

Judges for the 2013 Competition

Birds and Fish: **Troy Rose** has been involved in the art of taxidermy for over 27 years, including full time taxidermist for the past 20. He also instructs individuals both new and old in this ever evolving field of animal preservation. His accomplishments led him to many prestigious awards in many State and National Competitions. Originally known for his masterful bird work, Troy steadily gains high merits and recognition for his work in both Game Heads and Life-Size Mammals. He strives to achieve realism in all his work and to convey those techniques to others. He simply states: **“I judge to help make you become a better taxidermist. ..keep an open mind, and remember, it’s just one Judge’s opinion. I look forward to judging birds at your show!”**

Deer Heads: **Bill Bowen** was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting at the age of a small child he's enjoyed the outdoors and wildlife. As a teenager he developed an interest in bird taxidermy. In the following years his interest in taxidermy blossomed from a hobby into a full time career. He enjoys competing at taxidermy conventions and attended his 1st National Taxidermy Association Competition many years ago in Las Vegas, Nevada. When he walked into the competition room and saw the quality of work compared to his, he nearly turned around with his “masterpiece” and walked away. Bill remembers being embarrassed to even set his bird on the table. But he didn't give in and followed through with the challenge. Needless to say, he did not win a ribbon that weekend; In fact, he won't even mention the score, but that was just the beginning of his competition journey, a journey that still continues to this day. Nearly 25 years later he still competes and is now proudly judging some of those same competitions that he nearly walked away from as a teenager. Bill enjoys working in his own professional taxidermy business of 22 years. It's been Bill's pleasure and privilege to create custom wildlife displays for individuals, schools and museums, the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, and even sell some of his work to Bass Pro Shops. Bill always looks forward to learning and teaching new and innovative taxidermy techniques and passing on his passion for the art of taxidermy to his own two boys, who also love the outdoors and wildlife as much as he does.

Game Heads and Life-Size: **Manny Chavez Sr** has won numerous awards, including Best of Categories, in STATE, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, and WORLD Competitions, as well as Best All-Around Taxidermist in 2004, 2005 and 2006 in Western Regional, Arizona and New Mexico, and Best Antelope 2005.

- o Member of the New Mexico Taxidermist's Association
- o Lifetime Member of the National Taxidermist's Association
- o Board of Director of the NTA
- o Past President of the New Mexico Taxidermist's Association
- o NTA Certified Taxidermist
- o National Champion 2002
- o Recipient of THE AWARD of EXCELLENCE 2004
- o NTA DIRECTOR of THE YEAR 2005
- o NTA Certified Taxidermy Judge
- o Has judged taxidermy in Arizona, California, Wyoming, Arkansas, Southern Regionals in Mississippi, New Mexico, Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, and the 2007 World Show In Reno, Nevada.
- o Two time WORLD Winner
- o Instructor at The Academy Of Realistic Taxidermy in Montana

Youth and Novice: **Scott Humble** is no doubt the BEST teacher for anyone new or old to taxidermy, he has an amazing skill level like no other. He is a Utah Master Taxidermist in ALL Categories and has won almost every award possible. His commitment to quality and realism is exceptional. Scott served as UTA President for many years, and continues to serve the association in numerous ways. For those of you undecided to compete, you are missing out not getting to know or be judged/critiqued by Scott.