

About Our Business



Our original business opened in Ventura, California around September of 1981 on a part-time basis. We expanded 3 times, starting in our garage, moving to a thousand square foot building in 1982, and expanding to a 5,000 square foot building in 1985. We mounted everything from the smallest bird, to 18 foot great white sharks. We've mounted hundreds of game species, reptile, and birds. Trinity Mountain Arts opened its doors in Trinity County around September of 1989, and continued offering limited services until 1994 when I went back to school to become a full-time teacher. At this point, I backed off the taxidermy to focus on my teaching career. I have enjoyed the taxidermy business for years, and knew I'd eventually return to the craft. Today, I mount a limited number of specimens, balancing my time with teaching computers, hunting, and enjoying life. I do my best to complete all bird mounts within 4 months. **Most items that we send out to our commercial tanneries will be completed within 6-10 months.** Winter months slow the drying process, and may require an additional 30 days. We can rush-order our game heads for an additional handling fee (15% of actual cost). I limit the amount of work I take in during the year as a means of ensuring the best quality mount within a reasonable turnaround time. Please feel free to give me a call, or use my email address to forward your questions related to taxidermy. Every specimen is a time piece; a work of art that requires attention to detail. As a life-long learner, I continue to attend seminars and training related to the taxidermy field. My focus is always on improving the quality of my work. I look forward to giving your next trophy the necessary attention required for high quality craftsmanship.

Job 12:7-10

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
or the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
or let the fish of the sea inform you.
Which of all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
In his hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind.

Field Care

Game Heads

- Do not cut the throat of any animal!
- Leave enough shoulder skin by cutting the hide behind the front legs. Do not cut into the under arm or the brisket.
- Tube Skin the neck up to the base of the head and separate the head from the body. Bring the neck skin and the head to the taxidermist for caping.
- If you are familiar with the process of caping, or must remove the skin from the skull for transport, then continue as follows:
- Make a "V" cut to the antlers. You will need at least a 6 inch incision from the "V" down the back of the neck. When this incision is made, skin down to the ear base and cut the ear cartilage close to the skull to release the ear. 
- Carefully separate the skin from around the base of each antler or horn (Do not cut the fur).
- Lift out on the eyelids while you cut the skin from around the eye sockets. Be careful not to cut through the tear duct.
- Use a screw driver or knife to carefully lift the tear ducts from the front of the eye sockets.
- Skin down over the nose, leaving plenty of cartilage (allow the taxidermist to thin this area).
- Lift out on the lips as you cut them loose from the skull. Cut flush against the skull, leaving plenty of excess lip. 
- Cut horns/antlers off half-way through the eye sockets.
- Salt the cape with approx. 2-4 pounds of non-iodized salt or put cape in an ice chest .

Use twice as much salt for larger species—Elk, Moose, etc.

Inquire about other rug and life-size skinning procedures prior to your hunt.. I'd be happy to talk with you about safety measures that will insure a quality mount.



More about field care on our web site: TrinityMountainArts.com

Trinity Mountain Arts 100F Camp, 299 (West of Redding) Lewiston, Ca
Locked Gate. Always call for an appointment.
Free pick up and delivery (Redding , Weaverville, Lewiston areas)

Trinity Mountain Arts

Northern California Taxidermy Services



67400 State Hwy 299, Unit 20
Lewiston, CA 96052

Dave Newton—Taxidermist

Email: tma.taxidermy@wildblue.net

2009 prices

Phone: 530-778-0537

Cell: 530-623-0225

Website: <http://trinitymountainarts.com>

Trinity Mountain Arts

Doing business since 1981

Bird Mounts *Migratory birds require license # and hunter signature before they will be accepted.*

	Any Position
Ducks	\$ 295.00
Geese	475.00
Chucker	255.00
Grouse	295.00
Pheasant	295.00
Quail	215.00
Dove	215.00
Turkey	700.00



Terms & Conditions

We prefer that small life-size game (predators) be brought in whole so we can administer the correct skinning procedure. Please call ahead before your hunt to discuss proper incision placement on all large, life-size animals such as bear, deer, and elk. Repairing large shot wholes, off-center skinning incisions, and excessive skinning cuts, will increase the mounting fees.

Add 25% to the cost of open mouth game heads. Half life-size mounts are priced at approx. 70% of life-size. We base our prices on existing available positions, but offer unique alterations for an additional charge. Additional charge for preserving antlers in velvet. All life-size mounts and bird mounts include a standard artificial or driftwood base. Game head panels are available in various types of hardwood for an additional fee. Custom bases, reproduction bird feet, dioramas with dried/artificial scenery or water re-creations will incur additional charges. All materials used in the mounting process are subject to 7.25 % sales tax. **50% deposit required before any tanning or mounting procedure begins.** Unless prior arrangements have been made, all mounts must be picked up within 30 days of completion. After 90 days, unclaimed mounts will be sold pursuant to chapter 6 (commencing with section 3046) or part 4, division 3 of the Civil Code, *Hunters are responsible for all appropriate tags and licensing of any game left for taxidermy services. Be sure to have importation permits on all game taken outside the state of California. No mountain lions!*

Game Heads—*Pedestal mount game heads add 35% plus cost of base. Open mouth game heads add 25%*

	Head Mount	Life-Size
Antelope	\$ 595.00	\$ 3550.00
Black Bear (up to 5')	595.00	3500.00
Black Bear (over 5')	595.00	4500.00
Brown Bear	795.00	5500.00
Boar	750.00	3550.00 up
Bison	1550.00	7000.00
Caribou	800.00	3950.00
Deer-Blacktail	595.00	3550.00
Deer-Mule	625.00	3900.00
Deer-Whitetail	625.00	3900.00
Elk	950.00	5000.00
Javelina	575.00	2000.00
Moose	1550.00	7000.00
Mountain Goat	875.00	3550.00
Predators	450.00	985.00
<i>Badger, Beaver, Bobcat, Coyote, Fox, Porcupine, Raccoon</i>		
Sheep / Ram	900.00	3250.00
Wolf	575.00	2500.00
Exotics	600.00-up	2500.00-up

Quality Base included in price for all life-size mounts

*Call for prices on African and other game not listed
Detachable antlers add \$100—\$250 per side*

Rug Mounts -open or closed mouth

Bear - min. \$ 800.00	\$ 195.00/ft.
Raccoon, Fox	600.00
Bobcat, Coyote	600.00
Wolf	950.00

Rugs include pleated, double-felt boarder, polyester padding, backing, and ring hangers for displaying on the wall

Antlers on Solid Wood Plaque—*Leather plate covering on all antler/horn mounts. Velvet preservation additional charge.*

Antelope	\$ 185.00
Caribou	275.00
Deer	185.00
Elk	275.00
Moose	375.00
Ram /Sheep	325.00

Tanning

Antelope/Deer (full hide)	\$ 125.00
Bear w/head and feet	75.00 PLF
Bison	18.00 PSF
Caribou, Cow, Elk, Moose,	17.00 PSF
Predators-skinned	150.00
Predators (un-skinned)	215.00
Others	Call for prices

**PLF - Per Linear Foot*

**PSF - Per Square Foot*

All Tanning Accepted at Owners Risk.

We use only reputable/reliable tanneries for all our various tanning needs and would be happy to quote individual prices at your request. Keep in mind that we cannot guarantee any tanning process as so many factors are out of our control. Problems with slippage, splits, rips, or weak spots can occur on hides with bruises, poor field handling, advanced bacterial growth, pre-existing disease, etc. Our tanneries usually notify us of pre-existing problems, but some problems cannot be detected prior to the tanning process. Just be aware that problems can occur, and you can help prevent most of these issues in the field.

You can help by:

1. Calling the taxidermist before your hunt for special handling instructions or questions.
2. Salting hides and capes in the field before transporting.
3. Keeping items cool (take advantage of shade and ice).
4. Cleaning up any excess blood from the fur.
5. Not dragging an animal (this will damage the hide/fur and cause bruising). Handle with care!

50 % deposit required on all mounts and tanning

Fish Mounts

We offer mostly reproduction mounts @ \$18.00 per inch. Skin mounts on large and small mouth bass only (\$15.00 per inch). More details on our website.

Pricing

Our pricing is based on a cost analysis formula: **Materials + Time + % of Operational expense.** We understand that taxidermy work is expensive and do not over inflate our prices. We believe our quality must speak for itself and will never cut corners by purchasing inferior supplies or speed through the mounting process. We use only the best tanneries, accurately sculpted manikins, competition quality glass eyes, and proven, state-of-the-art mounting techniques.