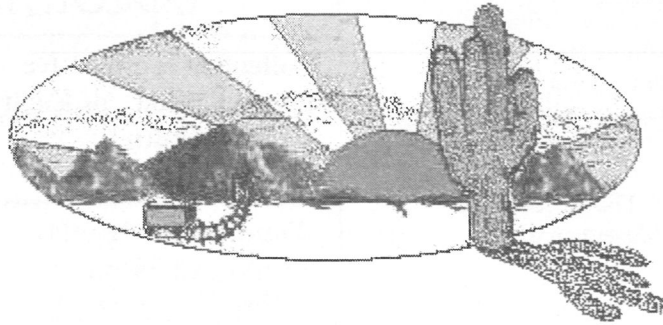


Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation News



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In Memory of A. L. Flagg

Fall 2009

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed to support the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum.

Donation Day and Meeting

Donation day will be Saturday December 5 from 11 AM to 4 PM and we will use this material for the Flagg Show.

The Foundation's main source of funds is our sales and silent auction at the Flagg Show, Fall Family Day and the Minerals of Arizona Symposium. Our dues cover our newsletter and some activities. We have priced the Symposium to keep it affordable so we just break even.

Therefore, we always need specimens for our future sales. To help people with making a donation of specimens, we held our first donation day last year.

For a beginning it was successful, and so we decided to have two donation days this Fall at the Museum.

The first one was on Oct. 3rd. We used some of these donations for our Family Day sale.

The second donation day will be Sat., Dec. 5 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Please look in your garage, backyard, and cabinets for one, two, or a flat of specimens that you can donate. We will write a tax letter on the spot for the donations.



Rock hounds browsing at the Flagg sale tables in Jan. 2009.

Here is Bill Yedowitz' report from the previous donation day on October 3rd:

Well it was not a bad day. I received one donation of three flats of Ojuela Wulfenite and Mimetite, about 60 sellable specimens from John Lucking. I will have to do some trimming to make them more sellable. I will do that when I get back home from the Auction.

While waiting for donations I had a half off sale of cabs for the wire wrapping class and sold \$350.00 worth of cabs.

Bill



Dealers encouraging youngsters at the Family Day in 2008.

Join the Foundation

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed to support the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum. 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 Museum projects.

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 in conjunction with The Museum Family Day. We go on field trips to working mines such as The Red Cloud, that might not be available to individual collectors.

Membership Application

Arizona Mineral & Mining Museum Foundation
(A Memorial to A. L. Flagg)

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

- ⇒ A one year subscription to the Foundation newsletter.
- ⇒ Free Admission to the Museum
- ⇒ A 10% discount at the Museum store for the year.
- ⇒ Invitation and a discount for special Foundation events, including the Annual Symposium.
- ⇒ Admission to Members-Only Pre-Sale Showings.
- ⇒ Invitation to Field Trips.
- ⇒ A Foundation membership card.

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Interests: _____

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Upcoming Events

Collection Committee
Fourth Tuesday of Each
Month
 Tuesday Dec. 22

Arizona Mining and
Mineral Museum
 1502 W. Washington St.
 7:00 p.m.

Foundation Regular
Meeting and Donation
Day (See Page 1)
Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Arizona Mining and
Mineral Museum
 1502 W. Washington St.
 Donation Day Lunch will
 be served!

Flagg Gem and Mineral
Show Fri., Sat. & Sun.,
Jan. 8, 9, & 10, 2010.

Mesa Community College

18th Minerals of Ari-
zona Symposium – Sat.,
March 20, 2010

Arizona Mining and
Mineral Museum
 1502 W. Washington St.



Rockhounds at the 2009 Flagg Show.

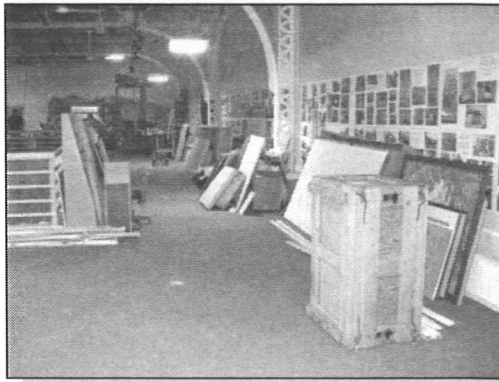
Museum Cleanup Day, Sat., Sept. 26, 2009

By Jan C. Rasmussen

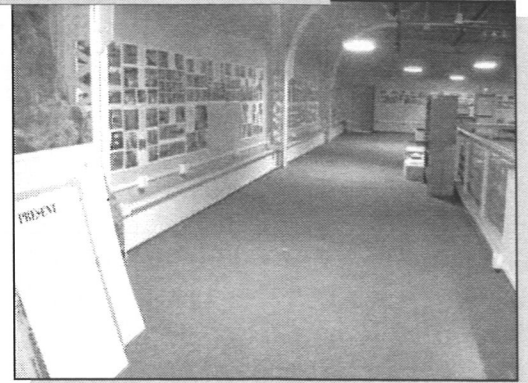
The volunteers made great progress in cleaning up the mezzanine area of the museum on Saturday. People were very pleased to see what a difference their efforts made. See the before and after photos below.

Volunteers started arriving at about 07:30 and the rest arrived shortly thereafter. There were 25 volunteers from the various clubs that support the museum. Charlie Connell conducted a safety meeting, described the plans for the cleanup, and listed team members for each area of the museum. The Museum Curator, Jan Rasmussen, and Department of Mines & Mineral Resources Chief Engineer, Nyal Niemuth, were introduced to the crew. Jan and Nyal were present to aid in the cleanup activities. The groups were broken down into three areas. The Mezzanine Crew worked on organizing the second floor boxes and storage area; the Rack Truck group loaded discarded items on the rack truck and took it to the dump; and the Pit Crew received items from the mezzanine and placed them in storage in the Pit.

The first priority for the Rack Truck crew was to take all the trash out to the rack truck and deliver it to the dump. Items were removed from the mezzanine, the Pit, the outside area, the southwest first floor hallway, and the carpenter shop. Once the trash was loaded into the truck, the Rack Truck group



North side mezzanine before clean-up.



North side mezzanine after clean-up.

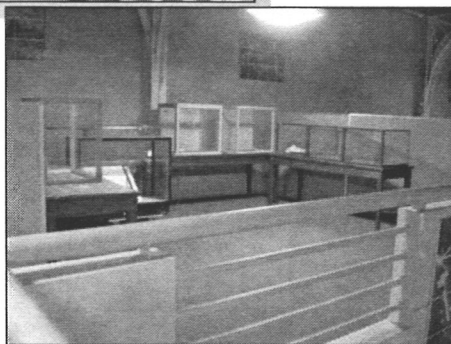
(teamster crew) took the rack truck loaded with trash to the dump.

The first focus for the Mezzanine Crew was to clean the shelves in the southwest storage room, clear out the brown chairs from the northwest corner of the mezzanine, and gather other items to be listed for State salvage. The next step was for them to move the large number of Department file boxes into the Southwest Storage room. Nyal made a list of the files that were moved and directed the placement of

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South side mezzanine before clean-up.



South side mezzanine after clean-up.



S. W. Storage room after clean-up.

2009 September Regular/Board Meeting **Minutes (Draft)**

Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation
September 24, 2009

Attendees: Lavone Archer, Pierre Cantou, Shirley Coté, Steve Decker, Darrel Dodd, Doug Duffy, Harvey Jong, Doug Lindsay, Phil Richardson, Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz

Ray Grant was in Australia, so the meeting was called to order by Phil Richardson.

A. Secretary's Report

Phil mentioned that a draft of May meeting minutes is in the Newsletter. No changes were suggested. Steve Decker moved to accept the minutes. Bill Yedowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported that the Foundation continued its CD investments, but the interest rate is very low. He asked for any new bills.

C. Committee Reports

1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill summarized a recent trip to Bisbee to review two collections for sale. He along with Phil Richardson and Dana Slaughter examined 40 flats of minerals, 891 specimens in cabinets, and assorted massive fluorescent materials. Unfortunately, the most desirable specimens had already been purchased by other dealers. So, the asking price was unrealistic for the remaining minerals. A counter offer involving cash/donation was made, but the seller decided to keep the collections.

Phil reported that he reviewed a collection in Scottsdale for a possible purchase/donation. This collection included 15-20 pounds of tektites, 150 dinosaur bone cabochons, and some ammonites. The valuation of these items was set very high, so no transaction was made. He recommended that the items might be more suitable for the Museum gift shop. There was

some discussion on the quality and type of specimens that would be suitable for the Foundation.

Bill mentioned that the committee acquired a new 79 mine smithsonite. This specimen was purchased through a combination of mineral trade and cash. He also indicated that the committee reviewed some Finch mine specimens but decided not to buy any pieces for the collection.

a. Next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 27th at the Museum, 6:45pm

2. Website: www.azminfun.com also www.flaggshow.info (Harvey Jong)

Harvey pointed out that the Foundation registered the domain name, peraltastones.com, and that this registration is due to expire on 10/28. Given the loan of the Peralta Stones to the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum, he asked if this domain should be renewed or sold. After some discussion, Steve moved to extend the domain registration for another year. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)

Steve thanked members for their Newsletter contributions and indicated that he can be reimbursed for future expenses.

The discussion continued on a printed Newsletter vs. an on-line version. Steve indicated that the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter is about one dollar per copy. He also described the complications of maintaining different mailing lists. Harvey suggested a web database might offer a possible solution where members can indicate their delivery preference and an up-to-date mail list can be automatically generated.

4. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)

There was no update on field trips since Chuck was unable to attend the meeting.

5. Flagg Show - 2010 (January 8, 9, 10)

a. Need help with publicity

Harvey presented the new show poster. The theme is Arizona Malachite, and four specimens are featured

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against a background where the State of Arizona is depicted as a gigantic copper cathode.

Lavone Archer reported that about 50 dealers have sent in show fees. She described efforts in planning dealer spaces. A parking lot map has been created, and vendors are being placed based on the order in which payments were received and on preferences indicated in dealer forms.

Harvey mentioned that he is constructing a big magnetic whiteboard with a parking lot map. Business card magnets will be used to help plan and display dealer locations.

There was some discussion about food vendors, and the decision was made to have only one vendor. Marc Fleischer was unable to attend the meeting, so there was no update on publicity plans.

D. Old Business

1. Case and plans for collectors to exhibit

Phil indicated that plans have changed after consulting with Jan Rasmussen. No case will be needed. There was some discussion about plans for the first exhibit. Suggestions were made about holding a reception around the time of the Symposium (March) and having the David Shannon collection as the inaugural exhibit. Phil indicated that he would contact Colleen Shannon.

2. Any other old business

Phil asked about the letter for Jan, but no one had a status update.

E. New Business

1. Museum Cleanup Day, Saturday September 26

Bill reminded members that a Museum cleanup day has been scheduled on Sept. 26. The event will focus on the clearing out some of the mess in the Mezzanine area for Family Day and future exhibits. He asked who will be coming on Saturday, and only Mike Williams and Harvey Jong indicated that they were planning to participate.

2. Donation Days - Saturday October 3 and Saturday December 5, 2009

Phil mentioned that the first donation day will be on Oct. 3rd and encouraged members to bring in mineral specimens. There was some discussion about publicizing donation day with a newspaper ad. However, given the limited time, it decided to use an announcement on the Foundation website and evaluate the response at the next Collection Committee meeting. The announcement should include a note about donating quality minerals and fossils.

3. Family Day - Saturday October 17

There was some discussion about the dealers for Family Day. Doug Duffy confirmed that he would set up at the event, while Darrel mentioned that Rosemont Copper contacted him about a booth. The status of other vendors was unknown.

Shirley Coté indicated that the Museum needed \$300 to purchase food for volunteers. Doug moved to allocate the funds. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Other New Business

Darrel pointed out the need to get an appraisal of the Flagg Gallery. There was some discussion on who should conduct the appraisal and the cost. Phil indicated that he would contact Cal Graeber and Dave Bunk for a quote.

With no further business to discuss, Phil asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Lavone seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Foundation meeting - December 5, 11 AM
(Lunch will be served.)

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Jong, Secretary

Chairman's Letter

By Ray Grant

I want to thank all those people who helped with Family Day – Bill Yedowitz, Chuck Kominski, Harris Kominski, Darrell Dodd, Harvey Jong, Mike Williams, and Lavone Archer. The day was successful for the Foundation because of the hard work by these people.

Many of you know we are doing something new at the Flagg Show this year that is giving dealers assigned spaces. At the first Flagg Show at Mesa Community College we assigned spaces, but with only two of us to do it, the job turned out to be impossible. For the next 22 years (shows) we let dealers find their own spaces, but there were always a few conflicts and dealers began arriving earlier and earlier. So at this, the 24th show at Mesa Community College, we are trying to assign spaces again. We will mark off the spaces on Wednesday afternoon and allow dealers to set up on Thursday morning. Over 60 dealers have already prepaid. We will need lots of help on Thursday morning to help manage the set up.

We are having a different time for our next meeting of the Foundation. We usually meet on Thursday evening, but this next meeting will be on Saturday morning December 5, 11:30 AM at the Museum. This will also be a donation day and we are requesting donations of specimens to the Foundation. So bring some of your extra material, attend a Foundation meeting, and enjoy all the new exhibits at the Museum. We will have a light lunch available for members and donors.

The State Government is having big budget problems and it is not clear right now how this will affect the Museum. The worst case would be that the Museum would close. One of the things that we can do to help is to volunteer at the Museum. The more volunteers, the less pressure on the paid staff that may be greatly reduced. See Jan or Shirley to find out what you can do to help. We will try to keep Foundation members advised of any changes at the Museum.

Finally, I am working on the program for the Minerals of Arizona Symposium for next March 20. If you have a program or know someone who does, let me know. It does not have to be about Arizona.

Museum Cleanup Day

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these file boxes. The crew made sure the boxes were all labeled properly under Nyal's direction. The crew moved about 50 boxes of Department files into the Southwest mezzanine storeroom. Then the Mezzanine Crew moved items, such as the teacher kit production materials, House of Minerals construction components, and equipment that is used periodically for museum events, into the Southwest Storage room.

Lunch was served around noon. The food was purchased by the "Friends of the Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum". Kathy Connell picked up the fried chicken, rolls, and potato chips and brought homemade pasta and bean salads and Jan Rasmussen made several trays of brownies. Everyone rested after enjoying a good lunch and each others company during the lunch break.

After lunch, everyone went back to work, with the Pit crew receiving items from the mezzanine that were no longer needed upstairs. They received several filled filing cabinets, several empty 5-drawer and 2-drawer filing cabinets, and items that were not needed on the mezzanine floor. Managing the filled file cabinets was quite a task, as it involved taking the cabinets down the elevator, around to the hoist, strapping them in a sling, then lowering them into the pit, then organizing them into a location.

Some of the cleanup crew worked in the Carpenter shop to straighten out the clutter on and under the bench. This made it possible to find tools and fasteners once again.

The last major activity completed by the volunteers was to consolidate the file boxes in the storage area on the north side of the mezzanine. This allowed room to move several museum cases into the area in preparation to open the mezzanine to museum visitors. The entire length of the north side was rearranged to make more room for the museum display for the mezzanine.

The activities were wrapped up around 3:30 p.m. with the completion of a very successful day of hard work. Jan and Nyal were both very happy with the progress made during the cleanup day. The 25 volunteers contributed 218 hours of work, for a value of \$3,200.

2010 Flagg Show Poster

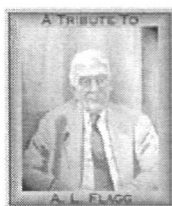
By Harvey Jong

Harvey has created another masterpiece for our upcoming Flagg Show!

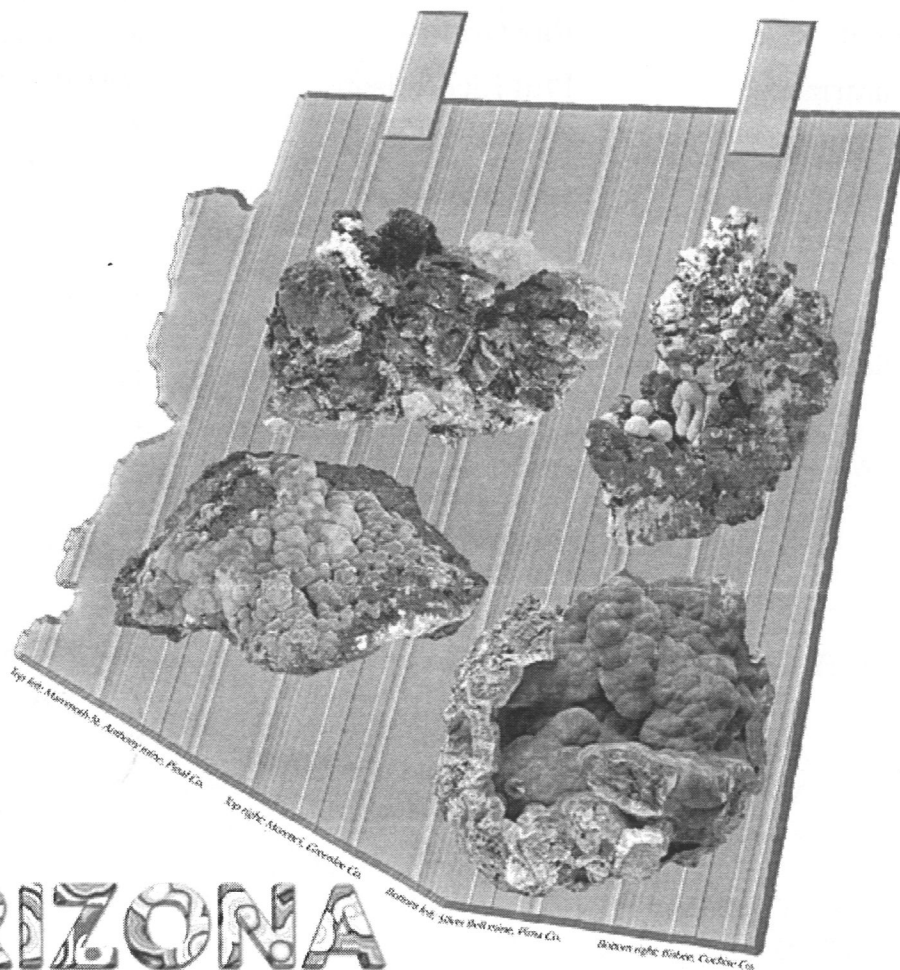
I think the copper Arizona plate is pretty clever. Too bad they don't come out of the tank like that all the time!

If you like this picture, wait till you see it in color!

The tailgate show tradition continues!



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