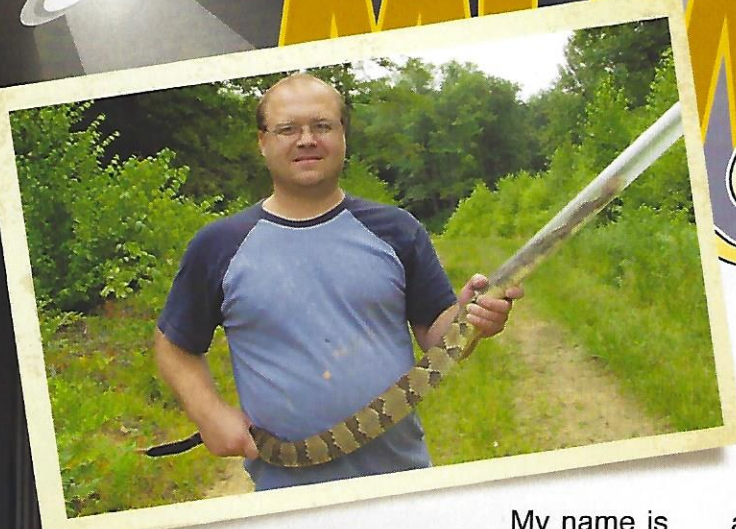


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Spotlight

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Matthew Zimmerman



My name is Matthew Zimmerman. I reside in Denver, PA with my wife, Renee, and our 4 children.

I started dabbling in Taxidermy when I was a young teen in my parents basement. After I finished school I worked full time for my Dad at Zimmerman Electrical and Plumbing. My parents were very supportive of my "hobby" and as the years went on and "the Phase" did not pass, they encouraged me to go to school for Taxidermy. So at the age of 19 I went on my first big adventure to Northwood School of Taxidermy with Joel Zimmerman. The 13 week program was a great foundation for my career in Taxidermy. While at school we were strongly encouraged to attend the Pennsylvania Taxidermy Association Convention, which was being held at that time in Lancaster. I was totally blown away by this experience. So much information to absorb and so much talent all at this one show. Since that time I have only missed 2 or 3 conventions.

Meeting and making "taxidermy friends"

as well as attending many seminars at the conventions has helped me improve my work.

I have judged numerous taxidermy shows over the years and I enjoy learning from that experience. Taxidermists trading ideas and methods is still fairly new and unheard of in many areas of the U.S.. Let's Keep being a leader in the Taxidermy Industry.

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I want to thank the P.T.A. members for the privilege of serving as a board member. Keeping the convention a family oriented event will insure our future in an occupation were success depends so much on business skills as well as an artistic ability.

Hope everyone has successful hunting seasons, full freezers and don't forget to thank God who has given us this wonderful talent!!

