

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Neil Hubbard

Inducted in 2008



Neil Hubbard began collecting minerals at the age of eleven, and earned a copy of Dana's Mineralogy as a school prize. At the age of 15, he began working in the shop of mineral dealer Roger Harker. His interest continued through summer work at the Prieska Copper Mine in South Africa, and at university, where he earned a BSc in mineral processing. After the death of Roger Harker in 1983, Neil took over the business, and has been involved with minerals ever since.

Neil began collecting micromounts in 1975, and was a founding member of the British Micromount Society (BrMS), for which he has also done service as Membership Secretary and Treasurer. He is also a member of the Russell Society, and is Secretary of the Central Branch. Members of both Societies are grateful to him for his active and frequent participation as a field trip leader. Much of his material is self-collected, and his activities in the field have led to significant publications on such species as wickmanite, edingtonite, and otavite.

Noted for his generosity, Neil has donated many micromounts to the National Micromount Reference Collection of the BrMS, and makes a point of providing material at modest prices in his trips to Tucson and other mineral venues. In 1995, he was awarded the Founder's Cup of the BrMS in recognition of his contributions to micromounting and mineralogy in general.

Neil's life-long collecting activities, distribution of micromounts to collectors, and publication of new finds in technical journals has provided a valuable service to the micromounting community worldwide. He is a worthy member of the Micromounters Hall of Fame.