

# Micromounters Hall of Fame

## Dr. Robert Fisher

1923-2000

Inducted in 1998

Robert Fisher was born April 18, 1923, on a farm at Bainsville, Ontario. He studied entomology and obtained a BSc and PhD from MacDonald College, McGill University, Québec. He was employed by Agriculture Canada at London and Vineland, Ontario, as research entomologist from 1951 to 1980. Doctor Robert Fisher was a founding member of the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society organized in 1960.



He first collected minerals in 1961 at locations on the Niagara Peninsula. He became an avid field collector at locations in Canada, U.S.A., Britain, Germany, Argentina, and New Zealand. Bob met Charles Lobb of Burlington, Ontario who brought him knowledge, micro mineral specimens and excitement from the Baltimore Micromount Symposium. He also met, corresponded and traded with many micromounters world-wide, including Neal Yedlin, Paul Seel, and Curt Segeler of USA, and Neville M. Berkhan of New Zealand.

Bob was one of the founding members of the Canadian Micro Mineral Association (CMMA) in 1964. He remained with the organization until his death as a contributing member and officer. His personal collection numbered over 9,000 micromounts of which over 2,000 form a superb cross section of Mont Saint-Hilaire minerals. Many of these specimens appear as superlative drawings done by Bob in the book *Micro Minerals of Mont Saint-Hilaire Quebec* (1987) and in the *Mineralogical Record* article "Drawing Microminerals" (24, 375-378) both of which he co-authored with fellow micromounter Garry H. Glenn. He also had many other pieces and contributed frequently to *Micronews* the official publication of the CMMA.

He was also well known for his gifts of mounted or "ready to mount" micro mineral specimens especially to beginning micromounters. In addition to being a recognized authority on mushrooms and recognition as a landscape artist, Bob established himself as a micromounter worthy of emulation.