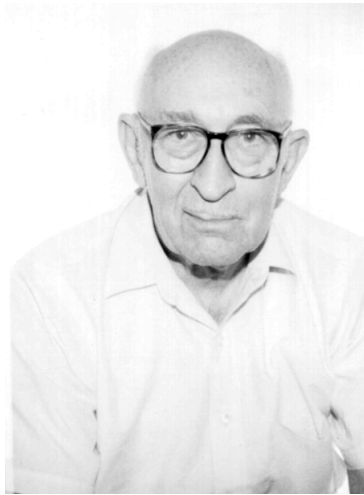


Micromounters Hall of Fame

William Yost

1913-1999

Inducted in 1992



When Bill Yost started collecting minerals in 1928, he began a fascination with all phases of microscopical study, including the collection and preparation of diatoms.

Despite early mechanical ability, he studied pharmacy and passed the Pennsylvania State Pharmacy Board in 1933. His mechanical abilities asserted themselves, and he worked in the aircraft industry and later, on prototype metals for electronic hardware, retiring as manager of an internationally important machine shop. In 1950 he developed the mineral specimen trimmer now in world-wide use.

Bill was a member of the Mineralogical Society of America, the Mineralogical Society of Pennsylvania, and Smithsonian Associates and was a participant in Baltimore Micromount Symposia since their inception.

He was part of the famous Philadelphia group of Micromounters which included Phil Evanoff, A Schwabl, and Micromounters Hall of Fame members Paul Seel and Bill Hunt. This group is credited with many innovations applicable to micromounting.

He presented educational working exhibits of micromounting at many mineral shows, displaying the preparation of micromounts and the tools of the art.

He long felt that it was his mission to instill interest in the hobby by sharing duplicate micromounts and unmounted specimens with everyone interested. A fixture at every Baltimore Symposium tall, good natured Bill Yost always had his his countless boxes of specimens for sharing. A leader in micromounting, and modest to a fault, he “hid his light under a bushel.” Having accumulated over 8,000 micromounts representing over 1,000 species, Bill had a collection of which he can be very proud.