

NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME

Raymond Rock

Inducted 2018

Tribute

Raymond Rock, inventor of Rock Lapidary Equipment, was an active member of the Southwest Gem & Mineral Society of San Antonio, Texas.

Through Rock, the club had access to wonderful field collecting areas and could obtain quality lapidary materials including agatized palm, chalcedony, bloodstone, agates, carnelian and more which they then could turn into finished cabochons.

Mechanically gifted, he was interested in how things worked as well as what they worked on. He invented a new line of equipment including a wide-belt sander which was his most popular invention. Many are still in use today.

Ray was popular in the San Antonio club as a result of sharing his lapidary knowledge, for his leadership in field trips and show activities and for his willingness to help in any way. His lapidary demonstrations often attracted new members to the hobby and club.