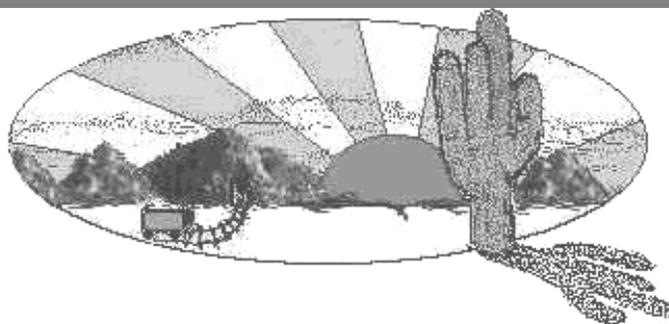


# Flagg Mineral Foundation News



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In Memory of A. L. Flagg

Summer 2012

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

## Chairman's Letter by Phil Richardson

Fellow Flagg Mineral Foundation Members, I have been terribly remiss in staying on top of a number of items, and would like to get us back on track by calling a general meeting, this coming Thursday, August 30, 2012.

Chuck Kominski has graciously offered to host us again at his office, located on the northwest corner of 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak; 2255 N 44<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, 7:00 p.m. As part of our meeting, Chuck will regale us with tales of his recent collecting trip to Utah and Colorado, taken with his son, Harris, and the Foundation will provide refreshments.

With my personal struggle to find adequate time to devote to the Flagg Foundation, it has become even more apparent to me how important it is for us to delegate responsibilities, encourage volunteerism, and share the burden with as many members as possible. With our mineral collection in storage, we have even more of a need to promote our organization, our mission statement, and our public outreach. The promotion of the earth sciences, specifically the collection and appreciation of minerals and fossils, now rests on whatever public venues that we can participate in, or organize.

I am a little behind in getting us started on the Flagg Mineral Show, our participation with the Earth Science Museum Family Days, and planning our next Mineral Symposium. I hope to rectify this at this upcoming meeting.

Another topic that will be broached at this meeting, is another foundation's attempt to garner public interest and support in a local natural history museum. I have invited Michael Fleeman to attend and give us a presentation on his vision and efforts to create The International Natural History Museum, in Tempe. He has done a very professional job in his online presentation video, and in discussion, has already gathered considerable support. Here is a link to his online video: FINAL VIDEO:\* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA6IEJ1zKbY>

Our foundation has a lot to offer, has an incredible history, and a solid membership. Please join us to help plot a new course, volunteer a little time, and as Arthur L. Flagg would have wanted, help spread the sheer joy of discovery and pleasure found in mineral collecting.

Phil Richardson

**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 Family Day 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Upcoming Events**

<p><b>Family Day SAT &amp; SUN OCT 20-21, 2012, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Swap\$mart, 5115 North 27th Ave, Phoenix</b></p>
<p><b>Flagg Gem and Mineral Show Jan. 2013 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Mesa Community College 1833 West Southern Ave Mesa, AZ 85202 (Southern and Dobson)</b></p>





**NORTH MOUNTAIN VISITOR  
CENTER IS CELEBRATING  
EARTH SCIENCE WEEK**

WITH



**“METAMORPHIC MONDAY”**

**Monday, October 15, 2012**

**12950 N. 7th St., Phoenix**

**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**



- 6:30 to 7:15 -  
Meet and greet, tour of the Center and gift shop
- 7:15 to 8:00 - Speaker - Dr. Raymond Grant presents  
~ Metamorphic Rocks of the Phoenix Area ~
- 8:00 to 8:30 - Refreshments

**RSVP: by October 14th @ 602-335-1962**

**Your Speaker:**

Ray Grant received his A.B. degree in geology from Lafayette College and his Ph.D. degree in geology from Harvard University. Ray has retired after teaching geology for 31 years at Mesa Community College in Mesa, AZ. Ray has organized and co-chaired a Minerals of Arizona Symposium for the past 18 years and is currently President of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona.

Dr. Grant is co-author of Mineralogy of Arizona, third edition and is working on a new edition of the book. Ray is actively looking for information about Arizona minerals and localities.



Rediscover the Mineral Treasure!

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**EARTH SCIENCE MUSEUM  
 FAMILY DAYS  
 ROCK & GEM SHOW**



## CLUB MEMBERS, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

Can you help with the children's activities? Or Maybe you can Demo?

### Club Sponsored Children's Activities

#### » Egg Carton Program «

AZ Leaverites

#### » Spinning Wheel «

Maricopa Lapidary Society  
 Mineralogical Society of AZ

#### » Fossil Dig «

Flagg Mineral Foundation

#### » Kids Corner «

All Clubs

Some of the Clubs are also  
 having sales tables.

Can you help?

Earth Science Museum  
 Flagg Mineral Foundation  
 Maricopa Lapidary Society

### DEMOS

Beading  
 Faceting  
 Lapidary  
 Wire wrap

### Other areas needing volunteers during the Show

**Info booth** - distribute club flyers, answer questions,  
 give away free minerals/rocks for kids contest

**Security** - watch exits, roam the floor of the Show

**Kids Corner** - oversee the free children's activities

### Can you help on Thursday or Friday?

**Thursday** - Help mark out dealer & club booths

**Friday** - Help your club set up their booth, help set up  
 the Kids Corner booth

Contact: 602-973-4291 or [crystalc17@gmail.com](mailto:crystalc17@gmail.com) - [www.earthsciencemuseum.org](http://www.earthsciencemuseum.org)

**SAT. & SUN. OCTOBER 20-21, 2012, 9a.m. - 5p.m.**

@ Swap\$mart, 5115 North 27th Avenue, Phoenix



Pictures from the 2012 Flagg Show by Genie Howell



Draft Minutes  
Flagg Mineral Foundation Board Meeting  
August 20, 2012

Attendees (31)

Board Members Lavone Archer, Stan Celestian, Darrel Dodd, Doug Duffy, Ray Grant, Genie Howell, Paul Jaeger, Bob Jones, Chuck Kominski, Doug Lindsay, Les Presmyk, Phil Richardson, Dana Slaughter, Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz

Members and Guests Sue Celestian, Shirley Cote', David Fanger, Michael Fleeman, Cynthia Grant, Jack Howell, Tish Hunter, Harvey Jong, Harris Kominski, Lee Lindsay, Gene Meieran, Carol Sues, Myron Wagner, Peggy Wagner, Chris Whitney-Smith, Mardy Zimmermann

At 7 PM, Chairman Phil Richardson called the meeting to order in the second floor meeting room at 2255 N 44th Street, Phoenix, AZ, on August 30, 2012.

#### Special Presentations

The meeting began with two special presentations. The first was by Chuck and Harris Kominski, A Collecting Adventure August 2012, of their August week-long collecting field trip in the Thomas Range in Utah and Crystal Peak, Colorado. Amazonite and smoky quartz were among the excellent collected specimens available for viewing.

The second presentation was by Michael Fleeman, founder of the LGF Foundation, who is the driving force behind a proposed International Natural History Museum in metro Phoenix. He has just started a capital campaign to build a world-class 300,000 sq. ft facility tentatively on 80 acres just west of Tempe Town Lake. A rare T-Rex skeleton will be the centerpiece of the proposed museum. Gene Meieran expressed support for the museum concept.

#### General Business

At 8:09 PM, after a short break, the business meeting was called to order.

#### I. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported details of the Foundations accounts, which are doing well, and status of the scholarship program made possible by Sylvia Garcia. \$40,000 in scholarships for minority and intercity children have been awarded in four years. 2012's has been awarded. One year remains in the program. Darrel solicited volunteers for the upcoming events.

#### II. Minutes of the April Board Meeting

Doug Lindsay moved that the Minutes of the April Board Meeting be approved as written. Bob Jones seconded the motion, which carried.

#### III. Committee Reports

##### Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill reported on examining but not purchasing two collections, which included Don Hunsinger's Collection. Bill needs material for both the Earth Science Museum (ESM) Family Days and Flagg Shows. Annually the Foundation buys one collection to sell, but that has not yet been accomplished for 2012. Gene Mieren offered updates, which Bill will pick up.

After the April meeting, Bill paid for the next year the rent (<\$1000) for two units for the storage of the collection. The owners have been helpful with a discount with payment in advance.

E-mail Bill to volunteer for ESM Family Days October 20 and 21 at Swap\$mart, 5115 N. 27th Avenue, Phoenix 9AM - 5PM. Harvey further explained the event's purpose as trying to pull the various clubs together to provide a low-cost venue for families the week just before Earth Science Week. Dana volunteered to help. Shirley Cote', who had fliers for the event, requested the "fossil dig" and tables. Les Presmyk moved and Doug Lindsay seconded that the Foundation give Shirley \$100 toward expenses. The motion carried.

##### Website (Mike Williams)

Mike received applause after Ray Grant expressed appreciation for Mike's really good job with our website. Mike is using WordPress to build the website. 42 pictures of the collection were recently

put in. Phil expressed need to get the Celestian material into a link on the website. Other needs are a membership form for 2013 and TGMS poster prices. Paul Harter has requested that the posters be moved to our secure location.

#### Newsletter (Steve Decker)

Steve was not present. He has a large newsletter nearly ready to e-mail.

#### Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)

Chuck needs a successor and/or help/ideas.

#### IV 41st Annual Flagg Show, Jan 4, 5, 6, 2013

Ray produced fliers which are now available.

Dana will make all the publicity notifications that he did last year.

Marc Fleischer was not in attendance to provide info on other media outlets

Phil will consult with Harvey regarding the poster and help with the white board.

Bill will rent a van again for moving from and to Lindsays' the Foundation sale material.

Lavone oversees the food vendors and contracts.

Contracts received to date equal about last year at this time (50).

Phil will take care of the ATM machine.

Darrel will rent porta potties (second year of a two-year contact).

Chuck will cover the street sweeper.

Volunteers are needed or garbage collection. The school now supplies a dumpster.

Les will be asked about SRP cardboard recycling bins.

The Howells will provide their travel trailer as headquarters.

Cynthia Grant volunteered to ask her grandchildren about volunteering for kids activities

Volunteers are needed for all.

#### V. Arizona Mineral Symposium (Phil Richardson)

Phil expressed that the Clarion in Ahwatukee was a good venue last year, which would be a good deal if held the weekend after spring training, April 19-21.

There were no survey complaints in 2012. Plan is to use the same format and food. 21 rooms were rented by vendors around the pool. The Desert meeting room on Friday night would be the venue for a micromount symposium. A focus of the symposium

would be around Joe Marty, who is responsible for 24 new mineral species.

#### VI. Old Business

##### Rocks and Gem advertisement

Phil thanked Bob Jones for the Fender Minerals' ad to run through the end of the year in Rock and Gem. Bob brought extra copies of Rock and Gem.

##### ESM (Harvey Jong)

Harvey Jong reported that the ESM has received 501 (c)3 status. A commercial realtor is looking for a building. FAMM has dissolved, which has donated financial resources to ESM, enabling outreach programs.

#### VII. New Business

##### Flagg Name Change and Status

There have been stumbles with the name change. Phil will meet with Ray Grant.

##### ESM Family Day/Weekend

Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz, and Dana Slaughter will help with Family Day. Shirley Cote needs volunteers and ideas for kids' activities. Although there is no admission charge, SwapSmart charges \$1 admission per adult, under 12, free.

##### Rock Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS)

RMFMS has no liaison from AZ. Bob Jones commented that that Mr. Flagg started the RMFMS. Bob volunteered to be representative to RMFS after we join.

##### A.L. Flagg Thumbnail Award for Juniors

Bill Yedowitz moved and Ray Grant seconded that a monetary award be offered to juniors in the thumbnail category to display at the Flagg Show as an initial step to build on the MSA experience. The motion carried

##### Mineralogical Society of Arizona (MSA) Announcements

The next MSA Meeting is Thursday, September 13, with the program on Azurite by Ray Grant.

##### Flagg Participation in Arizona Mineralogical Record

(MR) Collectors Edition

Ray Grant moved that up to four pages be supported by the Foundation in the upcoming MR Collectors Edition, requiring more pictures (20-22) be taken. The TGMS plaque verbiage may be used with the pictures. Bill Yedowitz seconded the motion, which carried.

ESM Presentation (Harvey Jong)

Harvey presented an excellent animated overview of a proposed interior layout of the 20,000 sq. ft. ESM. Harvey would like the FMF's involvement to be as a Founding Partner, by designing the Flagg Gallery as an initial step

VIII Adjournment

Doug Lindsay moved for adjournment and Doug Duffy seconded the motion which carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Genie Howell,  
Secretary

## Flagg Mineral Foundation Meeting

April 5, 2012

A. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd) – Darrel said the investments and accounts are doing well and the Foundation is on solid financial footing.

B. Minutes of the January General Meeting - Phil asked for someone to approve acceptance of the last meeting's minutes. Bill Yedowitz was the first to approve the minutes of last meeting, Bob Jones seconded approval.

C. Committee Reports

a. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

i. U of A Loan/Display – Bill discussed the cases at the U of A holding 200+ minerals of the Flagg Foundation Collection. Bill discussed taking several of the best specimens to the Tucson show for display and the work involved in transporting the specimens back and forth.

ii. Storage – Bill mentioned that the Foundation owes some money to the owner of the storage locker. The owner of the locker has been very good to the Foundation, giving us discounted rental and extra space for our collection and the cases.

iii. Collection Purchase/Donations – Bill mentioned that he looked at the Don Hunsinger collection, who was a long time Arizona collector/dealer. He has offered cash \$0.10 on the dollar, like the George Stevens collection. He also passed on the remnants of the Sam Nasser collection since the prime material had been previously purchased. Bill was worried that the asking price was too high for the material and that it would take us a long time to sell it. Bill made an appeal to find additional collections to purchase and mentioned that he had discussed buying a portion of the Russ Hart inventory, but Russ had some additional offers and was pondering his next move.

b. Website (Mike Williams and Harvey Jong) – We are moving the hosting of the website from CRC to Go Daddy. Go Daddy offers superior service at a lower price and allows us a more flexible format site. Mike and Harvey are soliciting ideas in designing the new site with respect to format and content. Stan Celestian will help with this effort given his experience with the college website.

c. Newsletter (Steve Decker – Not present)

i. Site, images, and information (Celestian material) - photos and information for use on the website

ii. Facebook and Twitter – Mike made a request to “Friend Us” which helps generate traffic and interest in the site. It was mentioned that many of the members are not yet on Facebook.

d. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski) – Chuck mentioned that we had a good spring of field trips that included;

i. The Purple Passion

ii. Amethyst Hill

iii. Reymert

iv. Rowley

v. Reymert again for the Symposium

Phil asked Chuck what the next field trip was going to be. Chuck indicated that he was working with Stephen Pegler of the Leaverites on some additional trips but nothing had been ironed out and with Summer approaching, most likely trip opportunities would take a hiatus until later in the Fall. Chuck also appealed to the group for help finding field trips for the group with his time being stretched thin with a demanding work travel schedule and coaching several youth baseball teams.

D. Arizona Mineral Symposium (Ray Grant and Phil Richardson)

a. Preparations – Hotel was at the Clarion in Ahwatukee, everything seemed to be in place for the dealer rooms, meeting room, etc.

b. Lectures – lectures have been submitted and will mirror the Rocks and Minerals Special Feature on Arizona Minerals and included Les Presmyk, Jim McGlasson, Barbara Muntyan, Ray Grant, among others.

c. Breaks, lunch, and Mexican dinner buffet – lunch will be by Paradise Bakery, there will be water and sodas for refreshments. Dinner will be by Macayo's Mexican Restaurant with Bob Jones as a guest Lecturer on Naica Selenites

d. Dealer tailgating – 21 dealers will be in rooms on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, prior to the dinner.

e. Field Trip – Reymert Mine will be on Sunday morning at the mine at 10:00 til ??

f. Publicity

E. Old Business

a. Rocks and Gem Advertisement – Fender Minerals wanted to donate Ad space in Rocks and Gems. Bob Jones discussed with them about using the donated space for featuring prominent minerals in the Flagg Mineral Collection.

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b. Rocks and Minerals magazine Arizona Issue – Phil had several additional copies that would be for sale after the meeting.

c. Collecting Arizona – Phil had several additional copies that would be for sale after the meeting.

d. Earth Science Museum (Harvey Jong) – Harvey mentioned the group's donation efforts are being hampered by the IRS slowness in getting the group listed as a charitable non-profit organization. The group has been in contact with other private mineral museums (Tellus Museum in Georgia) to discuss strategy and plans. The museum is now working on funding an outreach program that can go to schools.

#### F. New Business

a. Doug Lindsey mentioned that there is a museum at the North Mountain Reserve has shown interest in hosting the Flagg Mineral Foundation Collection and could be a ready alternative for the museum. Doug handed out flyers describing the group and its function and viability.

#### G. Adjournment

a. Phil made a motion to Adjourn. Bob Jones was first to motion for adjournment, Darrel Dodd seconded.



Flagg Show 2012 by Genie Howell



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Lapidary

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2012 Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
Flagg Mineral Foundation  
January 5, 2012

Attendees: Lavone Archer, Ann & Karl Baker, Shirley Coté, Steve Decker, Doug Duffy, Darrel Dodd, Marc Fleisher, Cynthia & Ray Grant, Glenn Hoffman, Genie & Jack Howell, Paul Jaeger, Jeff Johnson, Harvey Jong, Diann Knipp, Frank Knipp, Jr, Chuck Kominski, Val Latham, Doug & Lee Lindsay, Carleton & Diane Moore, Tony Occhiuzzi, Les Presmyk, Phil Richardson, Dana Slaughter, Tracy Stump, John Weide, Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz, Dick Zimmermann

The meeting was called to order by Ray Grant.

#### A. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reviewed the status of the Foundation's four bank accounts which have a combined balance of around \$12,000. He also described the allocation in various investment funds. Les Presmyk moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Doug Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### B. Minutes of November General Meeting

Ray mentioned that the draft minutes were published in the electronic newsletter and asked for any comments/corrections. Genie Howell pointed out an error in which the Arizona Geological Survey was referred to as the Arizona Geological Society. Harvey Jong indicated that he will make a correction to the minutes.

#### C. Committee Reports

##### 1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill described the recent purchase of Bill Hefferon's collection. It consists of 92 flats of mostly self-collected specimens, including some really nice Silver Hill material, quartz scepters from Crystal Hill, and minerals from various southern Arizona mines.

Bill reported that the Tucson Show exhibits will include two Foundation cases. One display will feature some of the better minerals from the Flagg

Gallery including several Woolery specimens, while the sphere collection will make up the second case. He encouraged members to visit the University of Arizona Mineral Museum to see the Flagg Collection along with several new mineral displays. Admission is free for members with current membership cards. (Note that the planetarium show is not included.)

Bill mentioned that he talked to the manager of the storage facility where the collection is stored. The Foundation has received a free rent for a 10x10 unit since last May and will receive a special discount rate of \$50/month starting in January.

Phil Richardson pointed out that a few specimens from the Hefferon purchase will be added to the Foundation Collection - an azurite rose from Morenci; a Silver Hill malachite, smithsonite and rosasite; and a Twin Buttes calcite. He also commented that due to quality issues the committee decided to pass on purchasing the remaining items from the Sam Nasser Collection.

2. Website: [www.azminfun.com](http://www.azminfun.com) also [www.flaggshow.info](http://www.flaggshow.info)

Harvey Jong mentioned that the 2012 mineral ball animation, a garnet from Wrangel, Alaska, has been uploaded to the website and that the transition to a new Drupal-based website is still under development. Ray suggested that members interested in helping with the new website should get involved.

##### 3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)

Steve expressed concerns about the transition to the electronic newsletter and disenfranchising a portion of the Foundation's membership. While the online version is great for last minute updates, some people are unable to access the newsletter. He has received emails from some members who are disappointed about not being notified about field trips or other activities but have been mailed notices about renewing their memberships. There was some discussion about how people, especially the younger generation, expect electronic communication and about the need to move forward with technology to attract new audiences.

Mike Williams reported on the status of the

FlaggGemShow Facebook page. He indicated that 30 people have "like" the page, but more was needed to build traffic. Bill suggested including the officers' email addresses in the newsletter; however, Harvey cautioned that to avoid having email addresses "harvested" by spammers a contact form that doesn't expose the addresses should be used. Ray recommended mailing another post card to gather email addresses of members who are not currently on the newsletter mailing list and to maintain a separate list for non-email users.

#### 4. A. L. Flagg Distinguished Service Award

Genie asked for nominations for the service award. She indicated that nomination forms are available online in the newsletter.

#### 5. Minerals of Arizona Symposium

Ray mentioned that the symposium will be held in April but the location and program are still being worked on. He also pointed out that he has programs for the upcoming Friends of Mineralogy Symposium in Tucson and encouraged members to attend this free event that will feature several talks on Arizona minerals.

#### 6. Flagg Show

Ray asked members to help with either sales or kids activities during the show. He mentioned that lunch will be provided for volunteers. He also recognized Marc Fleischer for his efforts with show publicity that include a listing in AAA's Highroads magazine, an Arizona Republic article, and a Friday morning TV spot.

Marc indicated that Channel 10 will do two live video feeds along with some "teasers" starting at 9:15 AM. Darrel asked about having kids present at the show and other preparations. Marc recommended that the first broadcast focus on the Leaverites' fluorescent display and to follow up with kids gathering around the fossil dig.

Marc mentioned that there wasn't enough time to work on Twitter. He contacted ASU about arranging a student internship, but they wanted a full agenda describing activities and outcomes. He suggested

pursuing this activity next year.

Darrel pointed out that the 50th anniversary logo shirts are available and that volunteers at the show will receive a free shirt. Members who are interested in purchasing a shirt can place an individual order with Marina using the form in the newsletter. He encouraged members to wear their shirts at shows, such as Quartzsite and Tucson, as a way to advertise the Foundation.

#### 7. Nominating Committee

Genie announced that the slate of officers include:

Phil Richardson - Chair  
Bill Yedowitz - Vice Chair  
Darrel Dodd - Treasurer  
Genie Howell - Secretary  
Lavone Archer - Corresponding Secretary

Ray asked for further nominations, but no other candidates were submitted. Les moved to close nominations and approve the proposed slate of officers. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ray thanked Harvey, the outgoing Secretary, and presented a Japanese rhodochrosite specimen for his all efforts on behalf of the Foundation. He pointed out that Harvey was taking on a new role as the Interim President of the Earth Science Museum (ESM).

Harvey provided a brief update on the ESM. The group filed its 1023 Form in October and is waiting for a letter of determination on its non-profit status from the IRS. In the meantime, the ESM is continuing to develop its business plan along with a more detailed roadmap for the building the new museum. The museum will be developed in three phases:

Outreach/"Museum on wheels" where programs on rocks and minerals along with teacher kits will be delivered to schools.

"Mini-Museum" that will feature initial mineral exhibits and include the Flagg Collection as the main core collection.

"Dream Museum" that will extend the mineral displays to cover various Earth science fields, such

as volcanoes, earthquakes, and dinosaurs. A winter fundraising campaign and the outreach program will be launched at the Flagg Show. He encouraged members to make donations and described volunteer opportunities in marketing, website design, membership development, and outreach. He extended an invitation to members to get involved and attend the next planning meeting which will be held at the Burton Barr Central Library, Room A on Jan. 11, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Ray announced that he will become the next president of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona (MSA). He indicated that the 77 year old organization was originally founded by Arthur Flagg and needs help. He asked members to consider joining the MSA.

Ray turned the meeting over to the newly elected chairman, Phil Richardson.

### C. Old Business

#### 1. Rocks and Minerals Magazine Special Arizona Issue

Phil pointed out that Jan.-Feb. 2012 issue includes three articles authored/co-authored by Foundation members - Arthur Leonard Flagg and Arizona's Flagg Mineral Foundation (Phil Richardson), Arizona Type Minerals (Ray Grant & Harvey Jong), and Arizona, 100 Years of Statehood, 150 Years of Mining, as Captured by Early Photographers (Les Presmyk). This edition also features a full page color ad promoting the Flagg Mineral Collection and the Arizona Mineral Treasures exhibits.

#### 2. Collecting Arizona Donation

Phil reported that the Foundation donated \$1000 to support the publication of Collecting Arizona - a book that will celebrate Arizona's mining and mineral collecting history. The Foundation will be listed as a contributor, and the book will debut at the Tucson Show. Les, one of the authors, provided an update on the book which is being proofread. He indicated that it will be organized by time chapters and focuses on the mines/localities and the people instrumental in collecting specimens during a particular period. The book will be about 325 pages -

200 pages of text and over 100 pages of color photos.

Phil announced that a special leather-bound edition of Collecting Arizona book is being prepared and will be presented to Ray in appreciation for his many years of service to the Foundation.

### D. New Business

#### 1. Scholarship Program

Darrel described the on-going scholarship program in which \$10,000 is donated each year to help minority college students. This scholarship is sponsored by Freeport McMoran as a part of an property sale arrangement with one of the Foundation's members, Sylvia Knopf, and will continue for two more years.

#### 2. Foundation By-laws

Bill suggested forming a committee to review and update the Foundation's By-laws. He noted a number of items are out-of-date, such as the date for the annual meeting and the Foundation's name. Les offered to help with this effort.

#### 3. State Mineral Collection

Dick Zimmermann reported on efforts to recover the state mineral collection from the Arizona Historical Society (AHS). He indicated that legal action against AHS has been initiated to block their efforts that violate state law. He also mentioned that help is needed with a bill that Representative Ableser is writing to restore the collection to a qualified agency. He urged members to write to Representative Ableser and to their own representatives about supporting this bill.

### Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Bill moved to adjourn the meeting and buy minerals at the pre-sale. Phil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Foundation meeting - To be determined  
Respectfully submitted,  
Harvey Jong, Former Secretary

2011 November General Meeting Minutes  
(Corrected)

Flagg Mineral Foundation

November 17, 2011

Attendees: Lavone Archer, Ann Baker, Shirley Coté, Darrel Dodd, Clete Hinton, Glenn Hoffman, Jack & Genie Howell, Paul Jaeger, Harvey Jong, Doug & Lee Lindsay, Chuck Kominski, Phil Richardson, Michael Shannon, Janice Snell, Marina Tennyson, Bill Yedowitz

The meeting was held at a conference room at Chuck Kominski's office. Thank you Chuck! Ray Grant was still away in Australia, so Phil Richardson called the meeting to order.

A. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reviewed the status of the two checking accounts, CD's, and other Foundation investments. He mentioned that payments were made for a recent collection purchase and for an event permit fee with the City of Mesa for the Flagg Show.

Bill Yedowitz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, while Genie Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Minutes of the September General Meeting

Phil asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes. Bill moved to approve the minutes. Genie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Committee Reports

1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

a. U Of A Loan/Display

Bill reported that the Foundation minerals are on display in four cases at the U of A Mineral Museum and that the labels for the Main Gallery specimens have been replaced. He indicated that 98% of the materials for the upcoming Tucson Show exhibits are stored in one case. He provided an update on the two specimens that were sent to Collector's Edge for repairs - the Malachite involves an easy fix and should be done before the Tucson Show, while the Fat Jack piece was previously repaired. Collector's

Edge asked about performing the additional repair, and Bill instructed them to proceed.

b. Storage Situation

Bill stated that he would talk the storage unit owner about an invoice for the second unit after the free 6 month rental period.

c. New Donation: Catepillar Corporation in Tucson

Bill mentioned that a donation letter for the 35 rocks has been drafted and will be mailed to the company.

d. Collection Purchases

aa. Sam Nasser Collection

Bill provided an assessment that he and Phil made of this collection. It consists of 190 flats, 10 buckets of lapidary material, and miscellaneous Arizona boxes. This material included a lot of non-saleable items, such as cheap jewelry, white aragonite, carved animals, and tumbled rock chips. A decision was made to decline the initial offer made by Paul Harter on behalf of Les Presmyk. A counteroffer was submitted, but no transaction was made.

bb. Bill Heffernon Collection

Bill reviewed this collection of self-collected minerals with some purchased specimens. The inventory included 136 flats which contain many thumbnail-size specimens. Books on crystal growing and gem & mineral guides were also part of the deal. Approximately 90% of the material is from Arizona.

A decision was made to purchase the collection, and Bill expects a good return on investment. The flats have been moved from Tucson to Bill's house where he is cleaning and repackaging specimens .

2. Website

New site and assistance from Mike Williams

Harvey Jong indicated that he is still becoming familiar with the Drupal content management software, so no progress has been made on the new website .

## Facebook and Twitter

Marc Fleischer wasn't able to attend the meeting, so there was no update on Facebook and Twitter efforts .

### 3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)

There was no update on the newsletter since Steve was not present at the meeting.

### 4. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)

Chuck mentioned that he is working with Steve Pegler, President of the Arizona Leaverites, on a trip to the Ray mine. Chuck also asked members for ideas and help in organizing future outings.

Mike Shannon described some of the rare, micromount-size minerals that are being found at the Tonopah-Belmont mine. He offered to help coordinate a trip to this mine and possibly to a nearby quarry. Several members expressed interest in participating in this trip .

### 5. Flagg Show

#### a. Preparations

##### aa. Food (Kathleen)

Phil indicated that Kathleen agreed to take the lead in coordinating food for the show. He mentioned that Bob Jones will prepare his famous chili recipe, but that help was still needed on Thursday. Ann Baker volunteered to cover the Thursday food items.

##### bb. Logo Shirts (Darrel)

Darrel suggested creating new logo shirts with a 50 year anniversary logo. Marina Tennyson of Best Impressions Embroidery described some possible shirt options. She indicated that the current 50 year logo artwork would have to be modified to be more "embroider-friendly" and that there would be a \$30 digitization fee. There was some discussion on standard shirt types. Bill stated that he draft a note on shirt choices (short sleeve ink-colored denim, long sleeve ink-colored denim, and short sleeve navy

polo) and that Steve Decker will distributed the information to members. Members who want to place custom orders should contact Marina.

Bill moved to proceed with the new logo shirts with a modified 50 year logo artwork. Genie seconded. The motion passed.

#### cc. Supplies

Bill pointed out the need for a roll of dry cleaning wrap, and he indicated that he would purchase a roll. Mike offered to donate some flats and/or fold-up boxes; however, Bill mentioned that there was already adequate supply of these items.

#### dd. Port-o-potties

Darrel indicated that he would make the necessary arrangements.

#### ee. Street Sweeper

Chuck stated that he would contact and schedule the street sweeper.

#### ff. MCC Liaison

Lavone Archer mentioned that she has some instructions regarding the MCC lot reservations and that she would forward them to Phil. There was some discussion about the MCC non-smoking policy and that a notice should be added to the dealer contract.

#### gg. ATM (Phil)

Phil mentioned that an ATM company was planning to set up a unit at the show.

#### hh. Transportation/U-Haul

Mike offered to help coordinate the truck rental.

#### ii. Fossil Dig

Bill indicated that there should be an adequate supply of fossils based on a recent purchase of brachiopods along with specimens that he collected. He also commented that there should be sufficient number of sandwich bags.

## jj. Fluorescents (Dana)

Dana wasn't able to attend the meeting, but Phil will follow-up with him on his efforts to contact Bill Gardner about setting up a fluorescent display.

## kk. Wednesday Set Up (Lavone)

Helpers:

Lavone described the set up activities which involve marking dealer spaces and constructing the white board. She suggested a start time around 8:30 AM. Four people would be needed to mark spaces, and Karl & Ann Baker, Rick Obermeyer, and Shirley Coté will be involved in this activity. Two people (Glenn Hoffman and Harvey) will work on the white board.

There was some discussion on a source for the giant-size sidewalk chalk for marking up the lot. Darrel indicated that the chalk is no longer available at Hobby Lobby or other local stores. Harvey mentioned that it is still available directly from Crayola, but that their on-line store charges a very high shipping fee. Bill said he would check on alternative sources for the chalk.

Lavone indicated that 3-4 people would be needed on Thursday morning to help direct dealers to their spaces and to meet/greet newcomers.

## ll. Other Items?

Darrel suggested having some vinyl banners made for the Flagg booth. Harvey pointed out that Staples had a special offer on custom banners and asked whether the logo should be included. Darrel said he would check into the banners.

Phil mentioned that there will be mineral exhibits at the show and that he, Glenn, and Mike Williams will be displaying specimens. He also indicated that he would contact Les about setting up a geode cracking booth. In addition, he will ask Mike Williams about creating a blog on mindat.org about the Flagg Show.

## b. Publicity

## aa. Magazine Advertisements

Phil commented that Dana contacted AAA's Highroads magazine about adding the Flagg Show to their calendar of events.

## bb. "Old School" Paper

No updates.

## cc. "New School" Facebook, Twitter, Website

There was some discussion about the Facebook page that Mike Williams created about the Flagg Show. A suggestion was made to have Steve send an email message to members to "like" the Facebook page.

## D. Minerals of Arizona Symposium (Phil, Ray, Les, others?)

No update; however, Phil reminded members that the symposium should be held in Phoenix and follow a format similar to the New Mexico Mineral Symposium.

## E. Old Business

## 1. Rocks and Minerals Magazine Advertisements

Harvey indicated that the ads have been submitted.

## 2. Rocks and Minerals Magazine Arizona Special Issue

Phil reported that the two articles have been completed.

## 3. Earth Science Museum (Harvey)

Harvey described the initial Earth Science Museum fundraiser at the Grand Avenue Festival that wasn't very successful due to a lack of publicity and venue mismatch. He thanked Bill for his help with the Fossil Dig. He also mentioned that a fundraising brochure was now available and encourage members to circulate some brochures.

## 4. TGMS Exhibits 2012

Phil indicated that the exhibits at the show are oversubscribed and that several cases are being turned away. The Foundation will have two cases - one for minerals and one for spheres/bowls. Shirley mentioned that Doug will be unable to help with the spheres due to a conflict with a class that he is teaching. Subsequently, Phil will coordinate on the sphere case, while Bill will be in charge of the minerals.

## 5. Other

Bill commented that he contacted the Arizona Geological Survey (AGS) about their website, AZMineralEducation.org, that was featuring photos of the Flagg mineral specimens. He managed to get the AGS to add a note acknowledging that the specimens are courtesy of the Flagg Foundation. He also learned the photos were taken by Roger Weller of Cochise College. Mr. Weller has added a similar note to the images that are on the college's website.

## E. New Business

### 1. Nominating Committee

Phil asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Genie and Chuck indicated that they would serve on this committee.

### 2. Foundation Support of Collecting Arizona ... \$1,000.00

Phil described an opportunity for the Foundation to support the printing of the new book *Collecting Arizona* authored by Les Presmyk and Tony Potucek. The book will be dedicated to the A. L. Flagg and Dick Bideaux. The cost of printing this book will be around \$350,000, and the publisher is soliciting contributions. For a \$1000 donation, the Foundation will be listed as a contributor in the book and will receive a special letter bound edition.

Genie moved to sponsor the book for a \$1000. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### 3. Other?

Lavone pointed out the need to mail reminders about membership renewals. There was some discussion on using both email and regular mail for this reminder.

Shirley mentioned that the Foundation offered free memberships to 100 hour volunteers at the old mineral museum. She made a motion to extend similar free memberships to volunteers working on the Earth Science Museum. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Bill moved to adjourn the meeting, while Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Next Foundation meeting - Thursday, January 5, 2012 - Physical Science Building, Mesa Community College

Respectfully submitted,  
Harvey Jong, Secretary





Flagg Show 2012  
by Genie Howell



## **New Flagg Foundation Web Site Has a Place for You!**

**By Mike Williams**

The website for the Flagg Mineral Foundation has been redesigned, updated and migrated to a new server at GoDaddy. The site is still under construction but may be viewed at:

[www.FlaggMineralFoundation.org](http://www.FlaggMineralFoundation.org).

The website uses Wordpress, so content modifications and administrative tasks can be done quickly and easily from any computer.

The site is easy to navigate and contains information about the FMF, contact information, information on becoming a member and a collection of newsletters back to 2008. The sidebar also has an activities tab, which contains information and photos of past field trips as well as a calendar of events.

Upcoming field trips and other new events will be added to the calendar as that information becomes available.

The site also contains information on the Flagg Show with information and photos of past and future shows, and information related to the Minerals of Arizona Symposium.

The menu bar contains a link to the FMF collection, which currently has an interactive slideshow of FMF minerals from Arizona.

There is an Outside Links of Interest tab, which provides contact information and links to Arizona mineral clubs and museums, US mineral societies and other links such as Mindat and MinRec. An additional tab provides a link to RSS and Blog feeds. This page currently contains feeds from Mindat, the USGS, the Geology website and blog feeds from the Arizona state geologist and AZ mine inspector. These feeds are set up so that the most current articles are accessed when the link is clicked so new information will be available every day or two.

There are pages for TGMS show posters (for sale) as well as a link to Educational materials. Stan Celestian has provided a variety of HD videos and flash/pdf presentations on geology and mineralogy which currently comprise the Educational link.

There is a link for member pages. Members have the opportunity to have one page of links to personal items such as websites, photos of their collections, educational resources, items for sale, etc. The personal page will be administered by the webmaster within reason however external links will be the

responsibility of the user. See the existing member pages tab to get an idea of what your page might look like.

Finally, there is a posts page where members may post whatever is on their mind. In order to be sure that nothing inappropriate is posted, the first post from a member must be approved by the admin so it may not show up immediately. Subsequent posts by that member will be displayed immediately. The members, posts and the RSS feeds pages are works in progress and will be modified depending on how well they work (or don't).

The website also contains a couple of links to our Facebook page which should prove to be a source of more immediate information once users start posting to it.

As with all websites the most critical component is the user. The site is designed so that new content such as photos, events, posters, pages, etc. may be easily added.

The one thing the admin cannot do is create new content without member input. To keep the website as current as possible, please email:

***admin@flaggmineralfoundation.org***

with FMF information that you think should be on the site. If you have photos from an FMF field trip, please pick a few and send them or if you hear of an event that may be of interest to other members, please let us know.

Most importantly, if there is information you would like to see on the site, send a description and perhaps it can be added. A Dropbox account has been set up so that members may share photos or other items with large files sizes by a method other than email.

Please visit the official site of the FMF at [www.FlaggMineralFoundation.org](http://www.FlaggMineralFoundation.org).



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