

Hello, my name is Scott Wilshire and I opened Wilshire's Taxidermy in 2008. We live in Cranberry, PA in Clarion County. The first couple years I worked part time while driving truck, but eventually was able to do this full time and I love it. I love the time it gives me at home with my wife, Jess, and our daughter, Morgan. Jess and I have been married for almost 16 years. Morgan just turned one in December 2019 and keeps us busy. She's starting to talk and really showing her personality (I think I'm going to be in trouble as she gets older!). We love to go camping and doing activities outside. I can't wait until Morgan is older and we can teach her to hunt and fish. My wife and I always argue over who harvested the biggest buck, and I enjoy spending time with my dad and uncles during the seasons. We look forward to sharing these memories and traditions with Morgan.

Coming from a family of outdoorsmen, one of the

things I enjoy most about the industry is the opportunity to bring trophies back to life for my clients and enabling them to preserve their memories. The artistic side of the business definitely doesn't get enough recognition.

I joined the Association in 2015 and started going to the state show that year. The information and knowledge you learn not only in the seminars but just by talking to others in the industry is invaluable. The first year I attended, I did not enter any pieces and just went to take it all in. After that, I've entered at least one competition piece every year. If you have not done so, I highly recommend entering something. Being critiqued by some of the best and getting the opportunity to learn from them is priceless.

I want to thank the Association and board members for working so hard to make the shows a success and something we can all take advantage of and enjoy.