

May 2011 Newsletter
MTA member;

Welcome to you from the MTA board of directors. This is a quick note with some attachments for your records and for sharing with other taxidermists who may be interested.

These are some things that have been done since the show:

- Members update on the web-site (check the site to make sure the information is correct) www.mttaxidermists.com
- Changing the size of the mount tags on the mounts at the show for increased visibility.
- Changing the entry fee to the competition and seminar / clinics for youth 12-17 years to free. This better fits our mission statement to educate and improve future taxidermists. We will also be promoting this within the schools if possible to encourage participation in the show and seminars / clinics and workshops. The maturity of the participants will be something for us to be sensitive to so that this is not a baby sitting thing but a true educational opportunity. The youth will also be allowed free entry into other seminars / clinics and workshop as the facility allows.
- We are working on a Be Bear Aware bear mounting workshop. We are waiting on information from the organization as to how many bears are available and then we will get the information out to you regarding location and times. The plan is to have two workshops (East & West) if the hides are available.
- The sponsors / donors and vendors information has been updated, indicating an emphasis on educational goals of the MTA and the desire to improve the quality of taxidermy within the membership of the MTA. We will continue with the mission of teaming with other like minded organizations. We need to keep aware of legislative happenings that effect the way wildlife is managed in Montana. If you are in the know, then, let the board know, so that we can let everyone know.
- We will continue teaming up with the childswish program www.childswish.com for 2012 and have discussed the desire to expand this to veterans.
- New board members and offices are attached.
- We are working on the 2012 judges and seminar / clinics. This usually an on-going project so we will keep you updated as best we can.
- The 2012 show will be in Billings @ the Holiday Inn – Grand Montana Hotel on March 22-24. More information will be posted on the web-site as we put things together.

Here are some of the items that the board is currently working on:

- Updating the web-site with photos of the 2011 show and awards. (The awards list is on the site)
- Creating a members spotlight on the web-site
- Creating a classified section for you to advertise items that others might be interested in.
- Seminars / clinics / workshops for the membership
- Ways for communicating without having to do a costly, time consuming snail mail. If you know someone who needs information please give them the board contact information.
- We need sponsors and donors for 2012.
- We are working to update links on the web-site.
- Thank you letter to vendors, sponsors and donors
- Membership mailing list to suppliers

Let me know if you have a specific request or need and I will try to get you the information or proper contact.

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