

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Neal Leo Yedlin

1908-1977

Inducted in 1981



Mr. Micromounter!

Known and loved by all who knew him, and respected world wide for his columns, "The Micromounter" in Rocks and Minerals magazine, beginning in 1948, and "Yedlin on Micromounting" in The Mineralogical Record from its inception in 1970.

From boyhood a mineral collector, frequently with Lou Perloff, in 1945 Neal turned to micromounting. He was an honorary member of the Baltimore Mineral Society, and an ardent supporter of the annual Baltimore Micromount Symposium. He did photography for his lectures, such as those on Franklin, New Jersey, and Laurium, Greece.

He was sought not only for lectures, but for himself, as he loved people and was always ready with a funny story or a bit of mineralogical lore or advice.

He had time for everyone! He could be found at micromount symposia from coast to coast, both in the U. S. and Canada, and at mineral shows and mineralogical events involving a few or many. He chaired the inaugural Micromount Symposium at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, which annual event is now the Neal Yedlin Memorial Micromount Symposium.

Neal left his 18,000-specimen micromount collection to the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.