

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Dr. R. Peter Richards

Inducted in 2011

Dr. R. Peter Richards took his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, and became a teacher in earth sciences at the university level. Having often been a guest speaker at the Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History during the 1980s, he joined the Society, and has occupied many board positions since, including that of president.



Over the last thirty years, Dr. Richards has made his name known as a collector, a speaker, a writer, and a photographer of micromounts. He has published articles in many journals, including the Mineralogical Record, Rocks & Minerals, and Extra Lapis, and he was named a contributing editor for Rocks & Minerals in 2004. His work on converting the crystal drawing application SHAPE for use on the Macintosh computer has aided many micromounters and brought him acclaim in crystallography.

An avid field collector, Dr. Richards has made special studies of the minerals of Mont Saint-Hilaire, Québec, and has re-described several little-known localities in the US Southwest and elsewhere. His skill on the goniometer and concentration on crystals of unusual habit have given him new insights, which he passes on freely in his lectures to mineral groups. As a frequent speaker at the Rochester Mineralogical Symposium, he is known for his ability to make difficult subjects understandable, and his generosity in making his personal collection available for the education of others is strong proof of his dedication to encouraging the study of minerals.

Dr. Richards has demonstrated outstanding service to the micromounting community in many ways for many years, and is a worthy member of the Micromounters Hall of Fame.