

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

Dr. Peter Modreski

Inducted in 2015

Minerals



Pete earned his PhD in geochemistry from Penn State and has worked for the USGS his entire career. He is currently in charge of dispensing information in the Office of Community Relations at the USGS in Denver. He is also the USGS Specialist for abrasives, gemstones, quartz, beryllium, Cesium and Rubidium.

A charter member of the Friends of Mineralogy, Denver Chapter, and a member of the Denver Gem & Mineral Guild, Pete often leads field trips for these groups. His expertise on rare earth pegmatites and their minerals frequently takes him on collecting trips to various sites along the Colorado Front Range and around Pikes Peak to collect crystals of every sort. He is always presenting programs to various Colorado rock clubs.

He is nationally noted as an expert on mineralogy, having been one of the authors of the famous "Minerals of Colorado" along with numerous articles for Rocks & Minerals Magazine and other mineralogical journals.

Pete is truly well qualified to become a member of the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame.