

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Margaret “Marge” Matula

Inducted in 2002



Margaret (Marge) Matula became interested in mineral collecting in the late 1950s. That interest involved her with others in trading by mail. Later, those contacts culminated in the establishment of the Pennsylvania Earth Science Association (PESA). She has served as an officer of that Association, and with her husband, Vince, published the PESA newsletter for many years. She has also been a Director of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, and remains Membership Chairman of that group.

Marge's obvious interest and energy spent in mineralogy brought her quickly into touch with many professionals in the subject. In particular, Dr. Arthur Montgomery encouraged her efforts, especially with her eagerness to do field collecting. In 1980, those efforts resulted in publication of the mineral matulaite, $\text{CaAl}_{18}(\text{PO}_4)_{12}(\text{OH})_{20} \cdot 28\text{H}_2\text{O}$, from the Bachman Mine, Hellertown, Northampton Co., PA, in her honor.

On April 17, 1974, Marge opened her first micromounting workshop, and has continued with the group ever since. She has been recognized by her own club and by others for her services to mineralogy and micromounting over the years. In carrying on a valuable tradition of service to others, to micromounting, and to the hobby of mineral collecting generally, Marge Matula has proven herself worthy of membership in the Micromounters Hall of Fame.