

MICHIGAN TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION AWARDS LIST

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE & MASTERS OF MASTERS AWARD	(See attached rules for further information)
BEST ALL AROUND	Masters and Masters of Masters divisions only and consists of four categories. They shall be Game Head, Mammal, Fish and Bird. The winner must have attained a second place on each of the four mounts to be eligible. A place lower on any one mount will eliminate any chance of winning. The mounts may also be entered into regular competition in their respective categories and receive additional awards if they qualify (Best of Show, Best of Category, etc.). The four mounts entered in the Best All Around category MUST be chosen at the time of registration and cannot be changed once judging has started. You will be required to pay the registration for general category and Best All Around if competing as such. This award comes with a plaque and a trophy.
BEST OF CATEGORY	This award applies to any separate category within the Masters & Professional Division (see category list for further information). To qualify, a mount entered must win a blue ribbon. In the event of a tie, the respective Judge in that category will decide the best of category. This award comes with a trophy.
BEST OF SHOW	Must have a blue ribbon to win. Will be chosen by the five respective Judges. Winner will receive a trophy and a \$1,000 cash award (\$500 of this award is sponsored by Taxidermy by Dourlain).
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD	This award goes to the best artistic piece in the novice and professional divisions and will be voted upon by the Board of Directors. This award comes with a trophy and a \$250 cash award sponsored by Brad Eldred of Wildlife Gallery.
BREAKTHROUGH AWARD	Must win Best of Show. A plaque is presented along with a \$100 cash OR gift certificate award.
CHELSEA TAXIDERMY WATERFOWL AWARD	Chosen by the respective Bird Judge as the highest scoring waterfowl in its natural habitat. Waterfowl must be entered in Professional Division. You can only win this award one time. The winning mount will receive a \$200 cash prize and a hand carved decoy (carved by John VanSlambrouck). Award sponsored by Chelsea Taxidermy Studios.
COMMEMORATIVE BUCKS OF MICHIGAN	Chosen by a representative from CBM as the best portrayal of a native Michigan species of Elk, Bear, Turkey or Whitetail deer that represents the goals of the CBM. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
DALE CORNETET AWARD	Awarded to a fish scoring 95 or higher in the Masters or Masters of Masters Division. This award comes with a trophy.
DUCKS UNLIMITED AWARD	Chosen by the respective Bird Judge as the best waterfowl in the show. Mount must have a blue ribbon in Professional or 2nd or higher in Masters to qualify at Judge's discretion. Award comes with either a trophy, plaque or print.
EDUCATIONAL AWARD	It needs to provide the viewer, some type of education of some phase of taxidermy, nature, natural phenomena, conservation, etc. All show Judges will judge the pieces entered. To qualify the piece MUST score at least 2 (80) at the Masters level. The piece shall be judged using the following standards.... 50% of the score shall be based upon the education and the statement the overall piece provides. 25% of the score shall be based on the taxidermy skills used, and 25% of the score on the use of habitat entered. To qualify, the piece must score at least an 80 at the Masters level. The winning mount will receive a check for the sum of \$500 and a trophy. The winning mount MUST be donated and put on public display.
HILTON EPPLEY AWARD	This is awarded to any mount completed on a Hilton Eppley Form. Winner to be selected and award to be provided by Hilton Eppley
HORIZON AWARD	Chosen by the respective Judges for the novice or youth divisions as the best youth mount (ages 18 and under). The award comes with a trophy. This award can only be awarded to a youth participant once in their lifetime.

KEN KLEINERT AWARD	Chosen by the respective Judges for the novice or youth division as the most artistic youth mount (ages 18 and under). The award comes with a trophy.
LIFETONE AWARD	Awarded to the highest scoring fish in the competition which was painted with Lifetone paints. Competitor must also obtain a blue ribbon to win. This award comes with a trophy. Any fish entered in competition using this paint is eligible.
MCKENZIE SERVICE AWARD	Any member in good standing with the association, who has done the most during the past year to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote Professionalism in his/her business 2. Advance the art of Taxidermy 3. Depict Taxidermy and hunting in a positive image 4. Share knowledge of taxidermy techniques 5. Improve the quality of his/her taxidermy work 6. Promote the goals of the state association
McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST BIRD AWARD	This award goes to the best bird or combination mount, waterfowl or upland to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST FISH AWARD	This award goes to the best fish mount, reproduction or skin mount to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST LIFE-SIZE MAMMAL AWARD	This award goes to the best life-size mammal, small or large to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
McKENZIE TAXIDERMIST CHOICE - BEST WHITETAIL AWARD	This award goes to the best whitetail shoulder or pedestal mount to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor)
MICHIGAN TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION ABOVE AND BEYOND SERVICE AWARD	This award goes to a business, group or someone who has gone above and beyond in service to the MTA. This award comes with a plaque.
MICHIGAN TRAPPER'S ASSOCIATION AWARD	Chosen by a representative of the Michigan Trapper's Association for the best fur bearing mount in their natural habitat. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
MOUNTED IN ALASKA AWARD	Awarded to the life size mount that tells the best story. It will be judged by the MTA members. Award will be a bear paw plaque. Sponsored by Knights Taxidermy.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE MASTERS/MASTERS OF MASTERS	Chosen by the MTA Members as the best mount of their choice. Only two votes per family membership. Award comes with a trophy and a \$200 cash award. Any mount entered in Masters/Masters of Masters is eligible.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE NOVICE	Chosen by the MTA Members as the best mount of their choice. Only two votes per family membership. Award comes with a trophy and a \$50 cash award. Any mount entered in Novice is eligible.
PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROFESSIONAL	Chosen by the MTA Members as the best mount of their choice. Only two votes per family membership. Award comes with a trophy and a \$100 cash award. Any mount entered in Professional is eligible.
POLYTRANSPAR AWARD	Awarded to the highest scoring fish in the competition which was painted with Polytranspar paint. Competitor must also obtain a blue ribbon to win. This award comes with a \$50 gift certificate and plaque. Any fish entered in competition using this paint is eligible.
PRESIDENT'S ANIMATION AWARD	Chosen only by the President and must portray some type of movement within the mount. Any mount entered is eligible. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
PRO-1 AWARD	Must use a Pro-1 tanning or hide paste product and registered with mount information.
RON'S GAMEHEADS AND MORE YOUTH AWARD	Winner to be selected by Ron & Sophia Furgeson. The winner will be a youth entry and can be any mammal, any size. This award comes with a plaque and \$50 cash prize. This award is sponsored by Ron's Gameheads and More Taxidermy.

SECOND 2 NATURE AWARD	This award will be for the highest scoring mount on a Second 2 Nature manikin. The winner will receive a trophy/award, a Second 2 Nature t-shirt or hat and a \$100 Second 2 Nature gift certificate.
SKUTT'S WILDLIFE TAXIDERMISTRY UP-AND - COMING AWARD	Any novice entry will be eligible. Winner will be selected by all of the Novice Judges. This award comes with a trophy and \$100. Sponsored by Skutt's Wildlife Taxidermy.
STATE CHAMPION	This award applies to the combined categories- Fish, Manikin, Reptile / Amphibians, Whitetails, Game heads, Mammals, Birds, Habitat, Reproductions, Freeze dry within the Masters Division. To qualify, a mount entered must win a Best of Category. The respective Judge in that category will decide the State Champion. This award comes with a trophy.
UTA ARTISEN AWARD	Award to be decided by popular vote of membership (any registered competitor). This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
VANDYKE AWARD	Chosen by the Judges as the most artistic mount in the Masters or Professional Divisions. The mount must have a blue ribbon to be eligible and show some type of artistic merit. This award comes with a plaque.
VETERAN AWARD	Selected by John Crabb. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
WALNUT CREEK HARDWOODS ENDEARING AWARD	This award will be open to any division as long as it's on a Walnut Creek Hardwood panel or base. This award will also be presented with a \$50 Walnut Creek Hardwood gift certificate.
WASCO AWARD	Chosen by the four respective Judges. The guidelines are as follows: exhibition of taxidermy, creativity and artistic merit. It does not matter which company's supplies, paints, or manikins are used in the piece. This award comes with a crystal type trophy and a \$100 gift certificate.
WHITETAIL AWARD	Chosen by the representative of the award sponsor for the most natural depiction of the whitetail species in the show. This may include both whitetail life-size and shoulder mounts. This award comes with a trophy/plaque.
YOUTH DIVISION AWARD	Chosen by the respective Novice division Judges as the best mount in that age group. Any mount is eligible. Award comes with a trophy.
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	The Michigan Taxidermist Association Youth Scholarship Award will be voted on by the Novice Judges. This award comes with a trophy and \$300 cash sponsored by K & K Tannery award to be paid to the instructor of the winner's choice. Youth must be present for photo with award & mount. The instructor must be a MTA member and will be paid the cash upon completion of the class. Class must be used within one calendar year or money will be transferred to the next year.

Awards subject to change based on supporter/sponsor