installation of new officers and board of directors which you have elected. Next we will present the most celebrated ceremony in the world of taxidermy, the major awards presentation. Everyone will be holding their breath as the champions are presented. This night you will have the occasion to witness the industry's leading artists of tomorrow as they earn their titles of recognition. While certainly not required, we suggest a sport coat for this banquet as photographs are taken for promotional purposes.

SUNDAY: 8:00 am-9:00 am: Join us Sunday morning from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. We will be hosting a Prayer and Continental Breakfast to include singing and devotion. Please pre-register for the breakfast on the registration form.

*NOTE: Banquet Tickets are required. Please reference your packet at the registration to ensure you take delivery of your tickets. This event has reserved tables. You may purchase and reserve a **table for 10 @ \$275.00**. If you wish to sit with someone and reserve a table, we must receive the registration form for you and the other party together. There are 8 seats per table.*