

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Joseph Marty

Inducted in 2005



Joseph "Joe" Marty was born on November 3, 1945 in Stockton, California and grew up in Tracy, California.

After high school, Joe enlisted in the Navy, but left to attend college at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. It was during his college years that he developed an interest in minerals.

After graduation from BYU, Joe moved to Pocatello, Idaho where he joined the Southeast Idaho Gem and Mineral Society and served as their President.

In 1972 Joe moved to Salt Lake City. He attended night school at the University of Utah earning a Master of Science degree in Medical Technology in 1976. Concurrently, he took up serious mineral collecting in the Topaz Mountain area of the Thomas Range.

In 1980 Joe became a full-time faculty member of the School of Medicine, University of Utah, in the Department of Pathology. He was Supervisor and ultimately Director of the Hematopathology Laboratory. At this time he started a part-time business, Marty's Microscope Service, providing microscope cleaning and repairs.

Joe has co-authored several papers on mineralogical localities in Utah, and joined the Mineral Collectors of Utah where he has since given frequent presentations and has served as a club officer in multiple capacities. He has been an active and contributing member of the Northern California Mineralogical Association. His skills as a microscopist and photomicrographer are a great success; his photomicrographs appeared in a one-man show in the Hallside Gallery at the Medical Center in the early '90's.

He has contributed photographs to the online mineral database (<www.mindat.org>) and is working on a website of Utah Minerals hosted by the University of Utah. Joe's photographic and teaching skills put him in demand as a presenter at mineral societies and symposia throughout the United States.

Joe's field collecting activities have resulted in the building of a large micromount collection aggregating over 15,000 mounts. During his Utah collecting he has discovered numerous rare minerals, some of which are new to science and under study by professional mineralogists.

His generosity with collected material, not to mention his own time and knowledge, are widely appreciated and represent a significant service to the hobby. Joe is worthy of joining the ranks of those whose contributions have earned them a place in the Micromounters Hall of Fame.