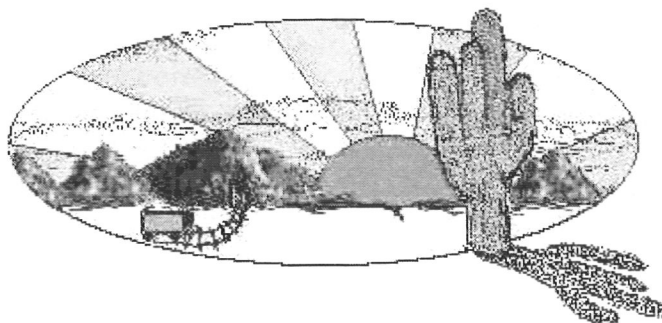


# Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation News



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In Memory of A. L. Flagg

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*The Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation was formed for the Advancement of Earth Sciences .*

## **Chairman's Letter**

By Ray Grant

First, let me give you a little history and then a proposal. The A.L. Flagg Foundation for the Advancement of Earth Sciences was formed in 1962. (Note: we can celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2012 when the state celebrates its 100th birthday.)

In 1988 the name was changed to the Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation (The Mining and Mineral are reversed in our name because of a communication problem in 1988). At that time, no other changes were made to the Articles of Incorporation. Many people I meet still call us the Flagg Foundation (easier to say than AMMMF).

Since the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum will cease to exist when it becomes the Centennial Museum and another organization the Friends of the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum exists, I propose that we change our name back to the original A.L. Flagg Foundation.

At the September 16th meeting, my plan is to pass a resolution (if a majority agrees) to change the name back to the Flagg Foundation with a part of the motion to have a second vote on the name change at the annual meeting in January, so people have time to think it over.

At present things at the Museum will generally remain the same as they were under the Department of Mines. The Historical Society and the Centennial Commission will be raising the funds for the changes to be made to the Museum. When the final renovation plans are finished, we can determine what the Foundation needs to do next.

One change that will occur is that Jan Rasmussen will retire as curator some time in the future. Her expertise will be greatly missed. If there is anyone

that you know who would be qualified to fill the Mining and Mineral Museum curator position please have him or her contact Jan.

Family day will be on Saturday, October 16th. The Foundation will have our usual mineral sale. Stop by the Museum to see some of the interesting specimens for sale. We can also use a few people to help with the sale. Bill Yedowitz will be organizing the sale and Darrel Dodd will organize dealer spaces for the day.

## **Collection Committee Report**

By Bill Yedowitz

Prior to the July 29, 2010 takeover of the Museum by the Historical Society Ray Grant, Phil Richardson and I discussed the need for a new loan agreement between the Foundation and the Historical Society for the continued use of museum space for the Flagg Gallery and loaning of mineral specimens for display on the main floor. I prepared a new loan agreement and also addressed the use of the museum for meetings, the storage of specimens and other materials and State liability relating to our mineral specimens and other materials. The agreement was submitted to Ray Grant, Jan Rasmussen and Anne Woosley for signatures so it would be in place by the takeover. The Historical Society elected to take no action prior to a scheduled meeting to be held at the museum on July 30, 2010. Ray Grant, Darrel Dodd and I attended the meeting on July 30 and discussed the loan agreement with Anne Woosley. As a result of the discussion Anne Woosley said we did not have to rush into an agreement right away, and asked if we had a complete inventory, photographs and an appraisal of the collection for the State's Risk Management Department. I informed her that we did

### 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**

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

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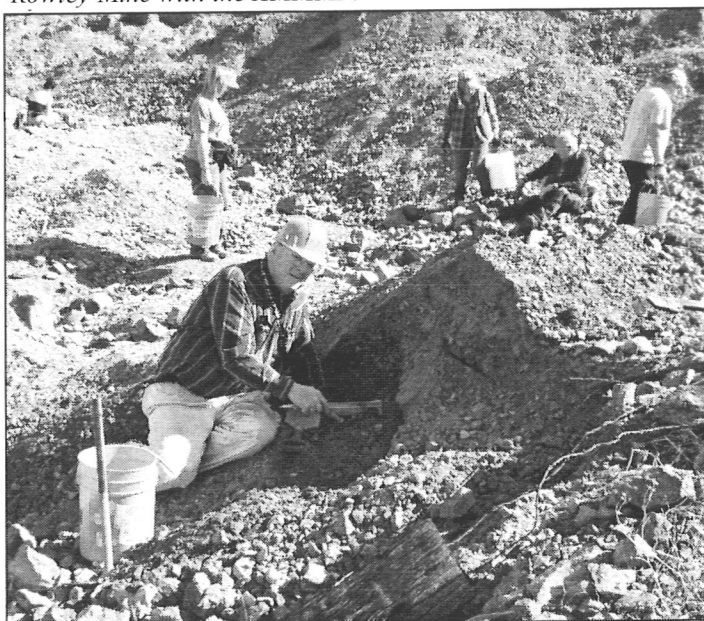
## Upcoming Events

<b>Foundation Meeting</b> <b>Thurs., Sept 16, 2010</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum</b> 1502 W. Washington St.
<b>Museum Family Day –</b> Sat., Oct. 16 (More details on pg. 5)	<b>Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum</b> 1502 W. Washington St. 7:00 p.m.
<b>Flagg Gem and Mineral Show</b> Jan. 7, 8, and 9, 2011	Mesa Community College
<b>19th Minerals of Arizona Symposium – Sat.,</b> March 26, 2011	<b>Arizona–Sonora Desert Museum</b> Tucson, Arizona

### **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 Cantou digging at the Rowley Mine with the AMMMF.*



**2010 June Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation

June 10, 2010

Attendees: Lavone Archer, Sue & Stan Celestian, Shirley Coté, Steve Decker, Doug Duffy, Darrel Dodd, Marc Fleischer, Ray & Cynthia Grant, Paul Harter, Glenn Hoffman, Genie & Jack Howell, Kelly Iverson, Paul Jaeger, Harvey Jong, Paula Liken, Doug & Lee Lindsay, Les Presmyk, Jan Rasmussen, Phil Richardson, Dana Slaughter, Mike Williams, Bill Yedowitz, Hilde Zahn, Dick Zimmermann

The meeting was called to order by Ray Grant.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Bill Yedowitz moved to approve the minutes as published in the Newsletter. Phil Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Darrel indicated that the checking account balance stands around \$13,000. He mentioned that he paid the last Flagg Show bill (half page ad in the Asian American Times) along with Board of Directors' insurance. He pointed out that Steve Decker recently received a cash award from the CAP for his involvement with the Foundation.

Darrel also reported that one of the Foundation members, Sylvia Knopf, sold some property to Freeport McMoRan, and this transaction included funds for the next 5 years for educational purposes. Eight \$1000 scholarships were awarded where Sylvia and the Foundation were identified as donors.

**B. Committee Reports****1. Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)**

Bill reported that he consolidated and organized files on the collection. He indicated that he reviewed the various donations received during the last Flagg Show and from Stan and Sue Celestian. He has been sorting/pricing specimens and commented that there is a good supply of materials for future sales.

Bill also mentioned that he visited several storage facilities in Scottsdale. Rental fees varied from \$60/month to \$300/month depending on the amount of

space and location. Most facilities include air conditioning, security gate, and on-site manager, while some featured individual alarms.

Bill pointed out that no committee meetings will be held in June or July. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August.

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

Harvey Jong indicated that Flagg Show information, flyers, and contracts have been updated on the website and that the show count down timer has been activated.

**3. Newsletter (Steve Decker)**

Steve pointed out that the latest edition of the Newsletter is available. He stated that he had \$28 remaining in the account and would need additional funds for the next Newsletter.

**4. Field Trips (Chuck Kominski)**

Chuck wasn't able to attend the meeting, so there was no update on field trips.

**5. Flagg Show - 2011 (January 7, 8, 9)****a. Start early publicity**

Ray encouraged members to hand out flyers. He indicated that any suggestions/questions on publicity should be forwarded to Marc Fleischer.

**6. Minerals of Arizona Symposium - March 26, 2011**

Ray announced that the 19th Annual Minerals of Arizona Symposium will be held on March 26, 2011 at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson. Anna Domitrovic is looking into the arrangements and is planning some weekend activities.

**C. Old Business****1. Any old business — None.****D. New Business**

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## **AMMMF Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

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### **1. Scholarship fund**

Ray pointed out that the Lake Havasu club wanted to provide funds for a scholarship. The money was offered to the Friends of the AZ Mining & Mineral Museum, but was returned. Dick Zimmermann suggested contacting the club to see if they are still interested. Darrel added that he has a procedure in place for awarding scholarships.

### **2. Moving Expenses for ADMMR**

Ray indicated that per a recently passed House Bill the ADMMR is slated to move to a different building; however, it isn't clear whether moving expenses will be included. There was some discussion on the time, location, and funds required for this move. Jan Rasmussen indicated that the Department of Administration may provide some funding. Les Presmyk moved to allocate up to \$1000 if needed to assist with packing/moving the ADMMR files, where the funds will be used directly for moving expenses, and with a commitment that the Foundation will provide volunteer help in moving the files. Paul Harter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **3. 2012**

Phil described plans for a special issue of Rocks and Minerals magazine on Arizona minerals in 2012. The theme of the 2012 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show will be Arizona, and the Jan.-Feb. issue will be devoted to this theme. He presented a tentative list of articles/authors:

Flagg Collection/(Phil)

Arizona Minerals A to Z/(Ray)

Arizona Micromount Minerals/(Joe Marty)

Arizona Fossils

He indicated money will be needed to fund color images (\$150-\$200/image), and he invited interested members to get involved with helping with the articles and fundraising. There was some discussion on how much money would be required for the color fund. Phil estimated around \$2500.

Plans will be refined around the time of the Denver

Show, and efforts will be reviewed at the September meeting.

### **4. Museum Future and Foundation Collections**

Jan summarized the status of the Mining & Mineral Museum (MMM). She stated that the Governor signed into law the bill that places the MMM under the Arizona Historical Society (AHS). This legislation calls for the MMM to be housed within the Arizona Centennial Museum; however, a subsequent discussion with AHS Director Anne Woosley indicated that the planned conversion will involve an integrated museum that focuses on the cultural, historical, and social aspects of the "5C's". A few minerals will be displayed, but science and technology will not be featured.

Given the direction of the Centennial Museum, Jan suggested forming a 501 (3c) organization to look into creating a new earth science museum. She indicated that the Foundation collection could serve as the core of the new museum. She added that a meeting with Dan Maxwell has been scheduled to discuss locating and acquiring a building that can be made available either rent free or at low cost.

There was considerable discussion on the transition to the Centennial Museum. Jan commented that no specific plans have been announced and estimated that no changes will be made for at least 9 months. She observed that AHS appears to be overwhelmed and understaffed and that fundraising efforts by the Centennial Commission are off to a slow start.

Several members expressed concerns about the security of the Foundation and MMM collections. The Foundation currently has 689 specimens on loan to the MMM; however, no formal loan agreement is in place. Paula Liken moved that the Foundation execute an official loan agreement for the mineral collection and associated objects with the MMM in the next two weeks. Les seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ray asked about the need to start packing and storing the Foundation's collection given the MMM's uncertain future. Jan commented that this may be premature. After some discussion, a consensus was reached that the minerals should remain on display. Harvey,

## **AMMMF Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

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however, suggested that the Foundation should make some preparations for an eventual move. Les commented that packing materials and boxes can be obtained within one week and recommended getting metal storage shelves. Phil moved to authorize emergency spending up to \$3000 for moving materials and storage based on the approval of two board members. Les seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Phil mentioned that he solicited quotes for appraising the Foundation collection. He received a proposal from Cal Graeber and was waiting for a reply from Dave Bunk. There was some discussion on the need and level of detail for an appraisal, but the consensus was to defer getting this assessment.

5. Any other new business — None.

6. Next Foundation meeting (tentative - September)

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Les moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug Duffy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harvey Jong, Secretary

## **Museum Family Day**

Family day will be held on Saturday October 16. Family Day is co-sponsored by our Foundation at the Arizona Mineral Museum, 1502 W. Washington from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are many demonstrations and activities for children. For event information call: 602-771-1611. The Foundation will have its semi-annual mineral sale at Family Day. There is also room for a few dealers to set up for the day. The cost is \$25 per each table set up (dealers must supply their own tables); for dealer booth reservations contact Darrell Dodd at 480-575-5214. Parking and admission are free.

## **Collection Committee Report**

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have a complete inventory and photos of the specimens on display and in storage. We informed her that we would obtain an appraisal. As soon as we obtain it, it will be forwarded to the Historical Society and we can move the agreement forward.

Phil Richardson contacted several well known collectors/dealers who have done appraisal work for museums before and we decided to use Dave Bunk. Dave agreed to do it and I will meet with him on August 26, 2010 at the museum to get it done. One stipulation concerning the appraisal that Anne asked for is that whoever does it not be connected to the Foundation Board of Directors. She also suggested that the person either not be a Foundation member or be as distant from the board as possible if the person was a member.

To alleviate any fears about the safety of collection, I want you all to know that I have been very diligent about keeping track of all specimens on loan/display in the museum. Every specimen is labeled as belonging to or on loan from the Foundation. Every specimen is numbered and the number matches the label. All specimens that are on display on the main floor or in the Flagg Gallery have been individually photographed. I will complete photographs of the specimens in storage as we unwrap them for the appraisal. Jan Rasmussen has also photographed all of our specimens with labels and our specimens are listed in the museum's data base as belonging to the Foundation. The basement storage has also been checked for any specimens hiding out down there in the shadows. As far as I know there are not any Foundation specimens on loan to any other State offices or buildings. On a happy note a lost turquoise specimen from the Lou Grubb donation was returned to us from the State Archives building earlier this summer.

Not much else has been going on with the Collection Committee this summer. There are a few flats of donated material that still need to be boxed, priced and labeled in the trailer but that will have to wait for cooler weather. Thanks to all of you who donated specimens in the last year that were already labeled and boxed. That really helps if you are able to do it before donating, (hint hint). I plan to have a sale during the Family Day event. If you can help that will be great.



## Foundation Officers

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