

# 2010 National Taxidermists Association Seminars Featuring Our Nation's Finest Instructors...

On Going Seminar  
**Reproduction Horns & Antlers**  
(All day seminar)  
**Instructor: Dave Hale**

Have you ever wondered how to prepare and assemble realistic reproduction horns and antlers? Come watch Dave Hale, (*a definite noted expert in this field*), as he builds trouble free horns and antlers. Dave is one of the foremost “architects of replica antlers” and will guide you step by step through the process. Dave will demonstrate how this is easily incorporated into repairing antler tines and broken horns. This is a continuing seminar all through the day from start to finish throughout the convention. The reproduction antlers will be donated to the NTA auction. (*Sponsored by Aves Studio*)

**Hands-On Eye-Setting Seminar**  
**Instructors: McKenzie & Van Dyke Taxidermy Supply**

McKenzie & Van Dyke Supply Co. is aware that in the ever-changing world of taxidermy there are new innovative products and techniques being developed continually. To assist you in keeping your knowledge up to date and complete, McKenzie, Van Dyke and their employees have an evening seminar designed especially for you. How would you like an experience with informed instructors providing you with the finer points of whitetail eye setting? Yearly, more requests are made for whitetail seminars than any other. The NTA continues to listen and use our best efforts in providing you with the perfect whitetail class. Each participant will be provided a change-out whitetail head, eye, and clay to work with. Please bring your favorite modeling tools. You will be shown the fundamentals of eye-setting and the instructors will visit to offer individualized instruction and guidance. You are free to take your completed head with you to use as future reference compliments of McKenzie and Van Dyke. There is no charge to attend this special seminar, however seating is limited and you should pre-register. (*Sponsored by McKenzie & Van Dyke Supply Co.*)

**Flying Waterfowl, Painting Bills & Feet**  
**Instructor: Joe Kaiser**

Joe Kaiser has been an avid student of avian masterpieces for numerous years and doesn't get his feathers ruffled easily...especially when he is one of the nation's top waterfowl taxidermists! To assist you in elevating your level of craftsmanship and artistry, Joe will provide instruction on making eye rings, bird eye setting; discuss shapes of eye rings and how to incorporate them into your competition and commercial mounts. He will offer instruction on painting waterfowl bills and feet using the same techniques that have made him a waterfowl wizard. This seminar will save you time, improve your quality of work, and help improve your overall mounting skills. (*Sponsored by DermaGrip and Paasche Airbrush*)

**Skinning, Mounting, Painting Large Mouth Bass**  
**Instructor: Frankie Thompson**

Frankie will be presenting his methods for skinning, mounting and painting a largemouth bass. He will share the types of tools he uses, explaining every detail from A to Z and will be sharing tips and ideas to assist you on improving your work. Once the skinning segment is ended, Frankie will then mount a bass showing time proven methods that work consistently in his studio. Next is fish painting at its finest. Frankie will be painting the profitable largemouth bass. You will have the opportunity to see for yourself the painting techniques that Frankie uses daily to save time and money. This seminar will be for commercial applications and will be explaining methods that are used in his personal studio. (*Sponsored by WASCO and Paasche Airbrush*)

## **Money Making Whitetails and Dry Preservative**

**Instructor: Jeff Martin**

Wow! What a seminar. Jeff Martin is a super nice guy and a talented artist who will share some profitable ideas and skills. Once you've seen and heard Jeff Martin you'll be amazed. Make plans to attend this informative seminar to assist you in elevating your level of craftsmanship and make a profit using dry preservative. This seminar will save you time, improve your quality of work, and help improve your overall mounting skills. *(Sponsored by Second 2 Nature Supply Co.)*

## **Children's Seminar-Indian Dream Catcher**

**Instructor: Victoria Wolk**

## **Business Strategies**

**Instructors: Mike Gillis**

Business—the heart blood of livelihood. This is not an accounting class...however it is a common sense approach to successfully manage your taxidermy business, and make a good living at it. How do you determine cost and profit? How do you know how to set up your studio? How do I draw a salary? There are many questions to establishing a business and having it run efficiently. Come to Springfield and listen to one man's approach to doing business that works. Gather new ideas, enhanced managing techniques, or simple everyday guidelines to assist you. *(Sponsored by McKenzie Supply Co.)*

## **Whitetail Essentials**

**Instructor: Bryan Eppley**

Everyone knows the name Eppley is synonymous with whitetail deer. Bryan is known for his unique mounting style and will demonstrate how easily you can mount whitetail and make money. Bryan's methods make it seem so simple; you will be excited about the prospect of getting back to the studio and mounting those whitetails. Bryan will cover the basics and share knowledge on how to keep those problem areas to a minimum. He will show the importance of eye set and ears in making your deer look more lifelike. This seminar will without a doubt enhance your whitetail taxidermy. *(Sponsored by Ohio Taxidermy Supply)*

## **Children's Seminar-**

**Instructor: Stacie Wolk**

## **Whitetail Efficiency**

**Instructors: Dennis Behn**

Among the top taxidermists in the nation Dennis will be providing instruction on mounting whitetail. You will receive the skilled techniques used to create some of the most stunning whitetail ever mounted. Denty's love of whitetail has made him one of the most outstanding taxidermists and sculptors today. He is widely recognized for his expertise in mounting whitetail deer and will demonstrate the fine points of mounting whitetail. Don't miss the opportunity to enhance your whitetail taxidermy. *(Sponsored by McKenzie Supply Co.)*

## **Velvet Antlers 101**

**Instructor: Richard Santomauro**

It seems that many taxidermists have a difficult time saving the velvet on antlers with the standard taxidermy processes. Richard has fine tuned the process for replacing the velvet that falls off the antlers as well as adding velvet to any antlers that you have. Several of Richard's clients include Ralph Lauren stores in Manhattan New York, Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills California, Saks Fifth Ave in Manhattan and Paramount Pictures Studio. Come prepared to advance your understanding of velvet and assist making your mounts more specialized than you ever imagined.

## **Reproduction Fish Repairs**

**Instructor: Mike Kirkhart**

Mike Kirkhart of Florida shows his procedure for repairing a fiberglass reproduction. This presentation will be just what you need to sharpen your skills on this 3 dimensional piece of art—reproduction fish. Mike's love for fishing and his love of art have made the perfect combination for his success. Mike says that with today's technology and

advanced products this allows us to show infinite detail and create a superior mount. Be there to experience firsthand the repair techniques for the beginner and the most advanced fish artist. This is a must see. (*Sponsored by New Wave taxidermy*)

**Children's Seminar-**  
**Instructor: Michele Burkholder**

**Art of Habitats & Rock Making**  
**Instructor: John Will**

This seminar was standing room only for the past two years! A rock large enough for a life-size whitetail deer will be the mission for this seminar. Amazing, phenomenal and extraordinary are just a few of the words that were expressed by previous attendees of John's seminar. Plan to be awestruck when John presents you with this incredible seminar using his proven techniques for creating his distinctive and creative habitats. John will also cover casting and molding real rocks and show you how to incorporate your rock coloration into the casting mixture. John's ideas on habitat will astound you and your head will be spinning after you attend his seminar. Special thanks to Jeff Martin and Second To Nature Supply Co. for their donation of a whitetail mannikin.

**Jewels Are a Girl's Best Friend**  
**Instructor: Tricia Price**

Tricia specializes in one of a kind, handcrafted sterling silver jewelry with natural elements. Using elk ivory, raccoon or mink baculum, shark vertebrae, or alligator scute Tricia will present a variety of original jewelry that will appeal to women and men.

**Turkey Anatomy**  
**Instructor: Brett DeFreitas**

Learn from one of the industry's best. Brett's seminar will offer you all of the information needed on the basics to the most difficult of turkey anatomy. Brett will demonstrate and enlighten you on his approach as well as demonstrate his methods to help you produce more realistic and award winning mounts. He has received numerous awards and this seminar from one of our best will aid you in increasing production and illustrate rapid techniques to finish off a turkey mount. Don't miss it.

**Whitetail Shoulder Mount Habitat**  
**Instructors: Mike Gillis**

This may come as a surprise but Mike Gillis is also known for his skill with creating habitats. Mike will instruct attendees on how easily you can incorporate a habitat into a shoulder mount. Did you ever wonder how to give that pedestal mount a special look using rock? Come prepared to advance your understanding and help make your whitetail mounts more specialized than you ever imagined. Mike's relaxed manner and extensive knowledge of habitat composition will give NTA competitors a great learning experience. Don't miss the opportunity to enhance your whitetail taxidermy. (*Sponsored by McKenzie Supply Co.*)

**Children's Seminar-**  
**Instructor: Billy & JoAnn Hale**

**Mounting Turkey**  
**Instructor: Brett DeFreitas**

Do you come across problems when mounting a turkey? Now is the time for getting an answer to all of those turkey questions. Brett has received numerous awards and will be sharing his knowledge of mounting this majestic bird. His goal is to help take some of the mystery out of mounting turkeys and to assist you in producing realistic trophies. This seminar from one of our best will aid you in increasing production and illustrate rapid techniques to finish off a turkey mount. Don't miss it.

**Competition Deer and the Judge**  
**Instructor: Rick Carter**

What in the world is that judge looking for? We attend seminars and conventions hoping to learn tips and procedures to help us in our quest for perfection and this is what often separates the professional from the amateur. Well look no more!! We have a repeat Taxidermist of the Year who will share with you all aspects of what the whitetail judge is looking for. Rick is a gentleman who is extremely knowledgeable in whitetails large and small and has received numerous awards for his work. He will share facts and information to help enhance your competition experience with whitetail taxidermy and lend a hand in preparing you for the more stringent competition arena.

### **Competition Waterfowl and the Judge**

**Instructor: Harvey Zeigler**

Entered competition and not sure what the judge is looking for? Not anymore. Harvey will discuss the areas that judge's critique to help you enhance your competition experience as well address the importance of matching your habitat to your piece and avoid lowering your scores in a competition atmosphere. This is a seminar that will help you in all aspects of your waterfowl competition.

### **Repairing and Painting Old Fish Mounts**

**Instructor: Archie Phillips**

Archie will demonstrate how to take a minimum amount of time and effort to repair a fish mount. You will also be the first to view Archie's latest state of the art training aids to assist taxidermists on painting fish. In his demonstration he will have over 25 species of fish he will demonstrate how to paint. Archie's understanding and style of teaching will be entertaining and filled with essentials that will make you a success. You'll learn how to repair and paint as well as everything in between. This seminar will lend a hand in putting money in your pocket. *(Sponsored by Archie Phillips Taxidermy Supply Co)*

### **Children's Seminar-**

**Instructor: Billy & JoAnn Hale**

### **Turkey Grooming & Finish Work**

**Instructor: Brett DeFreitas**

Grooming and finish work are two of the most significant aspects of taxidermy. Good quality finish work often separates the professional from the amateur. Once the mount is dried, it's time for the finishing touches. This includes rebuilding shrunken areas, color restoration, and final cleaning and grooming. Brett will provide you all the information you need on treating each turkey as an individual. Now is the time for getting an answer to all of those turkey questions. This seminar will assist and illustrate the techniques to finish off a turkey mount. Don't miss it.

### **Reproduction Fish Painting**

**Instructor: Mike Orthober**

Mike Orthober is one of the nicest instructor's you will ever meet. His comprehensive instructions on airbrushing will make you shake your head. This seminar will assist you in saving time when painting reproduction fish and help create realistic reproductions. Mike's knowledge and style of teaching will lend a hand in helping you prepare for this exciting field of taxidermy and put money in your pocket. *(Sponsored by McKenzie Taxidermy Supply Co.)*

### **Finishing Whitetail**

**Instructor: Kris Hano**

Finishing a good whitetail is not always as easy as it appears. We attend seminars and conventions hoping to learn information and procedures to assist us in our quest for flawlessness. Flawless is what often separates the professional from the amateur. Kris will provide detailed instruction on how to finish your whitetail. This class will without doubt enhance your whitetail taxidermy and help prepare you for the more stringent competition arena as well.

### **"Ask the Taxidermists" Question and Answer Session**

**Instructor: Archie Phillips and Al Holmes**

For many taxidermists Q&A sessions are among the best seminars of a conference. They provide an opportunity for attendees to ask a question and then to draw on the collective experience and wisdom of the entire seminar

crowd as well as the moderating panel for an answer. Often the answer can lead to a fair amount of discussion and additional questions. The ultimate goal is to achieve good questions and elicit good answers. This seminar belongs to the participants, and the moderator's job will be to keep things moving along and especially to attempt to get good answers to every question.

**Children's Seminar-**  
**Instructor: Billy & JoAnn Hale**  
**Mounting a Mountain White Starling**

**Instructor: Nancy Crocker**

Nancy has had a lifelong interest in birds. Her dedication to exactness of detail has allowed Nancy to excel in her chosen field. She has won numerous awards in competition and her observations of birds have allowed her to acquire an intimate and ever-increasing knowledge of avian anatomy that has proven to be an essential asset in presenting mounted specimens in an authentic and lifelike manner. Nancy is an instructor of avian taxidermy and will share her vast knowledge for elevating one's level of craftsmanship and artistry.

**Fish Head Casting**  
**Instructor: Frank Kotula**

Frank has one of the paramount seminars you could ever attend. You will become familiar with various molding compounds and techniques for casting fish heads. Frank will talk about and display the best way to handle a variety of casting processes you've wanted to know about and the easiest way to undertake them. He has some innovative and informative examples that he will be sharing with you for molding and casting from A to Z. Don't miss one of the most talked about seminars of the year!

**Lifesize Mammals & The Judge**  
**Instructor: Vince Gallegos**

Learn from one of the industry's best. Vince Gallegos is a taxidermist and judge who has an in-depth knowledge of taxidermy. Vince will provide you with all of the answers and techniques needed for mounting and judging mammals. These methods can be incorporated into other areas of mammal taxidermy you may encounter. Vince will explain mounting procedures to assist you in producing realistic and award winning mounts.

**Gameheads Details**  
**Instructor: Greg Brumfield**

Greg is a certified NTA judge as well as an NTA Award of Excellence recipient. This dynamic taxidermist will be presenting a seminar on what a judge is looking for when judging a gamehead. From the appearance of seams, the nose exterior, mouth and lips, the eye set, tear ducts and anatomy of the head...you will come away with knowledge which will allow you to incorporate all you have learned into both your competition and commercial mounts.

**Children's Seminar-**  
**Instructor: Billy & JoAnn Hale**

**Painting & Finishing Fish**  
**Instructor: Brett Wingfield**

A deep seated interest in fish brought Brett to taxidermy 14 years ago, and inspired his career. He began competing in 1998 and has won National Champion Warm Water Fish, NTA Breakthrough Judges Best of Show, and 2007 World Champion Warm Water Fish. Brett will discuss and demonstrate finishing techniques he's used in his award winning fish mounts including epoxy work, rebuilding, and painting techniques. (*Sponsored by Matuska Supply Co.*)

**Mounting Standing Pheasant**  
**Instructor: Cory Caruthers**

Cory has been practicing taxidermy for 26 years and has been awarded the NTA "North American Waterfowl Champion," as well as five first place ribbons in the Master's Division at the World Taxidermy Championships. In

this seminar, Cory will be mounting a standing pheasant. Cory's seminars always feature in-depth study of the carcass as well as interpretation of reference as it applies to all birds. His award winning philosophy of "skeletal first, muscular second, and the rest is skin taxiing," will be demonstrated and discussed. (*Sponsored by Matuska Supply Co.*)

### **Safari Club International Master Measurers & Official Measurers Seminar**

Learn how to properly measure trophy game heads from around the world. Use this opportunity to benefit and promote your business. Sportsmen you have never met or may possibly never meet any other way will now be looking for you. With Safari Club having over 200, local chapters, and 50,000, members, many areas are in need of qualified individuals to properly measure the trophies their members take. With them needing your help in having their trophies measured for the record book, you will have the opportunity to show these sportsmen the type and quality of work you do. Don't miss this golden opportunity to add new clients and work to your studio. SCI's Trophy Records book, with more than 127,000, game animal entries from across the globe, creates a comprehensive history of the world's hunting heritage. SCI sees documenting hunts of these record-size animals as a key part of our decades-old mission to protect the freedom to hunt and promote wildlife conservation worldwide. Data collected for SCI record Books is voluntarily provided to Game & Fish Agencies in an effort to assist ongoing conservation's efforts, as well as support for public land hunting.

The NTA and Safari Club International have teamed up to host both a **Master Measurers and an Official Measurers Seminar** at this year's 2010, Annual National Taxidermists Association Convention. If you have ever been interested in learning how to score animals from all over the world or believe in the conservation efforts of SCI we welcome you to attend.

The cost to attend this year's **Official Measurers Seminar** is \$100.00, which includes a one-year national membership to SCI. Also included is an Official Measurers Kit including measuring tools, measurer's manual, score sheets, **Official Measurers** certification test, and a lifetime of SCI Official Measurers updates to our measurers program. The seminar is three hours in length on Saturday afternoon and gives you all the tools and information needed to begin scoring trophies today. Become a measurer for Safari Club International and become active in our hunting heritage.

The **Master Measurers** seminar is only available at the National SCI convention in Reno. However, SCI is offering this course at the NTA convention in Springfield! The cost to attend the **Master Measurers** seminar is \$100.00, and requires each participant to score 25, provided animals within 3% accuracy within the allotted period of time. Measuring materials and one-year membership will NOT be included in the cost of the seminar as you are already a member by being a certified official measurer and having a measuring kit. Please bring your measuring kit with you to this seminar. Measuring kits will be available for purchase if attendees do not have the proper equipment. It is also required, anyone attending the **Master Measurers** Seminar be current members of SCI and have already become a Certified Official Measurer before attending the course. This will begin with a 3-hour classroom seminar on Thursday morning 8:15 am-11:15 am. Following this, you must measure the 25 animals provided in the classroom. Classroom hours will be Thursday 1:15 pm -4:15 pm; Friday 8:15 am-4:15 pm; and Saturday morning 8:15 am-11:15 am. Please pre-register. See your registration form. (*Sponsored by Safari Club International*)