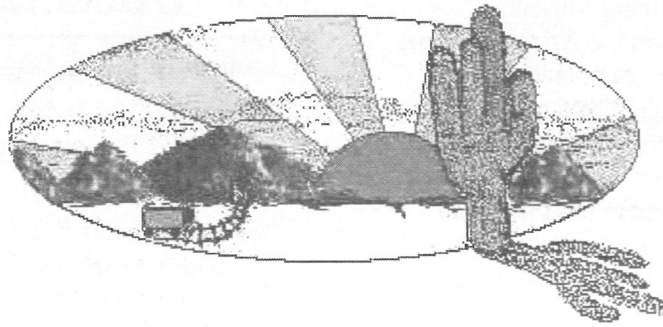


Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation News



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

Chairman's Letter

By Ray Grant

The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation is at a cross-roads. The Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum will not exist in the future. The Centennial Museum operated by the Arizona Historical Society will house the Mining and Mineral Museum. We do not know how much space there will be for mineral exhibits. We do not know if the second floor and our gallery space will be remodeled and we will have to move our collections. At the June meeting we will discuss what the possibilities are for the future of our Foundation and our collection.

The Eighteenth Minerals of Arizona Symposium was a great success. Again thanks to everyone who helped make it great. All the speakers did a wonderful job and there were many comments about how really good the talks were this year. Shirley Cote and Doug Duffy did their usual great job on the food and breaks. Bill Yedowitz with help from Lavone Archer ran a very rewarding silent auction. Harvey Jong's art work gave us another special proceedings cover. A big thanks to everyone involved for a fantastic symposium. For next year, Anna Domitrovic is working on some special events for the Symposium which will be March 26, 2011 at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

The 2010 Volunteer and Donor Recognition Banquet was held at the Museum on April 23. The Foundation donates funds for the banquet which this year recognized the 11,019 volunteer hours in 2009. Two of our Foundation Board members, Harvey Jong and Bill Yedowitz, were recognized for

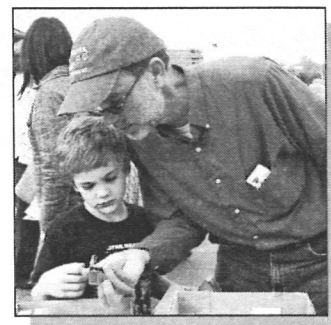
volunteering over 100 hours each in 2009. The volunteers make the Museum what it is and without them it would not be such a great place.

Arizona Historical Society to Operate Mining and Mineral Museum

The Arizona Legislature has passed and the Governor has signed House Bill 2251 that says that the Arizona Historical Society shall operate and maintain the Centennial Museum that houses the Mining and Mineral Museum.

The Historical Society is to use the Museum to promote the recognition and celebration of the historical, cultural, economic, and social contributions to Arizona by the 5C's (Cattle, Copper, Cotton, Climate, and Citrus). The Historical Society is also to maintain the Mining and Mineral Museum as the state depository for collecting, cataloging, and displaying mining artifacts and specimens of various ores, gemstones, lapidary materials, and other valuable mineral specimens.

At present there are no specific plans available about the new Museum, so the future of the Foundation and our collections is not known.



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 that might not be available to individual collectors.

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

- ⇒ A subscription to the Foundation newsletter.
- ⇒ Free Admission to the Museum.
- ⇒ A 10% discount at the Museum store.
- ⇒ An invitation and discount for special events.
- ⇒ Admission to Members-Only Pre-Sales.
- ⇒ Invitation to Field Trips.
- ⇒ A Foundation membership card.

Membership Application

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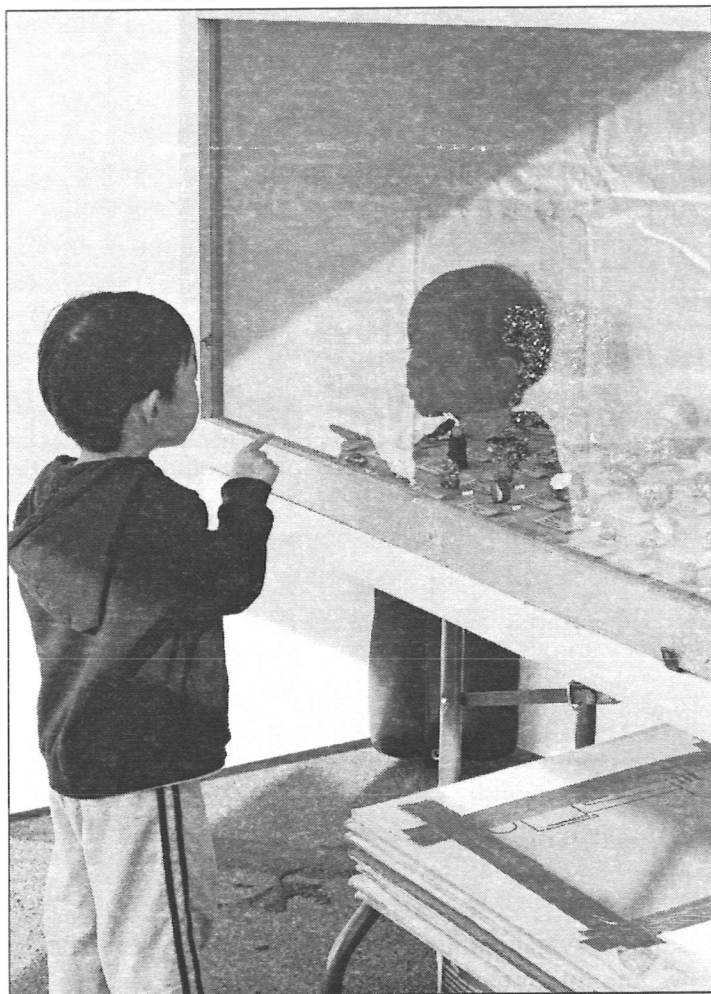
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Upcoming Events

Foundation Meeting Thurs., June 10, 2010 7:00 p.m.	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St.
Collection Committee Fourth Tuesday of Each Month	Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum 1502 W. Washington St. 7:00 p.m.
Flagg Gem and Mineral Show Jan. 7, 8, and 9, 2011	Mesa Community College
19th Minerals of Arizona Symposium – Sat., March 26, 2011	Arizona–Sonora Desert Museum Tucson, Arizona



Every rock hound found something of interest at the 2010 Flagg Show. Photo by Genie Howell

2010 March Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation
March 18, 2010

Attendees: Lavone Archer, Shirley Coté, Steve Decker, Doug Duffy, Darrel Dodd, Ray Grant, Robert & Joyce Hendrix, Genie & Jack Howell, Paul Jaeger, Harvey Jong, Doug & Lee Lindsay, Mike Williams, Dick Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by Ray Grant.

A. Treasurer's Report (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported that the current balance of Foundation's checking account remains around \$15,000 after paying \$1,000 of recent bills.

B. Committee Reports

1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill wasn't able to attend the meeting, so there was no update.

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

Ray pointed out the need to change the dates for the 2011 Flagg Show on the website.

3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)

Steve reported that the latest edition is available. He also commented that the image quality was lower than usual, while the paper used in printing the newsletter seemed different. He indicated that he will check with the printer.

Lavone Archer pointed out that the Foundation's website address should be included in the newsletter.

4. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)

Chuck wasn't present, so Ray reviewed the field trips scheduled in March. A trip to the Reymert mine was held on Saturday 3/13, while trips to the Belmont Granite quarry near Tonopah is scheduled on Sunday 3/21 for symposium attendees and to the Rosemont mine on Saturday 3/27 for up to 25 members.

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

a. Start early publicity

Ray indicated that show flyers are available. He encouraged members take some flyers and start publicizing the show.

Lavone raised a concern that she received from a dealer regarding the 75% rule about gem or mineral content. There was some discussion, and the consensus was that this rule should continue in order to maintain the focus of the show. The Foundation would, however, offer suggestions in adding some gem or mineral items, such as selling cabochons.

6. Minerals of Arizona Symposium - March 20, 2010

Ray pointed out that the 18th Annual Minerals of Arizona Symposium will be held on March 20th. He thanked members for their help in preparing symposium packets.

C. Old Business

1. Any old business

None.

D. New Business

1. Museum Future and Foundation Collections

Ray reported on various meetings with stakeholders regarding the conversion of the Mining and Mineral Museum into the Arizona Centennial Museum. The attendees included the Arizona Historical Society; Gallagher & Associates, the design firm that will create the new museum exhibits; the Governor's Office; the ADMMR Board of Governors; the Friends of the Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum; and the Foundation. These discussions presumed changing the current museum into either a Centennial Museum or an empty building if the Centennial Museum plan falls through.

The Foundation's position was the collections of minerals and mining artifacts cannot be transferred to the Historical Society since the items would likely be lost or sold. A separate group for overseeing these collections was proposed.

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To clear the way for the Centennial Museum, Arizona statutes need to be revised to transfer the Mining & Mineral Museum to the Historical Society. A strike-all amendment to a bill is the mechanism for changing the statutes, and Ray reviewed the amendment's wording that include:

Creation of a separate Mining and Mineral Museum division within the Arizona Centennial Museum
Establishing a Board of Directors for this division.
The directors will be appointed by the Governor and will be in charge of mineral and mining artifact collections.

Maintaining the educational and adult programs of the current museum.

There was discussion about the proposed conversion, and members expressed concerns about the plan and the appalling lack of details for such a major undertaking. Ray indicated that in spite of all of the expressions of opposition the Governor's Office is determined to carry out the museum conversion. He added that given the uncertainties about a planned remodeling of the Museum's second floor the Foundation needs to move and store its mineral collection at a secure, off-site facility. Several issues

were raised about security, insurance, and packing specimens. Members also brought up the need to find a new venue for displaying the collection.

Access to the collection was a major concern since the groups involved with the museum conversion are NOT aware of the Foundation's minerals. Genie Howell moved to draft a letter of notice addressed to the Historical Society, to Gallagher, and the Governor's Office about the Foundation's Collection and to emphasize that ownership and access to these specimens shall not be infringed in any way. Doug Lindsay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Any new business

None.

Adjournment

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

Next Foundation meeting - To be determined

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Jong, Secretary



Pierre Cantou and Chuck Kominski discussing the amethyst vein at the Reymert... It was a fine trip... Photo by Genie Howell.

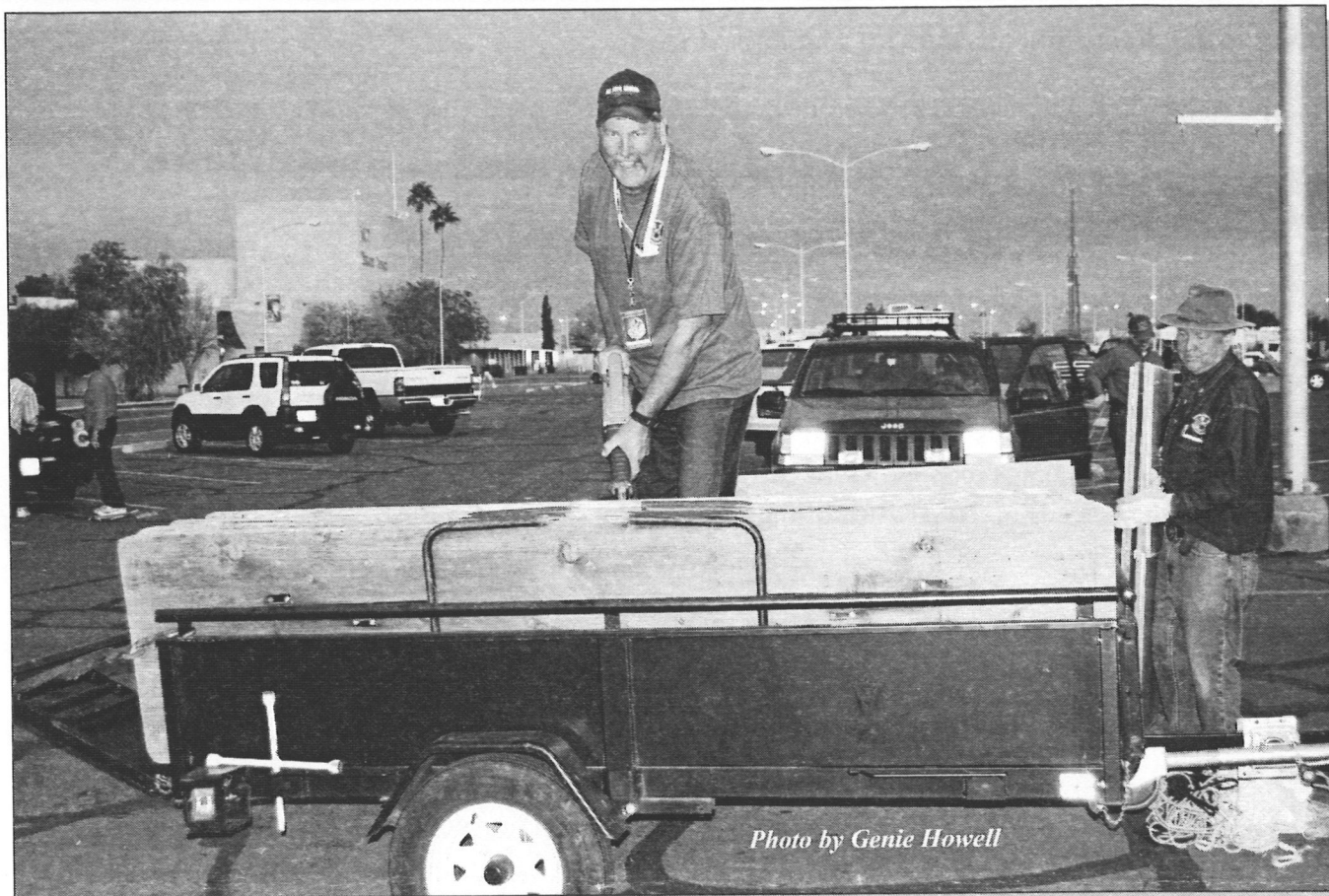


Photo by Genie Howell

Bill Yedowitz gleefully disposes of the old sales tables at the 2010 Flagg Show. How many splinters have they given you, Bill?

Collection Committee Report

First off, Thanks for your donations. Donations or good collections that we can afford allow us to have good mineral sales and occasionally add to the collection. Recent additions to the collection from donations are a very nice mixed pegmatite mineral specimen from Pakistan and two very nice double terminated quartz crystals from a recent find in the Santa Teresa Mountains of Arizona. Some of the donated material and some from the George Steve's purchase allowed us to have a very successful silent auction at this years' Mineral Symposium in March. We raised over 1800 dollars from the auction.

I recently received another donation of 32 flats of fossils and 43 flats of minerals, thanks Stan and Sue Celestian. Also thanks to those who donated minerals at the Flagg Show in January that were labeled/priced. This has made the committees job a lot easier as very few minerals have to be individually boxed labeled and priced. This means a lot as we approach the summer months and the trailer becomes a sweat box.

As I have said time and time again, your donations allow us to sell minerals and our sales allow us to assist the Museum when they need help. The Foundation was recently able to help with the purchase of sliding glass doors for the mineral cases on the main floor of the Museum. As the Monday Crew refurbishes the cases the glass doors are being added to each case, (there are only 2 remaining to complete). What a difference this makes for case accessibility. It is beyond day and night given what we had to do to remove the old glass to get into a case. As the Committee Chairman and a Monday Crew member I am very proud to say that the donation of money from the Foundation was able to make this happen. So thanks again for all of your donations, keep them coming. Also if you get a chance come by and see what the refinished cases look like and if you have not done so already check out the new mine diorama upstairs.

Bill Yedowitz
Collection Committee Chairman.

2010 Volunteer Recognition Banquet - The Last Supper?

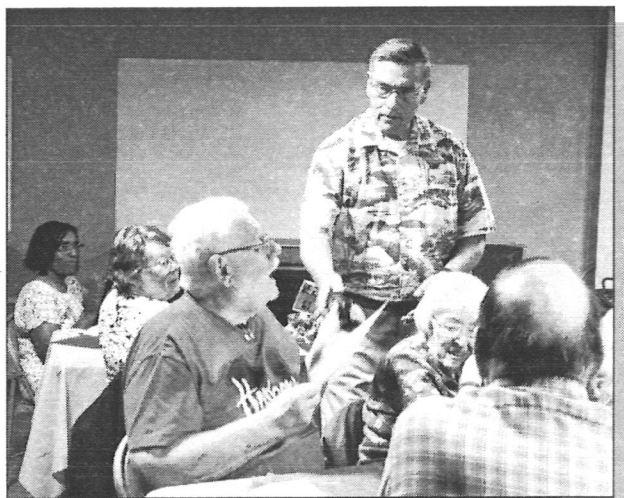
by Harvey Jong

In spite of the turmoil and uncertainty surrounding the fate of the Museum, the annual volunteer and donor recognition banquet of the Department of Mines & Mineral Resources/Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum was held on April 23rd. This event celebrated the 11,019 volunteer hours and \$84,000 in donated goods and services contributed in 2009.

Funds for the evening banquet were provided by the Foundation and the Friends of the Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum

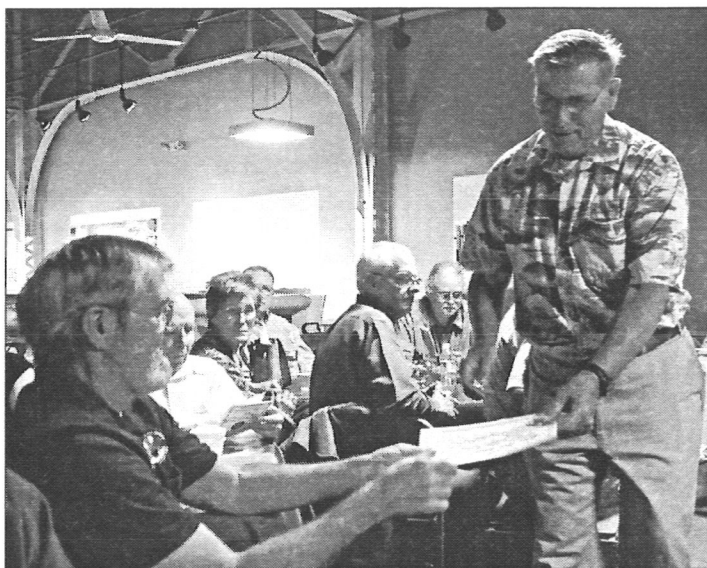
Jan Rasmussen opened the festivities with a few comments about the current Museum situation. She indicated things remain somewhat ambiguous as plans call for the Museum to be transferred to the Arizona Historical Society. However, she suggested that there was no need to despair since volunteers have their act together and have accomplished many incredible things over the past year:

- Replacing the glass and painting mineral display cases
- Reorganizing mineral exhibits based on the Dana System
- Creating and installing Copper Gallery posters and kiosks
- Continuing development of the outside mining exhibits with the addition of a mucker demonstration and a hoist for the stamp mill
- Major clean up of the Mezzanine and outside exhibit areas

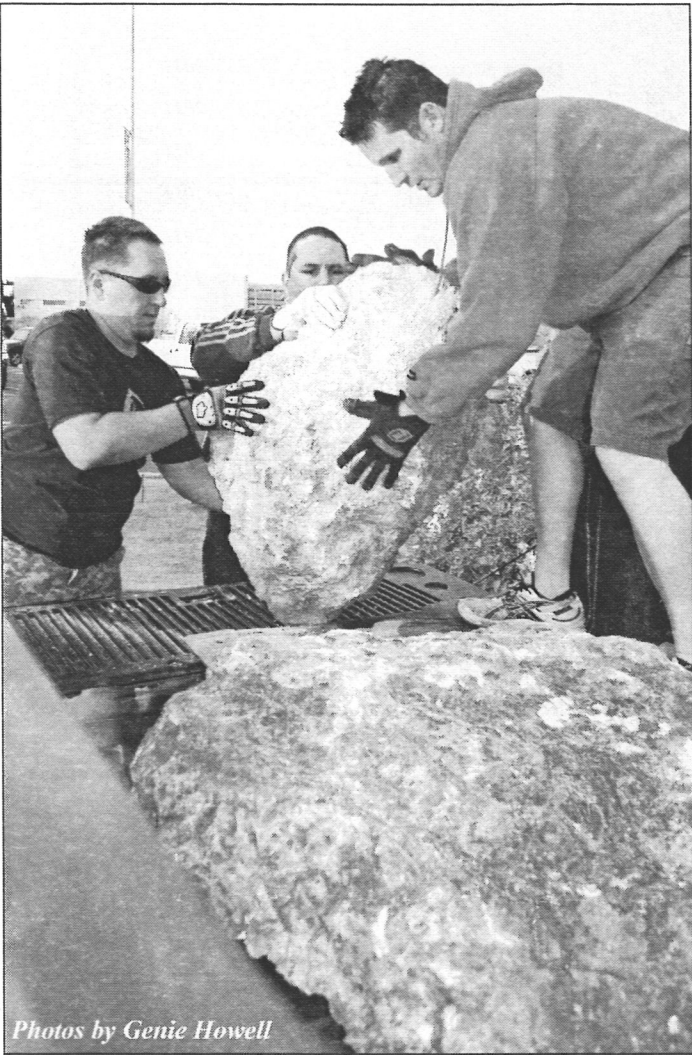


Jan expressed her sincere appreciation for all of the volunteer efforts as she announced volunteer names and their contributions. Four individuals volunteered more than 500 hours in 2009, while twenty-seven people contributed between 100-499 hours. Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation, a CD-ROM with photo highlights of the past year, and a polished chrysocolla sphere.

As the banquet wrapped up, attendees wondered about what would come of the volunteer organization under the new agency, especially since large bureaucratic organizations tend to exhibit a "not invented here" syndrome. Only time will tell whether the dedication and talents of the Arizona Mining & Mineral Museum volunteers will be respected and recognized in the future.



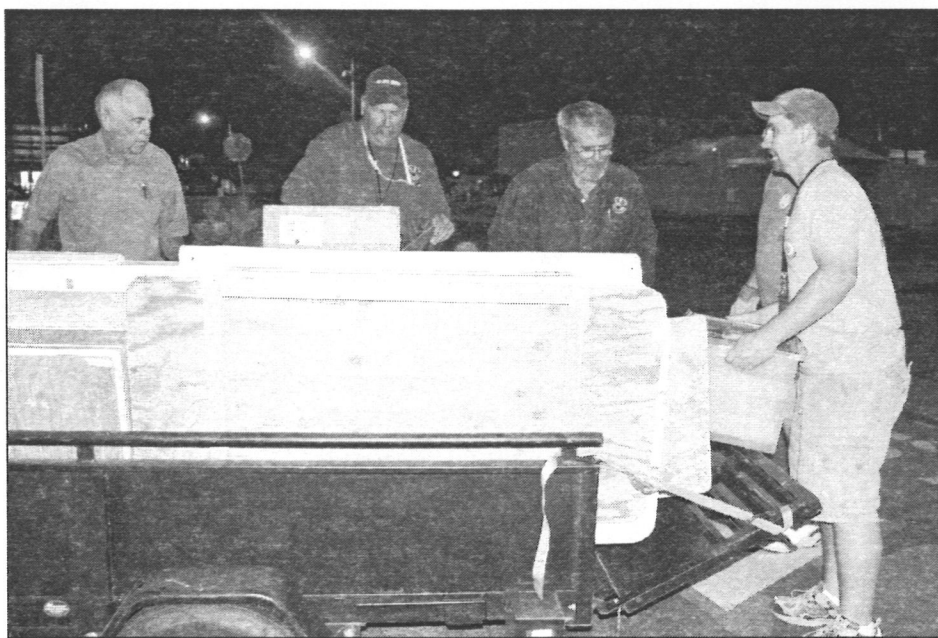
Charlie Connell hands out certificates of appreciation



Photos by Genie Howell

Prehistoric animal skeletons? Some people can sell anything. I hope these rocks go by the pound!

*Ray and Les team up to mash a big geode.
Wish I had a picture of what they found inside.*

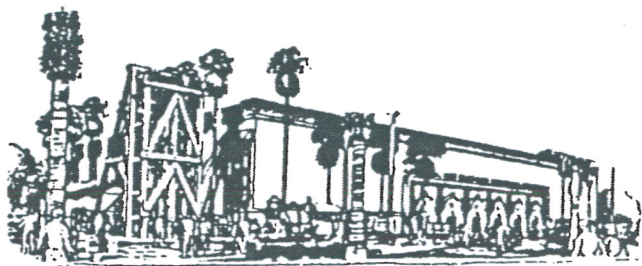


*The boys work late into the night
setting up the 2010 Flagg Show.*

**Check out the Foundation's
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www.AZMinFun.com**

It's full of pictures, field trip stories
and other content, as well as back
issues of our newsletter.

If you haven't seen it before, go see
it now!



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