Breakthrough
“The Magazine Devoted To The Serious Wildlife Artist”

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# The Story of Breakthrough

**Bob Williamson** started *Breakthrough Magazine* in Loganville, Georgia, in December 1982 (the front cover date was a typo), as a marketing tool. Its purpose was to introduce to the taxidermy industry Polytranspar Paints, which indeed was a "breakthrough." This first issue was an eight-page, two-color pamphlet called "Breakthrough, A Publication of Master Paint Systems, Inc.," and was a free handout to promote Polytranspar Paints and the first-ever World Taxidermy Competition. (Master Paint Systems became Wildlife Artist Supply Company and is now owned by Sallie Dahmes and Ken Edwards.)

**Issue 2** The second issue doubled in size, becoming a sixteen-page, two-color booklet with a four-color cover. It was still mailed out free of charge. By the third issue, *Breakthrough* was described as "a quarterly magazine distributed free of charge to 17,000 taxidermists," and was published and mailed from Denver, Colorado. Together with Williamson, Onno Van Veen of Jonas Brothers, Inc., was now involved in the editorial direction of *Breakthrough*, hence the Denver location.

**Issue 4** The fourth issue had grown to 46 pages plus cover and displayed the name that finally stuck, "Breakthrough, The Magazine Devoted To The Serious Wildlife Artist." The publisher was named as Onno Van Veen and the editor as Bob Williamson, and was back in Williamson's home of Loganville, Georgia, due to the failing health of Van Veen. By this time, heavy promotion was geared toward the second World Taxidermy Championships. *Breakthrough* was no longer free—within this issue was a self-mailer for subscribing to *Breakthrough* for $15.00. (The price is now $36.00.)

**Issue 5** (June 1984) was the first issue that showed the slick, professional look of "Breakthrough." Ken Edwards, who then owned an advertising agency, joined the company and *Breakthrough* was produced in-house by Edwards. Williamson was now listed as publisher and editor, with Van Veen as an editorial contributor. Several features from this issue are still favorites and exist within the magazine today: Photo Corner, Reference, and The Breakthrough Gallery of Wildlife Art.

FIVE YEARS LATER, in August of 1989, *Breakthrough* was sold to Larry Blomquist, who moved the entire operation to Hammond, Louisiana. Larry's twenty years as a professional taxidermist and accomplishments as a competition winner, his alliance with state and national associations, and experience as a writer brought forward a wealth of new ideas for the magazine. In October of 1989 we produced our first issue, Issue 21, which was 96 pages. Doing away with the editorial slant for which *Breakthrough* was started was the first change necessary to gain support from new advertisers, yet many of the favorite features of *Breakthrough* were kept. Immediately, advertisers jumped at the chance to have their products seen in this leading taxidermy publication. The greatest challenge was to maintain the design quality Ken Edwards had established and to continue publishing a magazine that exhibited high quality. We realized the need for an index immediately after the purchase of the magazine in 1989.

Thousands of *Breakthrough* subscribers keep each issue year after year, and have requested such an index to help them locate specific articles, photos, and information that have been published. Our first Index covered Issues 1-32, which was a separate booklet. Then subsequent Indexes appeared in Issue 38 and Issue 42, but that practice has gone back to a full, complete, *everything* Index available as a PDF on our Website.

We included every scrap of information possible from every issue, from the most obvious to the most trivial. One section particularly beneficial is the list of REFERENCE PHOTOS that have been published, a section that will always be useful no matter how much experience you may have. We feel confident this index will be very useful to our readers, and we will continue to publish an updated index.

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**HOW TO CALCULATE A POLYGON**

**Example: OCTAGON**

8 number of sides, + into 360 = 45
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(from Goldman, Larry. I WOOL to Know, Issue 102, p96)
THE FIRST WORLD SHOW WAS HELD IN 1983 IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. It was a huge success, and brought forth the most cherished titles in taxidermy. During the formative years of the World Shows, it must be remembered that there were various category and title changes. We have attempted to present former winners in a simple and understandable listing, however, for the first couple of years, the names of various World Titles varied, and we have noted these variations.

We will also want to remind you that many times there are no World Titles given in various categories if the judges determine there are no entries worthy of those title. For that reason, you will notice that there were no titles awarded in certain years of the World Championships.

From 1983 until 1988, the World Show was held every year. It is now held every two years in odd-numbered years. In 2008 and 2012, World Taxidermy Championships® were held in Salzburg, Austria.

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Winners of other major awards should be extremely proud of their accomplishments and should designate that such awards were won “AT the World Championships.” We note this because winning a title at the World Show® does NOT make you a World Champion—UNLESS you win “Best in World.”

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* Kenny Asproth won Best in World Bird with freeze-dried capercaillies in 1983. After 1983, this title was only awarded to skin mounted birds. That same year, Jack Wilson won Best in World Mixed Group Birds.

** Ed Thompson won this title as Best in World Turkey. After that year, turkeys were included in the category of Best in World Birds (until 2005).

‡ Shared title for 2011.

• Garry Senk first won this title as Best in World Largemouth Bass. After 1984 it was won by Tom Lenoit, largemouth bass were included in the category of Best in World Fish. THIS CATEGORY WAS REINSTATED IN 2005.
1988 Bill Munns  Snow monkeys
1992 Bill Munns  Archeopteryx
1995 Jim Day  Bald eagle
1997 Joe Baggs  Snowy owl
1999 NO WINNER
2001 Joe Segler  Labrador duck (extinct)
2003 Ken Walker  Giant panda
2005 Ken Walker  Irish elk (extinct)
2007 NO WINNER
2008 Marcel Nyffenegger  Allmann tribal man
2009 Wendy Christensen-Loenk  Lowland gorilla
2011 NO WINNER
2012 Detlef Gregorczyk  Silver-winged francolin
2013 NO WINNER
2015 Scott Humble  Golden eagle
2017 Carolin Brack-Dohny  Red Panda

1983 Jack Wilson  Birds
1999 Brian Olson  Caribou and ptarmigan
2001 Jim Hicks  Coyote and whitetail deer
2003 NO WINNER
2005 Peter Suneaten  Partridge and yellowhammer
2007 Rodney Schreurs  Mother chipmunk and babies
2009 Don Frank  Blugill and turtle
12011 Terry Weick  Alligator gar and nutria
12011 Rodney Schreurs  Frog (repro) and toad (skin)
‡ shared title
2013 NO WINNER
2015 Don Frank  Largemouth bass with frog
2017 Carolin Brack-Dohny  Cross fox and American toad

1987 Frank Newmyer and Peter Suneaten  European jays
1999 Brian Hendricks, Jamie Flewelling, Randy Wolfe  Wolves
2001 Berend Koch, Matthias Feuersenger  European starlings
2003 Jeff Mourning and Mike Ross  Chum salmon
2005 Don Frank  Kuskane salmon group
2007 Frank Newmyer Sr. and Frank Newmyer Jr.  Wood ducks
2008 Juegen Fleigb and Robert Steen  Komodo dragon
2009 Dennis Harris, Jamie Oatman & Daniel Braunger  Lion and zebra
2011 Marcus Harris, and Winston Zimmerman  Gobi argali sheep
2012 Lennart Petterson and Jan Fredriks  Long-eared owl
2013 Kent and Val Reedy  Wood duck
2015 Phil Soucy, Forest Hart, Kevin Vemeland  Leopard in tree
2017 Phil Soucy, Forest Hart, Kevin Neidigh, James Smith, Mike Foss, and Will Arnold  Snow leopard

1985 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Bob Berry  Butterflyfish
1986 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  David Johnson  Lionfish
1987 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Jeff Compton  Brook trout
1988 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Carey Gray  Redfish
1992 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Eric Thorsen  Rainbow trout
1995 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Clark Schreibeis  Rainbow trout
1997 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Clark Schreibeis  Moray eels
1999 Best In World Decorative Lifesize  Jeff Compton  Weedy seadragon
1999 Best in World, Natural Finish  Clark Schreibeis  Trout w/ heron
1999 Best In World Decorative Miniature  Jeff Compton  Rainbow trout
2001 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Lance Lyons  Trout with fly
2001 Best in World Decorative Miniature  Cyril Smith  Golden trout
2003 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Bob Berry  Garibaldi
2003 Best in World, Natural Finish  Simon Blackshaw  Rudd
2003 Best in World, Decorative Miniature  Bob Berry  Cortez Angelfish
2005 Best of SHOW Fish Carving  Simon Blackshaw  John Dory
2005 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Simon Blackshaw  John Dory
2005 Best in World Decorative Miniature  Simon Blackshaw  Salmon
2007 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Clark Schreibeis  King angelfish, scythe, trunk fish
2009 Best in World, Natural Finish  Josh Guge  King angelfish, scythe, trunk fish
2009 Best in World, Decorative Miniature  Josh Guge  Brown trout
‡ shared title (3) Long nosed butterflyfish
2011 Best of SHOW Fish Carving  Josh Guge  Queen Trigger Fish
2011 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Bob Berry  Flag Rock Fish
2011 Best in World, Natural Finish  Gene Bremner  Brown Trout
2013 Best of SHOW Fish Carving  Clark Schreibeis  Broot Trout
2013 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Clark Schreibeis  Brown Trout
2013 Best in World, Natural Finish  Sport Squirel Fish  Rainbow Trout
2015 Best of SHOW Fish Carving  Mike Buena  Coral Hind
2015 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Mike Buena  Alligator Gar
2015 Best in World, Decorative Miniature  Phil Brennan  Rainbow Trout
2017 Best of SHOW Fish Carving  Ted Richmond  Brook Trout “Home Delivery”
2017 Best in World, Decorative Lifesize  Michael Buhena  Rock Greener.
2017 Best in World, Decorative Miniature  Scott Humble  Tiger Trout
2017 Best in World, Natural Finish  Ted Richmond  Brook Trout “Home Delivery”

1997 Mike Frazier  Whiptail deer
1999 Mike Frazier  Pronghorn
2001 Vic Heincker  Bobcat
2003 John Schmidt  Wolf
2005 Dawayne Dewey  Bighorn sheep
2007 Aaron Connolly  Elk
2008 Kestutis Bybartis  Raccoon dog
2009 John Schmidt  Bobcat
2011 John Schmidt  Bobcat
2010 Thomas Bauer  Mouflon sheep
2013 John Schmidt  Raccoon
2015 David Ferguson  Bobcat
2017 Jim Beenken  Bear (cub)