

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Graham Walter Reeks

Inducted in 2001

Graham Walter Reeks was born in Portsmouth, England, and emigrated to South Africa in 1972. He was a founder member of the South African Micromount Society (SAMS) in 1974, and has been one of its most productive members since. He has delivered a talk at every annual Workshop of SAMS since they were begun in 1977.



Graham has published in the SAMS monthly newsletter, *Micro News and Views*, and has also had articles in the *Mineralogical Record* and the *South African Lapidary Magazine*, of which he was editor for three years. In addition, he has developed and delivered three lecture series: *Basic Crystallography—an Introduction to the Science of Crystallography* (1995) (104 pages), *Practical Crystallography—Determination of Mineral Species using Practical Crystallography and other Physical Techniques* (1996) (63 pages), and *The Origin, Occurrence, and Association of Minerals* (2000) (100 pages).

He has a comprehensive micromount collection of approximately 8000 specimens from many international localities, including South African localities such as the Argent Silver and Lead Mine, Stavoren Tin Mines, Kruisrivier Cobalt Mine, and many others. He also has an extensive group of minerals from the United Kingdom.

Graham was President of the Federation of South African Gem and Mineralogical Societies for two terms, and is currently a member of the Argent Study Group, researching all the old lead/silver/copper mines in the Pretoria/Johannesburg area, with the intention of publishing a book on the subject. His interest in photomicrography has led to publication of his slides in such works as *Minerals of South Africa* (Cairncross and Dixon, 1995), and the *Mineralogical Record* (1996). Photographs of his minerals have also been posted on the Internet.

Graham Reeks has shown by his leadership, industry, and willingness to help others that he has earned his place in the Micromounters Hall of Fame.