

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Herbert V. Corbett

1909-1999

Inducted in 1990



Herbert V. Corbett, or Herb, as he was fondly known, had an early interest in mineral collecting, within the limitations of Tidewater Virginia.

Moving to Baltimore, in 1961 he joined the Baltimore Mineral Society, and was been an officer, member of the Executive Board, or its chairman, almost continuously.

The name Herb Corbett is practically synonymous with the Society. Over the years, Herb earned an outstanding and authoritative reputation, without pretense, extending beyond the U. S., for his knowledge of and collecting of minerals and in micromounting.

He was a member of the Southern California, District of Columbia, and Canadian Micromineralogists. He participated in most of their annual micromount conferences, as well as the annual Neal Yedlin micromount symposium. He was a charter member of the Friends of Mineralogy.

Herb gave innumerable talks and presentations on minerals, collecting and micromounting to all kinds of clubs, schools, mineral societies and symposia. He was known for generous sharing of self-collected, prepared microminerals from all over the U. S., Southern Canada, and Nova Scotia.

For over eleven years, Herb commuted twice weekly to the Smithsonian as a volunteer verifying micromounts, including cataloging the Neal Yedlin collection.

Under the auspices of the Executive Board of the Baltimore Mineral Society, Herbert V. Corbett led in the establishment and continuing success of the Micromounter's Hall of Fame. He is a worthy member of that august body.