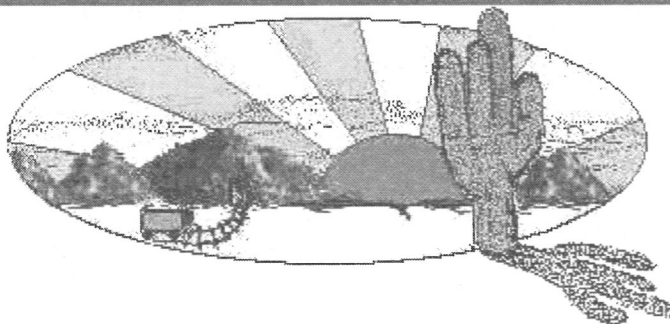


Flagg Mineral Foundation News



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In Memory of A. L. Flagg

New Year 2011

The Flagg Mineral Foundation was formed for the Advancement of Earth Sciences.

Chairman's Letter

By Ray Grant

As you can see from the masthead of the newsletter we have changed our name. We are now the Flagg Mineral Foundation. The trustees voted at the last meeting to change the name as they saw no need to wait any longer with the old name. We have no idea what the future holds. It does seem that we will need to remove our collection from the Museum some time this year as they are planning to start remodeling. At present there are no specific plans about what we will do next. We are looking at several possibilities of other Museums to house our collection, but there is nothing concrete. This will be a transition year for the Foundation, but we are looking for new opportunities.

We will continue to sponsor the Flagg Show and the Minerals of Arizona Symposium. Please read the request for volunteers in this newsletter and come out and help us at the Flagg Show. Your help as volunteers at the show, has made it possible for the show to be so successful. We need you! Anna Domitrovic is organizing the Symposium this year at the Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson on March 26. We will have some extra activities Friday and Saturday night and hope to have a field trip on Sunday. So plan to make a weekend of it in Tucson.

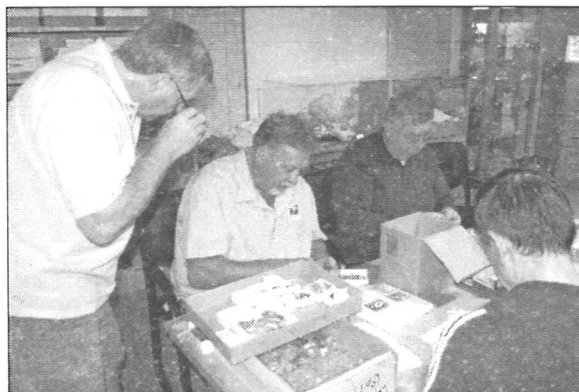
Chuck Kominski has a field trip for January 15, 2011 and one or two other possible trips. He has done a great job in an impossible situation. There is almost no place we can take a group of 30 or 40 people and find good minerals and that is really what you want for a club trip. He wants to retire from field trip organizing because of too many demands on his time from work and family. So we are looking for a volunteer to take over field trip coordination. Chuck said that he would help get you started.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Foundation will be Thursday January 6 at Mesa Community College. We will meet at 7 pm in the planetarium of the Physical Science Building. We will have a short business meeting followed by a special planetarium show. The Physical Science building is the first building on Dobson Road north of where the Flagg Show is held and the planetarium is at the southwest corner of the building. Hope you can all be there, kids are always welcome.



Genie Howell sent these pictures of the collection committee hard at work. You can be a part of the fun, too!



Join the Foundation

The Flagg Mineral Foundation was formed to advance the earth sciences. Over the years, many Benefactors have donated cherished collections, and though all are greatly appreciated, they can not all be displayed. We preserve what we can, and hold sales to allow others to add these treasures to their personal collections. The proceeds are used to acquire specimens and fund Arizona mineral museums.

Foundation Activities

The Foundation holds the Flagg Show each January at Mesa Community College, and hosts a Symposium each March on Arizona Minerals and Localities. A sale is held at the Museum in October. We go on field trips to working mines that might not be available to individual collectors.

For \$25 you can be a member and will receive:

- ⇒ A subscription to the Foundation newsletter.
- ⇒ Admission to Members-Only Pre-Sales.
- ⇒ Invitation to Field Trips.
- ⇒ A Foundation membership card.

Flagg Mineral Foundation **Membership Application**

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone: (____) _____

Send This Form and \$25 To:
Flagg Mineral Foundation
P.O. Box 41834
Mesa, AZ 85274

Upcoming Events

**Flagg Show Set Up
Day
Wed., Jan. 5, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**Come on out to Mesa
Community College!
We will need a lot of
help!**

**Foundation Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 6, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

**Physical Science Bldg
(1st Bldg N. of the Show)
Mesa Community
College**

**Flagg Gem and
Mineral Show
Jan. 7, 8, and 9, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Mesa Community
College
1833 West Southern Ave
Mesa, AZ 85202
(Southern and Dobson)**

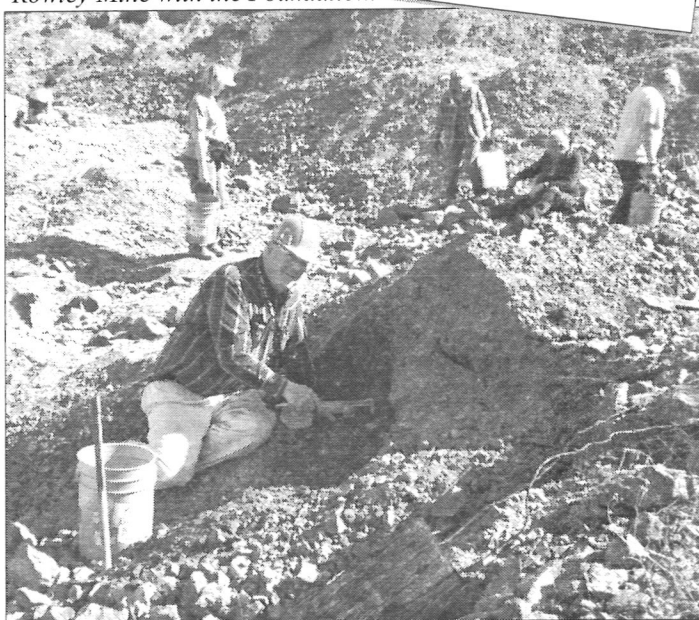
8-10th Minerals of

**Arizona-Sonora Desert
Museum**

Remember!

The Nineteenth Minerals of Arizona Symposium will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson.
Save this date, we are planning a great weekend of events for the Symposium, details in the future.)

*Pierre Currier
Rowley Mine with the Foundation...*



2010 September Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation
September 16, 2010

Attendees: Lavone Archer, Sue & Stan Celestian, Shirley Coté, Pierre Cantou, Doug Duffy, Darrel Dodd, Lynn & Terry Dyer, Marc Fleischer, Ray & Cynthia Grant, Paul Harter, Genie & Jack Howell, Kelly Iverson, Harvey Jong, Chuck Kominski, Doug & Lee Lindsay, Jerry Myers, Lynette & Roy Nelson, Dana Slaughter, Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz, Hilde Zahm

The meeting was called to order by Ray Grant.

A. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel mentioned that he has been paying various bills which include rent for the MCC parking lot for the Flagg Show, printing the newsletter, and miscellaneous supplies. He asked for any other outstanding bills. Ray indicated the need to pay for the recent appraisal of the Foundation collection.

B. Committee Reports

1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill pointed out that the Arizona History Society required an appraisal of the Foundation's collection for the loan agreement. The historical society specifically indicated that this appraisal should not involve any Foundation board members. Subsequently, Dave Bunk, a mineral dealer based in Denver, was hired for a two day review. A complete report and invoice should be available at the end of September. There was some discussion about the appraisal. Genie Howell moved to allocate \$2000 to pay for the appraisal. Doug Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill mentioned that he photographed all of the Foundation's mineral specimens, except for a few in storage. He also indicated that based on inputs from several board members a rosasite specimen from the Ojuela mine was acquired for the collection at the recent Gilbert mineral show. Ray recognized Bill for all his efforts in creating a comprehensive list of the Foundation's minerals that includes a photo and appraised value for each specimen.

Bill reported that he received 65 flats from Tom Hale and would schedule a work day to sort/price this material. He commented that there is a good supply of minerals at the trailer for the upcoming

Family Day sale on Oct. 16.

Darrel indicated that three minerals in the Flagg Gallery are loan to the Foundation from Wayne Sorenson and that the status of these specimens needs to be clarified with the historical society. Bill stated that the disposition of the minerals is being worked on and that there may be the possibility of a donation by the end of the year.

2. Website: www.azminfun.com also www.flaggshow.info

Harvey Jong mentioned that the domain name, peraltastones.com, was due to expire in Oct. After consulting with Darrel, he renewed this domain for another five years. He also registered the domains, mineralogyofarizona.com and mineralogyofaz.com, to support the publication of the next edition of the *Mineralogy of Arizona*.

3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)

There was no update since Steve wasn't able to attend the meeting.

4. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)

Chuck mentioned that he has been out of town on business trips, but has started calling mine officials. He commented that a trip to the Ray mine might be a possibility. He asked for any ideas on new collecting locations and help in organizing trips.

5. Flagg Show - 2011 (January 7, 8, 9)

a. Start early publicity

Ray encouraged members take some show flyers and hand them out. Marc Fleischer described efforts in sending out press releases. He indicated that educational activities for kids, such as the fossil dig and meteorites, are being emphasized to attract media interest. It is important to feature something new each year, and he asked for creative things that can be done at the show. Doug mentioned that he is building a special wooden box to replace the old cardboard one used for the fossil dig at the last show.

Lavone Archer reported that she has received contracts from about 50 dealers. Ray announced that Oct. 1 is the deadline for dealers to reserve either their space from last year's show or to request a different location. Dana Slaughter mentioned that he posted notices with *Rocks & Minerals* magazine and various mineral-related websites.

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AMMMF Meeting Minutes (Draft)

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There was some discussion on getting more volunteers to help with the show. Members were encouraged to volunteer for a half day (either morning or afternoon). Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. Lavone pointed out that people are especially needed on Wednesday to setup the parking lot. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

6. Minerals of Arizona Symposium - March 26, 2011

Ray provided an update on the symposium. He indicated that Anna Domitrovic has been making arrangements for a meeting room, open houses at the Arizona Sonora Desert and U of A Museums to view their mineral collections, and a field trip on Sunday, Mar. 27. While he has some speakers for the program, he asked members to either to sign up to make a presentation or provide suggestions for potential speakers.

7. Family Day - October 16, 2010

Ray reviewed Family Day preparations which include providing funds for food and refreshments for volunteers and setting up a number of dealers upstairs in the museum. Darrel mentioned that five dealers have signed up. The Foundation will also be selling minerals, and Ray encouraged members to come help with the sale. He commented that some interesting minerals should be available given recent acquisitions and donations.

C. Old Business**1. Moving/storing the Foundation Collection**

Ray expressed a concern that the Foundation will have to move its collection if the historical society proceeds with renovation plans for the Centennial Museum. The recent appraisal will make securely storing and insuring the minerals more problematic. He also reported that a small group of mining and mineral people, led by Dan Maxwell, is trying to raise funds to start a private mineral museum. They plan to buy a building, and Doug described a former church located in Glendale that is being considered as a possible location for the new museum.

While there isn't an immediate need to move, Ray indicated that it would be important to plan for this contingency. There was discussion on storage

requirements along with possible alternatives involving either a new or existing museum.

2. Any other old business

None.

D. New Business**1. Foundation name**

Ray brought up the issue of changing the name of the Foundation. He provided a brief history of the organization which was originally called the A. L. Flagg Foundation for the Advancement of Earth Science. He pointed out that the historical society has started to phase out references to the "Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum" and proposed changing the group's name back to the Flagg Foundation. He suggested having a discussion and motion at this meeting and reviewing/approving the change at the Annual meeting.

There was discussion on several aspects of the name change including the cost, timing, coordination with a new private museum, and other logistical issues. A consensus of the members felt that it was better to change the name sooner than later and that the new name should include "mineral" to indicate the focus of the organization. Genie Howell moved to change the Foundation's name from the Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum (A Memorial to A. L. Flagg) to the Flagg Mineral Foundation. Kelly Iverson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Any other new business

Shirley Coté announced that Jan Rasmussen will be leaving on Oct. 5 and that the historical society has not indicated how the curator position will be filled.

3. Next Foundation meeting (tentative - November?)**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Jong, Secretary

Collection Committee Report

We all know there will be many changes coming in the next year. As Ray said in his report it looks like we will have to move the collection, at least on a temporary basis within the next six months as work is scheduled to start on the museum after the end of the school year. We should all start thinking about how and where the collection will be displayed in future years. Dana Slaughter has come up with an affordable and secure location for storage when we have to pack everything up. The Collection Committee has already begun discussion of what supplies we will need for storage. Let us know if you have any good contacts for boxes and packaging material.

The appraisal is complete and has been finalized. It is a substantial number and Dave Bunk has said that our collection is outstanding. Thanks to Dave working us into his busy schedule we were able to get this accomplished within short notice. The next problem arises out of the loan agreement. The agreement put forth by the State Risk Management Department is not a good one and we are reluctant to sign it without some changes being made. I expressed my concern regarding the agreement with Bill Ponder from the Historical Society in October. He said that he understood our concerns with some of the wording and that he would be open for discussion concerning it. He told me that he would make time for me to sit down and discuss it on one of his many return visits to Phoenix. So far I have heard nothing from him. So currently we have an appraisal but no agreement with the Historical Society.

Being retired I have lots of time on my hands so with some help from Dana Slaughter I was able to complete pricing and labeling of the flats purchased from Tom Hales before Family Day. Some of the material was placed out for the Family Day sale. Unfortunately I have to report that sales were down 50 % from last year. I have worked at the trailer to get all the donations and the collection purchased from George Stevens priced and labeled before December. I had it done until I picked up a recent small donation and now have an additional five flats to work on. We have a lot of material for the show and we will need your help with transporting from storage to the show. Some pickups and a trailer will be helpful. I would like to do it in one trip and not have to do two like last year. If you

are available please reserve the day to help us out. We will also need a good sales staff. I have a lot of material priced by the flat, some quality mineral that will be in cases, lapidary and the numerous flats of general specimens. So again if you can help we will need you to make this a successful show. Thanks for all your donations and help this past year. Here is to an outstanding Flagg show. Happy New Year to all .

Bill Yedowitz
Collection Committee Chairman

Field Trip Report Chuck Kominski

Well, I was seriously considering giving up trying to get field trips set up this year. For the last few months I have received too many rejections and ignored calls. But in the space of 2 days I got two approvals and one "Call me in a month".

The first one is scheduled for 1/15/2011 at the Rosemont mine south of Tucson. I had to squeeze it in between the Flagg show and the Tucson show. We went there last year in March and had a good time. Not a lot of people were able to attend (myself included) so we thought we would try again. Let me know if you're interest in this trip so I can give Rosemont an approximate headcount.

The 2nd trip was Turquoise Mountain and Aurelio Resources Copper Hills Mine sometime in December, so if you are just now reading about it in the newsletter, you missed it! Get you email addresses in to the fieldtrip chairman if you want to be notified in a more timely manner.

The trip for next year winter/spring will be the Ray mine. I received a verbal "OK" from Sterling Cook, but we need to wait a few weeks to set up a time for next year.

I think I'll have to retire from field trip organizing soon. There are too many demands on my time from work and family. Sorry about that. If anyone is interested in taking over field trip coordination I'd be happy to help get you started.

Look me up at the Flagg Show and let me know about the trips.

Chuck



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