Micromounters Hall of Fame

Arnold G. Hampson
1928-2011
Inducted in 2012

Arnold G. Hampson began collecting minerals when he was 11 years old. He studied Geology Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines and began his professional career working in Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. In 1955 he moved to Cortez in Southwest Colorado.

As an avid field collector, he explored Colorado, adding several minerals new to the State. He was also one of the two people who found a mineral new to science (orthominasragrite) at Temple Mountain, UT.

In 1968, Arnold began collecting and mounting micro-minerals. Over the years, he put together a collection of over 8,400 high quality micromounts. He also began photographing micro minerals. His photos have been published in several articles in the Mineralogical Record and Rocks and Minerals, and in the Encyclopedia of Minerals (Roberts, Campbell and Rapp).

For many years Arnold exhibited micromounts at various mineral shows and received highest honors for their beauty and quality. In 2000 he received the National Trophy from the American Federation of Mineral Societies.

Arnold was a very generous person who enjoyed sharing his minerals and his profound knowledge. He gave numerous talks to regional mineral societies, and conducted seminars on micromounting privately at his home. He published articles on micromounting, the minerals of the Big Indian Mine, UT, and Wolf Creek Pass, CO, in Rocks and Minerals, and co-authored an article on the Zuni Mine, CO, in the same magazine.

Arnold was a member of the Friends of Mineralogy, and of his local club, of which he was president for several years. In addition he was president and field trip chairman of the Colorado Federation of Gem and Mineral Societies.

In September, 2010, he donated his entire collection of micromounts to the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum in Golden, CO.

In over 70 years of collecting and 42 years of micromounting, Arnold G. Hampson contributed much to he micromount community. He is a worthy member of the