

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Peter Braithwaite

1929-2010

Inducted in 2013



Peter Braithwaite trained as an architect, and throughout both his professional and hobbyist life he maintained the discipline and accuracy that that career instills.

Born in 1929, he did not take up mineral work until the 1970s, but when he did, he was a very active collector from both underground and surface localities. Micromounting became his principal interest in 1979, and he soon amassed a collection of over 3,000 mounts from British localities and a further 1,000 of off-shore origin. He became a prominent member of the Russell Society, and was a founding member of the British Micromount Society (BMS). He spoke on the Microminerals of

Millclose Mine, Derbyshire, at the first meeting of the BMS in 1982.

A premier craftsman, Peter created a trophy for the Russell Society with the aim of increasing interest in micromounting. That trophy later became the Annual Micromount Competition trophy of the BMS. His talents extended to art also, and his fine pen and ink and watercolour illustrations, primarily of Cornish Engine Houses, became prized possessions of micromounters.

Peter spoke at each meeting of the BMS, urging members to maintain the highest standards of micromounting techniques and quality. He was awarded the BMS Founder's Cup in 1994 in recognition of his efforts. His generosity also extended to the National Micromount Reference Collection, to which he donated more than 150 specimens, particularly of rare species.

Peter lectured on micromounting for close to thirty years, and wrote the three-part A Guide to Micromounting for the internationally popular BMS Occasional Papers series.

A man of integrity, discipline, and talent, Peter Braithwaite has earned his place as a member of the Micromounters' Hall of Fame.