

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Janet Clifford

Inducted in 2018



Janet Clifford's geology background enabled a seamless entry into the realm of micromounting. Through her husband Paul, retired Curator of Mineralogy at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, she developed an affinity for the Museum, evidenced by 5,000+ volunteer hours that include ongoing integration of their micromount collections, and through the establishment and continued fostering of their Micromineral Society. The Society has hosted annual micromineral symposia for over 30 years for which she has not only supplied planning and logistical support, but has proven herself as a speaker, sharing field experiences and collection highlights. She has appeared regularly at mineral shows with the Society's unique display to encourage public interest in micromounting.

Janet and Paul have built an enviable mineral collection, now being donated in stages to the A.E. Seaman Museum at Michigan Technical University. It includes the purchased collection of Micromounters' Hall of Fame member Bill Hunt; and Janet has spent much time curating and reorganizing the collection by locality, as well as donating large portions of it to benefit other micromounters, particularly at the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium in New York.

Additionally, she has edited, authored, or co-authored articles on various themes for *Rocks & Minerals* magazine and for Lithographie LLC, most notably *American Mineral Treasures*.

As a collector, speaker, author and generous donor of her time, knowledge, and minerals, Janet Clifford has proven herself worthy of admission to the Micromounters' Hall of Fame.