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Jamie Cameron



My name is Jamie Cameron and I am the owner and operator of Cameron's Taxidermy out of Bolivar, PA. I work full-time as a mechanical technician at Halliburton and do my taxidermy work on the side during my off days. I have always been an avid hunter and fisherman. In 2010 I went on a hunt in Penn Run and decided to have my trophy buck mounted and thus began my love of taxidermy.

I started dabbling in the art of taxidermy in 2011 as a hobby. I officially opened my shop out of my garage in 2012. The 2013 PTA show at Seven Springs was the first time entering any of my pieces to be judged. I got third place with my deer and second place with my rainbow in the professional divisions. The deer was only the third deer I had ever mounted in my career and the fish was my fifth. Since that first show, I have competed in many competitions including the association's yearly one in Ohio. I am proud to say that my fish mounts have earned me "Best of Show" in Pennsylvania and Ohio in the professional division. I have also won many other awards including the "Starfish Award" and the "Polytranspar Award." Unlike many of today taxidermists, I have not attended any official schooling for my skills. The majority of my fish talent comes from the instructional works produced by Rick Krane. I have also taken private workshops with some of the PTA's own "World Show Winning" artists, who have become some of my closest friends.

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I knew as soon as I opened my shop that I wanted to become a registered member of the PTA. It is important to me to stay registered with them as well for the life of my career in this art. The PTA is a wonderful organization that has taught me many useful pieces of knowledge, tips, and tricks that I use in my own business. Being affiliated with the organization has put me ahead of the game with staying up to date during this ever changing trade. The most important thing I tell all new potential clients, whether they choose me as their taxidermist or not, is to please go to someone who is a licensed taxidermist and registered member of the PTA. Anybody off the street can open a taxidermy shop. However, it takes a dedicated artist to put themselves out there by taking their pieces to be judged by professionals. These are the types of artists who care about the quality of work that they're putting out to their customers and these are the types of artists who should be supported.

My ultimate dream and goal is to be able to do my taxidermy work as my only job. However, I have put that on hold so that my beautiful wife, Adrien, may be a stay at home mom to our spunky 18-month-old daughter, Alyssa, and our 9-year-old beagle/weimaraner mix, Snickers. My wife is also the brains behind the money and paperwork aspect of my business and I have no idea what I would do without her. I would like to thank everyone who has, and continues, to support me and my family during this journey.

