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# Member Spotlight



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My name is Chad Horst. My wife, Heather, and I live in Richland, PA where I own and operate Feather Artistics. As a young boy I can remember toting around my BB gun and trying to kill birds and squirrels. The ones I did get I would either skin them or hang their tails up on a board. But my real passion was for waterfowl. I met my good friend Landon Martin when I was around 12, we mounted a goose together and I've been mounting waterfowl ever since.

When I was 15 I attended my first taxidermy show hosted by the Pennsylvania Taxidermy Association at Cabela's in Hamburg, PA. I entered a ringneck duck and as a young taxidermist that was the best thing I could do, I learned so much. I have attended and been a part of the PTA for seven years now. As of last year I was put on the Board of Directors. I'm so

thankful for all the great people and judges who have helped me along the way. And I also thank God for His creation and giving me the talent to do taxidermy.

So if you are a taxidermist just getting started or you just want to learn more, consider becoming a member of the PTA. Attending the shows and sitting in on seminars is a great learning experience. It has helped me tremendously and I would never be where I am today without the people of the PTA who sacrificed their time to help others learn. Don't be afraid to get out there, show your work, and talk to people, we can all learn so much from each other.

If you see me at any of these shows feel free to come and talk to me. I'll try to help with the best of my ability. You can also reach me at 717-847-5563 or [chadhorst120@gmail.com](mailto:chadhorst120@gmail.com). My website is <https://feather-artistics.business.site/>