

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

Darryl Powell

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Education



Over the course of more than two decades, Darryl Powell has become well known nationwide as an advocate for educating kids in the hobby of mineral collecting . He started "Diamond Dan Publications" in 1993 with a single coloring book. In To his surprise, that first book actually sold out. One project then led to another , and 22 years later, he has created over 35 such coloring and activity books for organizations (clubs, societies, museums) in the United States and Canada . Diamond Dan Publications has grown beyond the coloring and activity books to an impressive portfolio of mineralogy-related publications, the "Earth Digger Clubs & Mineral Patches" program offering activitie and badges, games,puzzles,"Mineral Bingo", "Mineral Placemats", " Mineral Note Cards ` , and other products and services, such as a CD of mineral clip art that newsletter editors and others are free to use. All are geared to encouraging children and youth and fanning budding young interest 1n mineral collecting .

In March 2007 , Darryl started Mini Miners Monthly, the only mineral-related magazine ever pitched specifically to kids. Darryl has made generous subscription discount deals with Federations to provide electronic copies to associated clubs with kids, along with the provision that a certain percentage of content can be freely copied for use in club newsletters, at show kids booths, etc.

In these ways and more, surely Darryl Powell has earned a place of prominence in the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame.