

Judges for the 2015 Best of the West Taxidermy Championship

Brenda Duvall

Life Size Judge



My name is Brenda Duvall and I've been a Full Time Taxidermist since 1986. I, along with my partner in life and in work, Jim Kimball, own a studio located in Medford, Wisconsin. Taxidermy is pretty much a seven day a week job that we both love and wouldn't trade any of it for all the riches in the World. My involvement in the competition part of this industry has provided me with many memorable moments in my life. Not only has competing improved my techniques it has also brought many cherished friendships into my life.

I have served on the board of directors for the state of Wisconsin for more than 10 years, with 4 of them as vice president. I served a 6 year run as a board member of the National Taxidermists Association. I currently serve as Chairman of the United Taxidermist Association and spent the previous 3 years as its secretary. I'm a strong believer in getting involved with the associations that protect and strive to improve this great industry we all love.

As far as taxidermy accomplishments, I was the first person to win the "Challenge of the Art" when it was started at the NTA. I was also the first to win National Champion Recreation. I have won a Carl Akley award at the World Show. I have numerous State Champion awards, but none of these mean as much as the people I have had the pleasure of meeting over the years. I look forward to working with you and your organization.

Dawayne Dewey

Game Heads and Mule Deer Judge



I started in taxidermy in 1984 at the age of seventeen with an after school job making paper forms for a taxidermist in my home town in Ingram, Texas. I immediately became fascinated with taxidermy and that after school job soon turned into a career that has lasted thirty years.

The first fifteen years of my career I had the privilege of learning “on the job” from some great taxidermists and artists like World Champion Don Holt, Jimmy Dieringer’s Woodbury Taxidermy and Mike Boyce’s Animal Artistry. I definitely would not have the experience in so many areas of worldwide big game taxidermy without my time working and learning from these men and being part of their teams.

In 1998, my wife, Yvonne, and I pursued our dream of living in the west with our family and moved our two young boys to Cody, Wyoming, and opened Dewey Wildlife Studio. Over the years we have had many blessings and grown from our one man studio to our own facility and a full time team of 7, where we specialize in worldwide big game custom mounts.

Also over the years, I have had the privilege to compete at various taxidermy competitions and learn more along the way too, winning state, national, and several World Titles with big game taxidermy. I have sculpted a number of forms/manikins for the taxidermy industry that are available from Headquarters Taxidermy Supply, as well as some older works available from Matuska Taxidermy supply.

I enjoy attending and judging several taxidermy events each year and look forward to seeing old friends and getting to know others in our field. I look forward to seeing everyone in Utah again soon.

Thank you!

Dawayne Dewey

Rick Krane

Birds, Fish, Reptiles and Amphibians Judge



Rick Krane is a World Renowned Instructor, Nationally Accredited Fish Judge, Museum Fish Taxidermist and Full Time Taxidermist, Sculptor and Wild-life Artist. In business full time since 1984.

New England born and New Hampshire's most celebrated Fish Taxidermist, Rick Krane has become recognized as one of the best fish taxidermist/instructors in the world. Rick has won World, International, and State championship taxidermy awards for his beautiful life-like taxidermy displays.

Since 1991, Rick has had the personal gratification of teaching folks from all around the world his systems of fish taxidermy. It is Rick's pleasure as an instructor to assist in educating some of the finest fish taxidermists including National and World Champions who are proud Anglers Artistry family members! He is devoted to the betterment of fish taxidermy for taxidermist all over the world!