

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

Harold Brady

Inducted 2011

Education

One of the founding members of the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society, Harold has always been curious. He began collecting rocks and artifacts as a child with a special interest in locating and identifying teredo wood. The first piece he identified tipped the scales at 325 lbs. During his collecting career he excavated nearly 15 tons of fossils and was responsible for organizing the successful effort to have the No. Dakota legislature name Teredo Wood as the state fossil.

He purchased his first rock saw, a 20" model, in 1970 and began lapidary work in earnest. He eagerly shared lessons learned with all club members. From 1970 - 1988, he lead the junior "Pebble Pups" group in his club and continues to bring highly unusual items to meetings to pique the interest of the youngest club members.

Harold handcrafted more than 200 show cases to display his lifelong collection of artifacts, fossils, gems, and minerals.

Harold is a "rock solid" member of his club and highly deserving of inclusion in the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame.