

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Dan Behnke

Inducted in 2007



Dan Behnke began collecting and photographing micro-minerals in 1973. Since that time, he has made a name for himself throughout North America and Europe for his skill at photomacrography, using bellows and macro lenses. Active in several clubs and organizations, he was micromount chairman of the Midwest Federation from 1981 to 1988, and was elected to the National Board of Directors of the Friends of Mineralogy in 1989.

He has earned himself positions as Associate Photographer at two publications: *The Mineralogical Record*, and *Rocks & Minerals*, and has had his photographs published extensively in both.

A much sought after lecturer on micro-minerals and photomacrography, Dan has spoken at many venues across North America. He has also made an extensive and significant collection of some 15,000 micromounts, from which he often draws his subjects for photomacrography. Photographs of many of his specimens appear in the second edition of the *Photo-Atlas of Minerals*, published in DVD-ROM format by the Gem & Mineral Council of the Los Angeles County Museum.

An author as well as lecturer, Dan has published two articles in *The Mineralogical Record*, and has amassed a large collection of books on minerals and locality information to complement his micromount collection.

Always available to lend a hand or a photograph where needed, Dan Behnke has easily fulfilled the requirements for admission to the Micromounters Hall of Fame, and is hereby welcomed into its ranks.