



# Oregon Association of Taxidermists

## -- Presidents Message --

Greetings to you all....I hope this news letter finds you doing well and 2012 is starting off great for all of you.

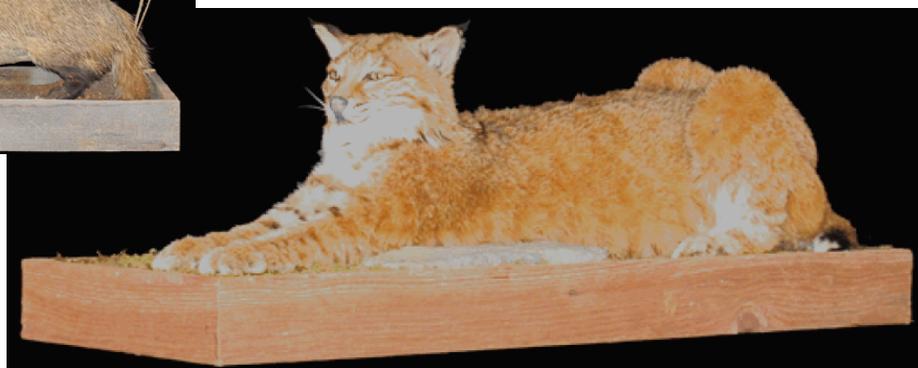
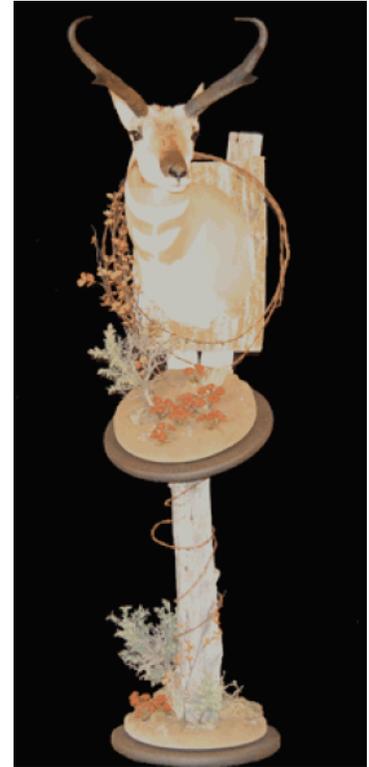
Once again we had a great show and all of you should be congratulated for a job well done. I know it's not easy to get customer work done, prepare a great show piece plus dealing with the state of affairs in our world these days makes it even that much more difficult. Thank you all for taking the time and money to support your organization.

When it was all said and done we ended up with 92 entries in all ranges of categories and divisions with a lot of great work. At every show there seems to be a few pieces that stand out above the rest. One of these pieces was prepared by Allen Burril who is a first timer to the OAT show. He prepared a life size bear taking a break while leaning up against a small tree featured in the awards section of this news letter. The big award winner this year goes to Clinton Hall who is no stranger to the lime light during the awards night. His beautiful antelope won the judges over and earned him judge's choice best of show and the breakthrough award. Great job guys, keep up the great work!!

Now we find ourselves planning for the next years show promising ourselves during the drive home that we will not wait till the last minute to start on our show pieces allowing us the opportunity to do the job properly and not be rushed, but each year we all find ourselves pulling all nighters trying to finish and rolling in with our work and 5 minutes to spare....hey, it wouldn't be a competition without that.....LOL

I want to thank you all again for a great job. Without all of you this show would not be. The kindness and volunteering of your time and money is very much appreciated by me and everybody in this organization!!!

Your President,  
R.J. Simington



## -- 2011 Best of Show Awards --



**Most Artistic Novice:** Carl Chapman Jr. - Badger  
**Best Bird in Flight:** Leon Mathews – Cackler  
**Best Habitat:** Clinton Hall – Pronghorn Antelope  
**Polytranspar Award:** Allen Burrell – Kokanee Salmon  
**Horizon Award:** Carl Chapman Jr.  
**Starfish Award:** Allen Burrell – Kokanee Salmon  
**Highest Scoring Youth:** Garrett Hitz – Small Mouth Bass  
**Highest Scoring Novice:** Mike Copley – Coues Deer  
**Wild Turkey Federation:** Andy Green - Turkey  
**Wasco Award:** Mike Levesque - Mallard  
**Highest Scoring Open:** Clinton Hall - Antelope  
**Highest Scoring Masters:** Allen Burrell - Crow  
**Taxidermist's Choice-Best Kick Ass Mount in Show:** Allen Burrell – Life Size Bear  
**People's Choice:** Allen Burrell – Life Size Bear  
**Spouses Choice:** Allen Burrell – Life Size Bear  
**McKenzie Best Fish:** Ernie Glenn – Large Mouth Bass  
**McKenzie Best Whitail:** Josh Bryan

**McKenzie Best Lifesize:** Allen Burrell – Life Size Bear

**McKenzie Best Bird Award:** Leon Mathews – Snow Goose

**Research Mannikins Best Gamehead:** Clinton Hall – Pronghorn Antelope

**Judges Choice Best of Show:** Clinton Hall – Pronghorn Antelope

## -- Catered Banquet Dinner --

For those of you who attended our banquet dinner you saw that we had it catered by Wubba's BBQ and man was it good....so good in fact that we contracted them to cater our banquet dinner for this years show. This is some of the best BBQ food around so you don't want to miss it.

## -- We Have Moved --

### **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Competition**

**Show Locations:** Crook County Fairgrounds; Prineville, Oregon

**Show Dates:** June 28<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

We will be in the Carey Foster Hall. This building is very spacious at 5,500 square feet with a large roll up door in the back with easy access and plenty of parking in the back. We are returning to this venue because many of the members attending the members meeting at this years show expressed a desire to move it back to Prineville....so we voted and here we go.

For those of you new to the association, this is where we held our shows for several years prior to moving it to Klamath Falls to accommodate Western Regionals. Prineville is a nice little town with a lot of sites. We always have fun no matter where we land and Prineville is no exception. We have a lot of experience running our shows at this facility so rest assured things will operate very smooth....or as smooth as any show can go.

If you have an RV, camper, trailer or just want to tent it there is plenty of room for all. The fairgrounds offer 81 full hookup sites and to reserve a spot you can call 1-800-609-2599 or 541-447-2599. If you want to learn more about the fairgrounds you can go to [www.crookcountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.crookcountyfairgrounds.com)

We were unable to reserve a block of rooms for us at the Stafford Inn plus it would have not been any cheaper room rates as well, so please do not hesitate to make your reservations. There are several motels in this town but as usual there are many other events happening this same weekend.

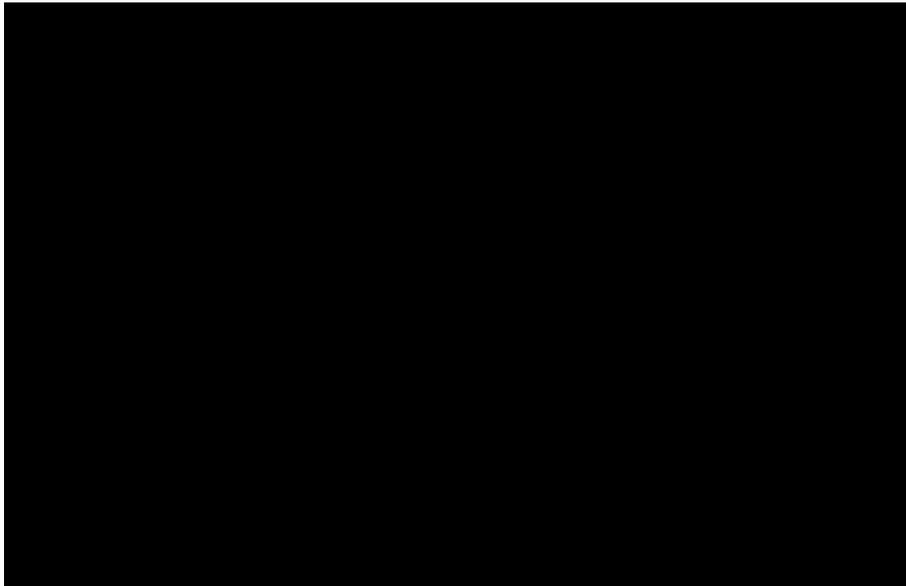
We all look forward to seeing you there.



## **!! Special Thank You !!**

I would like to send a special shout out to Mark from Research Mannikins for donating supplies needed to present many of our seminars....it's support like this that makes our association what it is today.

**Thanks.... Keep up the great work...we appreciate you very much!!!!**



## **-- 2012 Challenge Pieces --**

**Fish:** Any Rock Fish  
**Bird:** Wood Duck  
**Reptile:** Any Lizard  
**Game Head:** Blacktail

## **-- 2012 Up and Coming Events --**

### **2012 Western Regionals**

Hosted by: **California Association of Taxidermists**

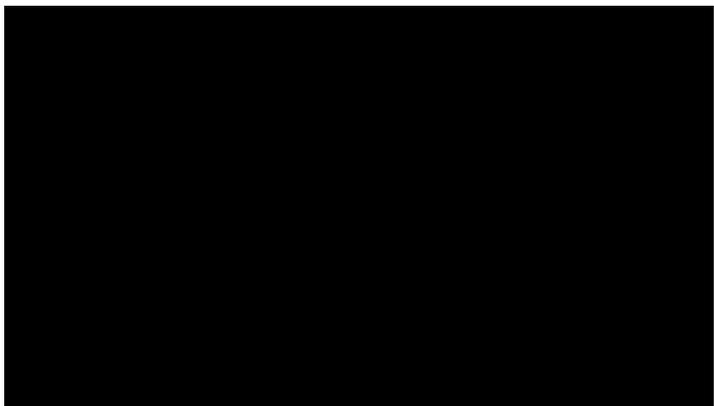
March 9<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Sacramento, Arden Fair Way

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## **-- Donations --**

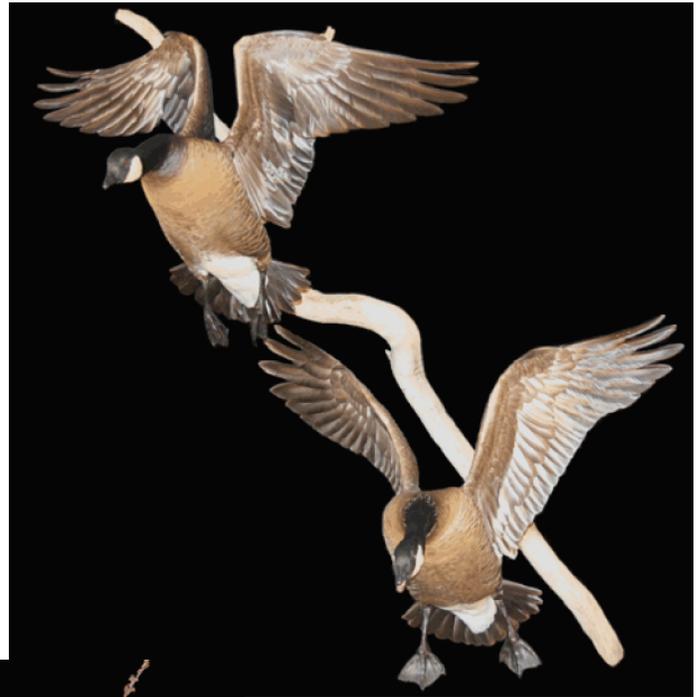
This organization is successful through your support and many others. We are always looking for any donations or sponsors to help support our organization. Take a little time and head down to your local businesses and ask if they would be willing to donate some items, provide a cash donation or even sponsor some awards. Let them know that we are all about the education and growth of our industry and the great outdoors. No donation is too small. Look around your shop and I bet there is something that you have not used in a while that someone else could benefit from. It could be an old form that is discolored and old. Someone would be more than happy to make some rocks from it. It could be as simple as some old style scalpel blades that you don't like anymore just sitting around. There is someone who could benefit from that. Just think, **"One mans garbage is another mans treasure."** Toss it in a box and bring it, we will find some way for it to benefit the association.



## **-- 2012 Elections --**

We are always looking for new people to join our association and becoming a board member or officer. New people have fresh ideas and we are always open to that. If you have the desire to become more involved and help our association and trade grow, please speak up and let us know that you are interested in joining this wonderful organization.

Thank you all for your support!!!!



## **-- Disclaimer --**

If there is anyone's name I misspelled or any information misquoted or incorrect I assure you it was unintentional and I do apologize deeply for this most unspeakable error.

I am always open for some constructive advice and any new information you would like to see so please pass it on. Some hunting pictures, tips & techniques, hunting stories would be greatly appreciated or other fun and informative information.

Send them to me @ [skipsvmax@hotmail.com](mailto:skipsvmax@hotmail.com)