

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Charles & Juanita Curtis

Charles: 1912-1997; Janet: 1917-2006

Inducted in 1983

Well known as avid mineral collectors, micromounters, field trip leaders and as sources of micromineral specimens and mineralogical information, Charles (Bob) and Juanita contributed to the founding of the Pacific Micromount Conference and have played major roles in the success of succeeding symposia.



A noted photomicrographer, Charles produced many slide programs, such as those on the classic mineral localities of Gold Hill and the Thomas Range in Utah, and Majuba Hill in Nevada, which were widely distributed through the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Color photographs of Charles' micromounts have been featured in mineral publications and at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. There the Curtises, together with Ben Chromy (member of the Micromounters Hall of Fame) prepared a micromineral display which was exhibited for years.

The Curtises were leaders in the formation of the Southern California Micro-Mineralogists (now responsible for the Pacific Micromount Conferences) and have helped organize other micromount groups.

Juanita, for years executive secretary of the California Federation, compiled and distributed a micromounters trading list, now incorporated into the Baltimore Mineral Society Directory of Micromounters.

She initiated sessions on micromounting during the annual shows of the California Federation and her "mini-course" on micromounting has been a program feature at Pacific Micromount Conferences.

The Curtises exemplify sharing, both mineral specimens and knowledge – the hallmark of the dedicated micromounter.