
EDITORIAL

MICROSCOPE OF THE MONTH

Microscopists, generally speaking, are collectors. They collect all sorts of specimens, prepared slides, accessories and even microscopes. Antique microscopes are particularly fascinating and there is perhaps no more interesting collection on permanent display than that of The Golub Collection.

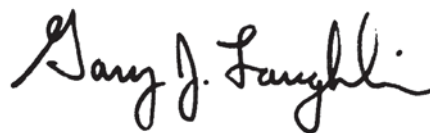
In the period between 1995 and 2005, Dr. Orville J. Golub and his wife Ellina Marx Golub donated nearly 100 antique microscopes as gifts to the University of California Berkeley campus. 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th Century microscopes are represented here including simple, compound, tripod, Gould-style, Cuff-style, achromatic and solar microscopes.

The Curator of the collection is Dr. Steven Ruzin who is also Director of the CNR Biological Imaging Facility at the University of California, Berkeley. With new display case and benches, the majority of the mi-

croscopes are on display in the Onderdonk Lobby of the Valley Life Sciences Building at the University. All of the microscopes are in good or excellent condition and students, for their own discovery and analysis, have used some of them recently.

If you are unable to visit the microscopes in person, don't despair. Dr. Ruzin has them on display in fine photographic detail at the collection's Web site, <http://golubcollection.berkeley.edu>. On the home page, Dr. Ruzin features a "Microscope of the Month" and in the month I last visited, a Petrographic microscope made in 1909 by E. Leitz Wetzlar was prominently displayed complete with close-ups, explanations, history and descriptions.

I encourage you to visit in person or on-line and take advantage of this wonderful microscopical resource.



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