

Schedule of Events

Wednesday February 2nd

8:00 am – 8:00 pm Competition area open to bring in entries. The floor will be open to large trucks until noon for those with a very large or very heavy entry. After noon it will be foot traffic only with the use of carts that will be available. As mentioned before, we will have a very well organized speedy registration table set up to aid in making this step effortless and pain free. Just bring your entries and your checkbook. Bring your entries to the loading docks on the west side of the Salt Palace on 100 West between South Temple and 100 South. This is a HUGE show. There will be lots of folks running in and out all day. Plan to spend a little time getting in and out. Last year it went really well and we had very few problems. If you have a BIG piece it would be very wise to bring it as early as possible because space fills up fast. Once inside just come to the UTA area to register and place your entries (See Map Below). The doors to the floor area will close and be locked right at 8:00 pm!!! So PLEASE be aware of this when making time to bring in your entries and work on final grooming. I have NO control over them locking the doors. If you're not there by 8:00 pm you will not get in! There will be no competitors allowed in the competition area on Thursday except UTA officials and the judges. All grooming and final prep MUST be done on Wednesday before 8:00 pm. Wednesday is also the day to set up if you are a vendor in our seminar room.

Awards Banquet tickets must be purchased on Wednesday!

Thursday February 3rd

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Judging begins on competition floor. No one except UTA officials and judges will be allowed in the competition area during the judging. At 10:00 am the floor will be open to the public. We will have UTA officials there on hand to answer questions and keep the judges from being bothered.

9:00 am – 7:00 pm Seminar/Vendor room open. Vendors will be there to show off their taxidermy supplies, fish replicas, tanning, etc.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Three-Hour Pintail Challenge. This will take place in the seminar room. Competitors will have three hours to mount a pintail in any pose they wish using a prepped skin and all the tools they can fit into a milk crate. Anyone can participate and anyone including the public can come watch. This is always a fun event. Don't be late! The contest will start right at 9:00 am.

12:00 pm Lunch Break.

1:00 pm Judging of the Pintail Challenge. All those who watched and competed will be judging all the finished birds. The person with the winning bird will earn a ribbon and get to choose next years specimen.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm **This is an open time slot for a seminar. I want to know what you folks want to see. Please email me with your ideas on who/what you want to learn about. I will go over the responses and plan a seminar accordingly. Once I have a seminar scheduled I'll let you all know what it is.**

7:00 pm Judges Dinner.

Friday February 4th

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Judging continued. Only UTA officials and judges allowed in competition area.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Mule Deer Challenge. Just like the Three-Hour Pintail Challenge, but with a mule deer head. Last year this was a huge hit! We had 9 people enter and the work was fantastic. Anyone can compete. Bring the antlers, a prepped cape, form, stand, and all the tools you'll need to mount a mule deer and let the hair fly! You can have the antlers pre-attached to a prepped form but that's it. Ear liners, eye setting, clay work, sculpting, etc will have to be done on the spot. We will provide a couple of compressors with air hoses for use during this contest. Should be super fun to watch!

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Judging of the Three Hour Mule Deer Challenge. Participants and people in attendance will vote on the best head using a score sheet to identify points of interest. The winner will earn a nice ribbon and have the distinct honor of being the best speedy-deer-head-mounter.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Ribbons will be placed on winning entries.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Competition area open. Score sheets will be available at the UTA official's desk inside the competition area. All Judges will be on hand to give critiques at this time.

Vote on Taxidermist Choice Best of Show!!!

3:00 – 5:30 pm Seminar from our fish judge, Dan Johnson. This guy is an old PRO when it comes to fish taxidermy. He will be covering a wide variety of fish mounting techniques in both skin mounts and reproductions.

6:00 pm – ??? pm

UTA membership meeting in seminar room. Last year I held the meeting in the morning at 8:00 am. I think we had 3 people show up...

I hope that by having it at this time slot we get a better turn out. We will be discussing UTA business and conducting a ballot to vote for the distinguished service award. Please make plans to be there.

Saturday February 5th

All judges will be on hand throughout the day to give critiques and help answer any questions.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Seminar from our bird judge, Glen Browning. I have talked with Glen and the seminar he has planned will be VERY cool! He's told me that he will be using every minute of his three hour time slot so don't be late!

12:00 pm Lunch Break

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Seminar with our Life-size Mammals judge, Dean Schulte. Trust me folks you won't wanna miss this one! This man is WORLD CLASS!

Sunday February 6th

Show will be open to the public from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm. We will have from 4:00 pm till 10:00 pm to tear down and leave the building. All entries MUST stay in the competition area until 4:00 pm. Part of the agreement with the people running the show is that our display must stay up throughout the entire show. After all, they are GIVING us a \$30,000 booth space, the least we can do is keep it full of nice things to look at. If you decide to enter the show, your pieces will be there for the duration of the show. If you're from out of town and have travel issues see me in advance and we'll work it out. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

On behalf of John, Grant and myself we thank you and are looking forward to a fantastic show this year! Hope to see you all there!

Best Regards,

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Map of Show Floor

This is the west side of the building.
This is the side to bring your entries in.



This is the east side of the building.
The public will come in this side.