

:: About the Taxidermist ::

Scott Kietzman has been in the taxidermy industry for over 19 years. He has always had a deep love for the outdoors and hunting. Scott enjoys hunting everything from small game, to big game, and waterfowl from his home state of Michigan. He has traveled to hunt in Canada, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Montana, and Colorado. He also enjoys fishing for fresh water fish, as well as deep sea fishing.

His love of the outdoors drew him to study animals in their natural habitat, which is apparent in his taxidermy work. Scott knows the animals, their stance and posing, and notices every detail down to the smallest, most intricate ones. His goal for every animal he touches is to preserve it to look natural and realistic. As his client, you can trust that your animal will come back looking the way it did in its natural habitat, whether that be in a field, the sky, or underwater. Making it a trophy you can be proud to display!

Scott started as an apprentice working and learning from another taxidermist he respects deeply. He was shown everything from the basic taxidermy work, to the business aspect of owning his own studio. After working for 9 years as an apprentice, Scott decided to go out on his own, as the taxidermist he was working with was set to retire. They both agreed this would be a good move. Scott started from the ground up - almost literally. The first deer he worked on was done in his basement! Then he moved out to the garage - where his business continued to grow.

While building his taxidermy business, Scott was also a full time truck driver. After 5 years of doing both the truck driving and taxidermy, Scott gave up his truck driving job to pursue his taxidermy business full time. This is a business that he doesn't consider to be "work", because he truly loves what he does. He has since turned his garage into a full time taxidermy business, even putting on an addition to create a showroom he can be proud of for potential customers to see the quality of his work.

Unlike many taxidermists who specialize in one thing or another, Scott is unique because of his diversity. He can work on any animal, whether it is small game, big game, waterfowl, African animals, and especially fish. There is no outsourcing at Linwood Taxidermy, which is VERY common in this industry. All animals are personally mounted and finished by Scott himself. This ensures each specimen meets his standards, and quality is guaranteed for each customer.

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