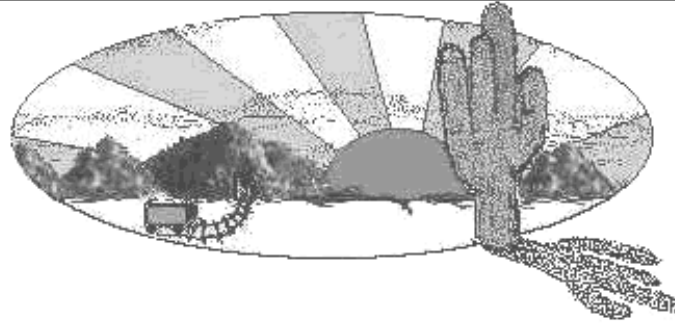


# Flagg Mineral Foundation News



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In Memory of A. L. Flagg

New Year 2013

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

## **Chairman's Letter** by **Phil Richardson**

Flagg Mineral Foundation Members,

As most of you know, we recently received Arthur Leonard Flagg's personal mineral collection through a donation from his son, Richard, now 90 years old. Arthur's collection had been in storage for a number of decades, packed in approximately 40 wooden crates and wrapped in 1929 to 1932 era newspaper. Unfortunately the newsprint showed extreme brittleness and yellowing from years of Arizona heat, and in most cases had to be peeled away from the specimens as they were unwrapped.

Arthur meticulously numbered every specimen, from 1 to 5,086, and crafted a catalog entry for each one instead of individual labels. A majority of numbers are represented with more than one specimen, and the collection contained over 8,500 pieces. The vast majority are mineral samples, with more than 700 being separately numbered rock specimens. Specimen number 1 is a calcite from Joplin, Missouri, and the last, number 5,086, is an emmonsite from Moctezuma, Sonora, Mexico.

Arthur was the consummate collector, pursuing everything from display quality pieces to reference specimens, from vials of elements to glass tubes of worldwide sands, and from mineral oddities to ore samples.

His collection contains an incredible glimpse of early Arizona mining history, of the material available at the time, and of his desire to be able to spot identify minerals. We have uncovered a magnificent Arizona manganite, a rare flagstaffite, and evidence of Arizona crocoite, just to mention several.

As a group of Foundation members continue to process his collection, we are segregating out a core collection which will represent Arthur, his accomplishments, and his pursuits throughout his professional career. A number of pieces are also being set aside to aid the future edition of the *Mineralogy of Arizona*. Approximately half of the remaining material was offered to the Foundation membership at our last Flagg Show, and hopefully, we will have the last half of the material processed for the Minerals of Arizona symposium, April 4th, 5th, and 6th at the Clarion Hotel, Phoenix Tech Center off of the I-10 at Elliot Road in Ahwatukee.

This donation has presented an incredible opportunity to not only allow the Foundation to incorporate Arthur's personal collection into the Flagg Mineral Foundation, as a sub-collection, but has also allowed the Foundation membership a unique chance to share in his legacy, and place an Arthur Leonard Flagg specimen into your personal

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**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 in October. We go on field trips to working mines that might not be available to individual collectors.

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

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

Flagg Mineral Foundation  
**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Send Us Your Email Address*

**Upcoming Events**

<p><b>Symposium</b> <b>FRI, SAT &amp; SUN</b> <b>April 5, 6 &amp; 7, 2013,</b> <b>9 a.m. - 5 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Clarion Hotel at Phoenix</b> <b>Tech Center 5121 E. La</b> <b>Puente Ave. (NW corner</b> <b>of Elliot Rd. and I 10)</b></p>
<p><b>Flagg Gem and</b> <b>Mineral Show</b> <b>Jan. 2014</b> <b>9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Mesa Community</b> <b>College</b> <b>1833 West Southern Ave</b> <b>Mesa, AZ 85202</b> <b>(Southern and Dobson)</b></p>



*Jack, We Really missed you at The Flagg Show but it was good to see you in Tucson! We will see you at the Symposium, I expect.*

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**P.O. Box 41834**  
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# Minerals of Arizona

## Twenty-first Annual Symposium sponsored by the Flagg Mineral Foundation

*Friday April 5, Saturday April 6, and Sunday April 7, 2013*

**Clarion Hotel at Phoenix Tech Center**

**5121 E. La Puente Ave. (NW corner of Elliot Rd. and I 10)**

### Micromount Session

Friday afternoon 2 PM to 5 PM will be a micromount session with a talk at 4 PM on Recent Finds from the Colorado Plateau and the Southwest by Joe Marty. Some microscopes will be available to use. The Flagg Foundation has a lot of micromount material that will be available free for the participants. Everyone is welcome, even collectors of big rocks.

### Dealers

Friday evening 5 PM to 10 PM there will be a mineral sale with dealers selling from rooms. Dealers may also sell from 4:30 to 6 on Saturday and after the Saturday buffet.

### Saturday Program

Saturday there will be a program with talks from 9 AM to 4:30 PM followed by a Buffet at 6 PM. Jeff Scovil will be the speaker on "The best Arizona minerals I have photographed" and there will be an auction of donated items. The buffet will be \$20.

### Sunday Activity

We are working on a field trip or other activity for Sunday. More details will be sent as soon as available.

### Clarion Hotel

The Clarion has a special rate for rooms during the symposium. They are \$69.95 per night plus tax and include breakfast, happy hour (with beer and wine), and a light evening meal (salad bar and one hot item).

If you want a selling room you need to request a first floor, courtyard (poolside) room. We have asked that those rooms be saved for dealers. If you do not want a selling room just specify that you are with the mineral symposium to get that rate. The Clarion telephone number is 480-893-3900.

**Directions:** Take Interstate 10 N or S to Elliot Road exit. Go west on Elliot Road to the first light (a short block), turn north on 51<sup>st</sup> Street to La Puente Ave. Turn right into the Clarion.

The registration fee includes: Saturday breakfast, coffee breaks, Saturday lunch, and Symposium Proceedings. The Mexican Buffet on Saturday is \$20.

**Symposium Program**

8:00 - 8:45 -	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
8:45 - 9:00 -	<b>Welcoming Remarks and Introductions</b>
9:00 - 9:40-	Minerals of Bagdad, Mohave County – Barbara Muntyan
9:40 - 10:20 -	The Ben Williams Collection, a Lost Trove from 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Bisbee – Evan Jones
10:20 - 10:50 -	<b>Break</b>
10:50 - 11:30 -	Rare Earth Elements in Arizona – Karen Wenrich
11:30 - 12:10 -	Arizona’s Fabulous Sulfates – Les Presmyk
12:10 - 1:30 -	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 - 2:10 -	Formation of Arizona Minerals through Geologic Time – Jan Rasmussen
2:10 - 2:50 -	New Ideas on the Origin of Oil: A Herkimer Diamond Case History from New York– Stan Keith
2:50 - 3:20 -	<b>Break</b>
3:20 - 4:00 -	Mineralogy along Route 66 in Northern Arizona - Anna Domitrovic
4:00 - 4:20 -	The Arthur L. and Richard W. Flagg collection – Phil Richardson
4:30 - 6:00 -	Happy hour, visit dealers
6:00	Buffet and evening speaker Jeff Scovil – The best Arizona minerals I have photographed and an auction of donated items

**Registration Form:**

Please mail this form (or facsimile) with the \$40.00 registration fee (Foundation members pay \$35.00) before April 1, 2013 so lunch and other food can be ordered. The Saturday buffet is extra and will be \$20 per person.

Mail to:

**Flagg Mineral Foundation**

**P.O. Box 41834**

**Mesa, Arizona 85274**

**Make checks payable to: Flagg Mineral Foundation**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ registrations and \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 for Saturday Buffet.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chairman's Letter

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collection. Please take the time to fully appreciate Arthur's legacy, look through the extra collection material, and share his passion for minerals.

As a side note; two exhibits were recently placed in the 2013 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. One case highlighted 22 of the 'best' display quality specimens from Arthur's collection. These were also professionally photographed by Jeff Scovil for incorporation into a Mineralogical Record Arizona Collectors Supplement. The second case highlighted Arthur's earth science paraphernalia and ephemera, and gave a glimpse of his passion for the hobby.

Sincerely,  
Phil Richardson,  
Flagg Mineral Foundation Chairman

## Get the Foundation Logo on Your Hat

You have all been wondering "Where does Bill Yedowitz get those sharp looking shirts with the Foundation Logo on them?"

Here is the answer: Marina Tennyson, at Best Impressions Embroidery~

<http://www.bieonline.com/>

Marina specializes in making logo wear for non-profit organizations. Check out these great selections, and send your orders to Marina directly.

There is a great catalog is on her website, so you can get just the item you want.

*Arthur L. Flagg personal mineral collection. Twenty-two of his most aesthetic, and valuable mineral specimens, which show the breadth and depth of his collection. Specimens range from a large asbestos, from Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Arthur's home state, to a smaller asbestos from Sierra Ancha, Arizona, and from an English quartz on hematite to a Bisbee azurite and malachite. It also includes an English aragonite, an eastern U.S. tourmaline, a Flux mine cerussite, a quartz coated aragonite from the Bloody Basin area Arizona, to an impressive manganite from the Stoval mine, Alamo Crossing near Casa Grande, Pima County, Arizona.*



*Approved Minutes*  
**Flagg Mineral Foundation**  
 General Meeting  
 January 3, 2013

*Attendees (32)*

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Darrel Dodd, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams

Trustees: Ray Grant, Les Presmyk, Chuck & Harris Kominski, Marc Fleischer, Dana Slaughter, Doug Duffy, Stan Celestian, Glenn Hoffman, Paul Jaeger, Steve Decker

Members and Guests: Sue Celestian, Shirley Cote', Cynthia Grant, Harvey Jong, Chris Whitney-Smith, Keith Christy, Ann Baker, Pierre Cantou, Tom LaBonte, Neil Bearce, John Weide, Gary & Nancy Spraggins, Mike Shannon, Dick Zimmermann, Mardy Zimmermann

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Phil Richardson called the January 3, 2013 general meeting of the Flagg Mineral Foundation (FMF) to order at the Physical Science Building at Mesa Community College, 1833 West Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ 85202.

#### I. TREASURER'S REPORT (Darrel Dodd)

Darrel reported details of the Foundation checking, investments and CD accounts.

Regarding the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show (FGMS), MCC and selected services had already been paid but there were still some services that had not yet been paid (sweeper) and there would be some additional costs incurred this year as well.

The Freeport scholarship check (\$10K) available to minority geology students had not yet been received pending clarification of FMF 501(C) status under the new Flagg Mineral Foundation name. 2014 would be the last year of a 5 year scholarship program supported by Freeport and the decision to continue the endowment with Foundation funding will need to be made.

#### II. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2012, GENERAL MEETING

Marc Fleischer moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved as written. Doug Duffy seconded the motion, which carried.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### *Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)*

U of A Loan/Display - Les Presmyk presented ideas for modifications to the current display of the ~267 FMF minerals (~30% of the FMF collection) on exhibit at the UofA. This was the first year of a 5 year loan of the minerals to the Flandrau Science Center. Bob Downs & Mark Candee (curators of the UofA mineral museum) were discussing with Les possible improvements which might be made to the displays including new lighting for the current cases, installation of some additional FMF cases and the ability of the UofA to utilize some FMF specimens for topical displays within the museum but outside of the current cases.

#### a) Mineral Display/Lighting

Lighting - The current cases housing FMF specimens would benefit from new LED lighting. Approximately 4 x 15-20' of LED lighting would be required at an estimated cost of \$5000 ± 20% and may be supplied by a LED lighting expert in Maricopa who was contacted by Les. The FMF would bear the entire cost for lighting the FMF specimens and would retain ownership of the new, modular lighting when the FMF specimens are returned. Cost to the FMF will be updated as additional discussions are held.

Questions raised included efficiency of new LED lighting over existing (and possible subsidies available from Tucson Electric) and purchase of new cases compared to retrofit of the existing cases. Bill Yedowitz stated one goal of the FMF is museum support and based on UofA feedback on the FMF display, improving the existing displays is appropriate. Other questions raised included viability of the UofA mineral museum under current budget conditions. Les stated there is an agreement between the mineral museum and Freeport to support the mineral museum independently of UofA if the museum can support some of the current endowment itself via sales.

Shelves - The current cases have 2 rows of FMF specimens on each of 5 shelves. Les suggested that the cases may be more visually appealing with only four shelves and that the middle shelf

could be replaced with one of wood to provide for optimized display and lighting.

Backing – The current cases have a varnished wood backing. Les suggested these be replaced with mirrors or cloth liners of suitable color.

Two Tier display – Les suggested that the second row of specimens on each shelf be raised on Lucite or glass risers. Individual display stands were considered but would be too costly.

Additional FMF presence – It was recommended that appropriate FMF signage and informational FMF flyers should accompany the FMF specimen displays.

Les suggested that with the above modifications, the enhanced FMF cases would set the standard for the rest of the museum.

#### b) Additional Cabinets

Les & Bill Yedowitz discussed the existing FMF wall cases that were removed from the museum downtown. There is additional wall space for some of these at the UofA museum and Bob Downs has offered to install and light these cases with UofA funding. He has proposed a 5 year loan agreement. Bill suggested that additional FMF funds be spent on refinishing these cases before/if they were transferred to the UofA as they have evidence on wear and tear commensurate with age.

New Flagg Collection – Les recommended that with the Flagg collection now being held by the FMF, a display of A.L. Flagg minerals and ephemera would be appropriate at the UofA museum. The FMF currently has plans for two similar cases of A.L. Flagg materials to be on display at the TGMS. Additionally, the Flagg family resides in Tucson so it would be fitting to have some of the Flagg minerals and ephemera on display at the UofA.

#### New Phoenix Museum

Recognizing that a new museum may exist in Phoenix in the next 5 years, Les suggested that that museum may not be interested in existing FMF cases due to age and Bill stated that there was minor damage to them accrued during removal and transport to storage from the old location.

Les stated that in the event a new museum opens in the Phoenix area while FMF specimens are still committed to display at UofA, he would provide specimens from the Presmyk collection to either museum to accommodate their needs and support earth science education in Arizona.

#### Policy

Les suggested that the UofA would like to have the ability to move FMF specimens from the cabinets currently housing them. Bob Downs had requested permission to utilize some FMF specimens outside of the cases (but still within the museum) to enhance occasional topical displays. Bill reminded those in attendance that per the existing agreement with UofA this would be appropriate as long as FMF specimens did not leave the museum without permission. Bill suggested that Bob discuss the move of FMF specimens with him and that he would be willing to loan to UofA additional FMF specimens (from storage) if needed.

Phil suggested that Les expound upon and present these suggestions to Steve Decker as an article for the next newsletter. A more in depth discussion will occur at the next FMF meeting.

c) Donation of the Cirillo-Meieran epidote collection. This collection is now in the possession of the FMF.

Donation by Richard Flagg of the A.L. and R. Flagg Collection.

The Flagg collection recently obtained by the FMF contained substantial Arizona material but had specimens from worldwide localities including South Africa, Germany and Sweden as well. A number of the specimens included original labels from Arthur or Richard Flagg. There were approximately 20 wooden crates (1'x1'x3') containing Arthur Flagg specimens wrapped in newspaper and another 15 crates with Richard Flagg specimens. A number of Arizona specimens were removed from the donation for inclusion into the FMF collection and included Bisbee pieces and Arizona opal specimens. The majority of material was included on a master list with ~5100 index numbers, some index numbers had multiple specimens so there were ~6000-7500 total

specimens. A number of flats were pulled aside containing material from undocumented localities in Arizona for Ray Grant's evaluation. Pieces from A.L. Flagg's native Rhode Island were also retained for the FMF collection as were specimen #1, 7-8 flats of Arizona material and a few flats of worldwide specimens to demonstrate the breadth of the Flagg collection. Chris Whitney-Smith recreated A.L. Flagg labels from the few originals which remained and these were used, along with original index number, for all specimens.

There was also an extensive geology library and ~30 of the most important text and reference books were retained for the FMF collections. Other books received with the collection will be sold with pricing as determined from Amazon.com or other on-line sellers for a copy in equivalent condition. Bill thanked Dana, Chuck and Harris, Ray, Phil, Chris and Mike for help in preparing pieces in the collection for sale/labeling. During preparation of labels, only information from the index list was transposed so many labels contain varietal names for minerals or localities that have changed names geographically. Approximately 156 flats were priced and brought to the meeting for sale to members.

#### Disposition of specimens:

To date all of the pieces have been unwrapped and transferred to flats. There are still ~750+ ore specimens and hundreds of sand specimens that require additional investigation to determine locality as they were not included on the master index.

The FMF will have two exhibits of the collection/ A.L. Flagg ephemera on display at the 2013 TGMS.

Jeff Scovil has ~20 of the better specimens. These will be photographed for inclusion in the 2013 Mineralogical Record's Arizona Mineral Collectors Supplement issue.

There are still ~150 flats to process. These will be available for sale at the Minerals of Arizona Symposium or at later meetings/shows.

Mike Shannon inquired as to when membership could see those specimens that were retained for the FMF collection. Phil/Bill said they should be available for display at the Minerals of Arizona Symposium or at a future meeting. Phil said he

would prepare a listing of those specimens retained for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

- e) Tom Hale was to stop by with a number of flats for evaluation and potential purchase by the FMF but that did not occur. These materials would have been for sale at the FGMS. The FMF is still actively seeking and purchasing collections for resale at subsequent Flagg shows.
- f) TGMS show posters are once again available and, although they are not directly for sale from the website, a link with contact information for Les (for pricing/shipping information) along with photos/availability of individual posters is currently on the FMF website. Select posters were available for sale at the meeting. It was decided to include a list of available posters in subsequent newsletters for those interested in purchasing them.

#### *Website* (Mike Williams)

Mike reported that the Foundation website (and Facebook page) are up and are being updated/maintained on a weekly basis. A new version of Wordpress is available but the website will not be updated to that new version until after the FGMS, TGMS and Symposium so that there is no disruption in service. The website has seen substantial traffic prior to the FGMS and had been receiving emails from individuals looking for additional information, from vendors and from local media including the East Valley Tribune, New Times and KTAR. E-mail traffic was forwarded or received direct replies as appropriate. There was interest in some modifications to improve the website during the upcoming update and a number of members offered to help with the design/update. A weekend work session will be scheduled prior to the update so members will have the opportunity to suggest new web designs they feel are suitable.

#### *Newsletter* (Steve Decker)

Steve recommended that a hardcopy newsletter containing a registration form be mailed prior to the Symposium. A short discussion was held regarding keeping the newsletter completely electronic. Lavone Archer supported mailing a hardcopy with Symposium registration and suggested tracking donations/registrations for comparison if only an



electronic copy is distributed. Minerals of AZ Symposium flyers will be updated and available at the TGMS.

Additional input from Les, Phil, Bill and Harvey (see below) will appear in the next newsletter

#### *Field Trips (Harris Kominski)*

Harris reported that he and Chuck were working on a field trip for the Symposium and that suggestions for locations would be appreciated. It was proposed that members contact Harris/Chuck if they have recommendations for a field trip.

#### IV. FLAGG SHOW 41ST ANNUAL JAN 4, 5, 6, 2013

##### *Sales Crew (Bill Yedowitz)*

Bill suggested that a suitable sales crew was in place for the FMF tables at the FGMS.

##### *Children's Activities (Ray Grant)*

Ray reported that the MCC geology club had taken over substantial portions of the youth activities with the fossil dig and giveaway materials already prepared. The MSA had sufficient donations for the spinning wheel. The gold panning exhibit was scheduled along with the geode cracking area (Les). All those activities were described in recent media reports regarding the FGMS.

##### *Food/Shirts (Phil Richardson/Bill Yedowitz)*

Phil stated that food for the FMF table had been planned and that FMF polo or tee shirts were available (via Daryl or Bill) for members that planned to be on the sales crew.

##### *Publicity (Marc Fleischer)*

Marc announced that, barring any news stories that would pull the mobile team away, Cory McCloskey from KSAZ (Fox 10) would be on-site at 7:30AM and would be going live at 8:20AM to include the Cave Creek Museum, Gold Panning and Geode Cracking. That would be followed by another live spot at 8:40AM which would include the ESM and Fluorescent displays.

In addition, Channel 12 was at the venue on 2Jan and interviewed Daryl & Ray and would be airing those taped commercials for the FGMS at 4:50AM, 5:50AM and 12PM on Saturday.

##### *Mesa Tax Enforcement*

Mesa has contacted the FMF and has suggested that the FMF would be responsible for enforcing tax collection at the FGMS and that the city of Mesa may have a person on-site to ensure that tax collection/paperwork is enforced.

##### *2014 FGMS Show*

Potential dates for the 2014 FGMS show include 3,4,& 5 January or 10,11 & 12 January. It was pointed out that the 10,11 and 12 dates overlap with the Quartzite show, may have an effect on the TV coverage and would impact some dealer schedules. Les Presmyk moved and Bill Yedowitz seconded that the 2014 FGMS would be held on 3,4 & 5 January. The motion carried.

##### *Fee Level for 2014 Show*

With FMF incurring greater costs to hold the show every year, Bill Yedowitz suggested a moderate \$10-20 increase for the 2014 show (2013 costs were \$60-\$120 for the three days depending on size of reserved space). Neal Bearce suggested that it would be reasonable to increase the dealer fees by 10-15% according to the increased FMF expense. Bill made a motion to increase the dealer space fees by \$10 per space for the 2014 show. Les seconded and the motion passed.

##### *Show Chairman*

Phil and Ray discussed designating a show chairman for subsequent FGMS. Daryl Dodd volunteered to be the show chairman for the 2014 FGMS. There was discussion about the need of the chairman to have a temporary (2-3 week) cell phone contract with a dedicated contact number that may be published and provided to media, vendors, etc. Tom Labonte made a motion to provide the show chairman with a temporary cell phone for use in organizing and taking questions about the FGMS.

##### *Show Contract Inclusion*

The MCC campus is smoke-free and smoking is not permitted anywhere at or around the FGMS. In addition, dogs are not allowed on the MCC campus however, they may attend the FGMS as long as they remain on a leash and in the parking lot area only. The show contracts need to be modified to include this information.

V. ARIZONA MINERAL SYMPOSIUM,  
CLARION HOTEL, PHOENIX TECH CENTER,  
APRIL 5, 6, 7, 2013

*Micromount Symposium* (Joe Marty)

A micromount session will be held Friday 2-5 PM, with a presentation on "New Western United States Mineral Species" from 4-5 PM. There will be free specimens available at this session and some microscopes will be available for use.

*Preparations* (Ray Grant)

Ray has a full agenda of speakers lined up for Saturday.

*Field Trip*

Harris and Chuck will be working on a Sunday field trip (to be announced).

*Dealer Poolside/Courtyard Rooms*

A block of courtyard (pool-side) rooms are reserved for dealers selling from 5-10 PM Friday and at select times on Saturday.

*Registration Fee* (Ray Grant)

The fee is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. The Saturday evening buffet is an additional \$20.

Additional information about the symposium may be found on [flaggmineralfoundation.org](http://flaggmineralfoundation.org).

VI. OLD BUSINESS

*Earth Science Museum* (ESM) (Harvey Jong)

Harvey said he would prepare a proposal (the Founding Partnership Proposal) which would be included in the next FMF newsletter. Harvey would like the FMF's involvement as a Founding Partner by designing a Flagg Gallery as an initial step in the development of the new ESM.

Ray Grant commented on the upgraded teacher kits that the ESM has been preparing and distributing. These now include books and magnifiers and were put together in part using a grant received from Staples. He stated that one of the FMF goals was to support educational outreach programs and suggested the FMF allocate \$1500 to support the ESM outreach program. A motion was made by Les Presmyk to support the ESM with a \$1500 donation.

The motion was seconded by Lavone Archer and passed.

Bill Yedowitz reminded those in attendance that there were some materials at the storage trailer which were available for hardness kits and that he would transfer them to Mardy Zimmermann for ESM use. Dealer Keith Christy suggested he could also donate some materials for hardness kits for the cost of the postage.

*Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies Membership*

Discussion was postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

VII NEW BUSINESS

*Jack Howell*

Phil Richardson spoke with Genie Howell and she reported that Jack is on his way to recovery after suffering a stroke. Everyone is hoping & praying for Jack's full recovery.

The best wishes of the FMF go out to the Howell family.

*Nominations*

Other than for the position of secretary, all officers agreed to continue in their current positions for 2013. Mike Williams was nominated for the position of secretary by Bill Yedowitz. The motion was seconded by Lavone Archer and the motion passed. There were no other nominations.

Phil solicited nominations for the Arthur Flagg Service Award and suggested that nominations be directed electronically to the FMF website for distribution.

Shirley Cote' reminded those in attendance that volunteers for the ESM get free membership in the FMF and that those memberships could be obtained from Lavone. She would like to see this program continue into 2013. Les Presmyk made a motion to continue awarding ESM volunteers with a free FMF membership. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed at 8:40PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary

*Draft Meeting Minutes*  
**Flagg Mineral Foundation**

General Meeting

March 7, 2013

*Attendees (20)*

Officers: Phil Richardson, Bill Yedowitz, Darrel Dodd, Lavone Archer, Mike Williams

Trustees: Chuck Kominski, Marc Fleischer, Doug Lindsay, Doug Duffy, Genie Howell, Bob Jones, Glenn Hoffman

Members and Guests: Clete Hinton, Lee Lindsey, Shirley Cote', Harvey Jong, Chris Whitney-Smith, Jack Howell, Ann Baker, Dick Zimmermann

At 7:01 P.M., Chairman Phil Richardson called the March 7, 2013 general meeting of the Flagg Mineral Foundation (FMF) to order at Chuck Kominski's office at 2255 N. 44<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ.

**I. TREASURER'S REPORT (Darrel Dodd)**

Darrel reported details of the Foundation checking, savings, investments and CD accounts in a powerpoint presentation. All bills from the Flagg show have been paid at this time.

All of the FMF scholarship funds, amounting to \$50k over 5 years (2009-2013), have been issued. These funds were available to minority geology students and were provided to the FMF from Freeport as part of a mining property sale by Sylvia Knopf for her property in Morenci, AZ. Darrel suggested we have discussions about continuing the scholarships in the future with FMF funding.

**II. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2013, GENERAL MEETING**

Bill Yedowitz made a **motion** that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as written. Bob Jones seconded the motion, which carried.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Collection Committee (Bill Yedowitz)*

a) U of A Loan/Display (Lighting Proposal) – See 3Jan minutes for details. Les P. will prepare an article with price estimates for inclusion in the next newsletter. A discussion will be held at the next general meeting.

b) U of A Loan/Display (Additional Cabinets) - Bill Y. discussed the condition of the existing FMF wall cases that were removed from the museum downtown. Bill suggested that additional FMF funds be spent on refinishing these cases before/if they were transferred to the UofA as they have minor evidence on wear and tear commensurate with age. There is additional wall space for ~4 of these cases at the UofA museum and Bob Downs has offered to install with UofA funding and proposed a 5 year loan agreement. The cases are currently stored and have associated storage fees. Bill plans to discuss again with UofA before a final decision/discussion can be made by the FMF. In addition, Darrel will see if Cave Creek and/or Superstition might need additional cases.

c) Donation by Richard Flagg of the A.L. and R. Flagg Collection (Disposition) - The Flagg collection, recently obtained by the FMF has been reviewed. 157 flats of specimens from the collection were for sale at the Flagg show with ~60 flats sold. An additional 100 (new) flats are being priced and will be for sale at the Minerals of AZ Symposium. In addition, 12 flats representing ~125 specimens were retained by the FMF for the Flagg sub-collection. Of these 125 specimens, 22 were photographed by Jeff Scovil and appraised by Dave Bunk at the TGMS. Ray Grant has also 5 flats of material as reference specimens for the updated Mineralogy of Arizona. Material from Tiger has been segregated and will be reviewed by Joe Ruiz and Les P.

Bob Jones recommended checking all the specimens for sleepers before they go out for sale and volunteered to review the material with Bill Y.

d) Micromounts for Minerals of AZ Symposium – The Friday micromount session will feature excess micromounts from the Roland Fogg collection which was donated to the FMF in 2007. Harvey J suggested that the micromounts be evaluated before dispersal as many of them may have come from Tonopah-Belmont and may be of value. Harvey volunteered to review (or have Joe Ruiz review) the micromounts with Bill Y before the Symposium.

e) Poster Status/Sales - Bill Y has taken over TGMS poster sales/storage. Bill is trying to get a copy of the poster contract from TGMS to determine associated FMF obligations. Depending on the contract, Bill asked if the FMF is interested in selling the remaining TGMS posters on the website. Minor money is generated from poster sales but adds additional work for members. It was decided to remove the TGMS posters from the website immediately and have additional discussions regarding

the status of the posters at a future meeting once the TGMS contract is in hand.

*FMF Website* (Mike Williams)

Mike reported that the Foundation website (and Facebook page) are up and are being updated/maintained on a weekly basis. Recently, the Minerals of AZ Symposium and Flagg Show pages were revised along with various software updates. A discrete hit counter was added and the website is logging 200-300 hits per day. The website will have software updates applied again after the Symposium so that there is no disruption in service. There was interest in modifications to improve the website during the upcoming update and a number of members offered to help with the design/update. A weekend work session will be scheduled prior to the update so members will have the opportunity to suggest new web designs they feel are suitable.

*Newsletter* (Steve Decker) – Submissions for the next newsletter are due by 14Mar13. A variety of items were discussed for inclusion in addition to those listed above.

*Field Trips* (Chuck Kominski) - Chuck reported he was working on a field trip for the Symposium that was within a reasonable distance from PHX but was having trouble getting responses. It was proposed that members contact Chuck if they have recommendations for a field trip. Darrel will also research field trips for the symposium.

IV. MINERALS OF AZ SYMPOSIUM APR 5,6 & 7, 2013

*A) Sales Crew/Clarion Room* (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill solicited help for moving (Flagg) specimens into the Clarion on Friday and with sales during the Symposium. Doug L., Bob J. & Mike W. volunteered to assist.

*B) Micromount Session* (Joe Marty)

A micromount session will be held Friday 2-5 PM, with a presentation on “New Western United States Mineral Species” from 4-5 PM. There will be free specimens available at this session and some microscopes will be available for use. Phil raised the idea of purchasing a new microscope for the FMF to make available at the symposium or to check out to members. Harvey J suggested purchasing a digital scope. A discussion of existing scopes took place and a number of members agreed to bring personal scopes to the session. If the micromount session is well attended and future sessions are planned, additional discussions regarding a microscope purchase will be held.

*C) Food* (Phil Richardson)

Phil will be in charge of food for the Symposium. To facilitate, it was decided to arrange coffee & hot water services directly through the Clarion if possible. Phil will contact Clarion to check availability/cost.

*D) Field Trip* (Chuck Kominski)

See above

*E) Publicity* (Marc Fleischer)

39 people are currently registered for the Symposium and the Clarion can seat 115 in maximum configuration. Last year there were 90 attendees. It was determined that there would be no additional publicity.

*F) Silent Auction* (Bill Yedowitz)

Bill Y will review the current FMF materials to see if any would be of the quality required for a silent auction. He is confident that he will have some specimens available for auction. In addition, Bob Jones will donate a collection of Lapidary Journals (1962-1989) and some recent DVDs. A.L. Flagg’s collection of Gems and Minerals (bound, 20 volumes 1920-1950) and early Lapidary Journals (~15 volumes 1920-1950) will also be auctioned.

*G) 2014 Symposium*

- a) Dates
- b) Location
- c) Fee Level
- d) Chairman

Next years symposium will be discussed after this year symposium is complete.

V. 2014 FLAGG SHOW 3, 4 & 5 JANUARY 2014

*Show Chairman* – The show chairman for the 2104 Flagg show will be Darrel Dodd. Les Presmyk has agreed to be co-chairman.

*Fee Level* – There will be a modest fee increase of \$10 (\$120 to \$130) for the 2014 show.

*Show Contract Inclusions* – The No Smoking and NDOC (No Dogs on campus) regulations will be included in the 2014 contract. Lavone will be taking over contract preparation from Ray G for the 2014 show.

*Show Synopsis* – Darrel provided a powerpoint presentation review of the 2013 Flagg show and suggested a number of possible inclusions for the 2014 show including actual stamp mill on-site from Superstition Mountain Museum, Cave Creek Museum may do a coin shoot with metal detectors along with panning, MCC Geology club will have more involvement with youth activities, PHX Science Museum may join

show with displays, Antique Engine Club may add display of functional antique mining equipment, Freeport may display actual haul truck. Other suggestions Darrel made to improve the show: publish vendor program & sell advertising space in the program to vendors, purchase black pop-up tent and donate to ESM for fluorescent display, purchase iPad for Lavone to facilitate show set-up/check-in, purchase wireless printer for trailer to generate paperwork, suggested supplying tents for some vendors (members opposed), suggested considering a new location (15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Thomas) in case of rain? (members opposed)

Lavone questioned space requirements for any new activities and requested notification if they become a reality because space is limited. Lavone stated that the Mesa tax issues need to be addressed and suggested legal consultation.

Darrel provided a breakdown of costs for the 2013 show (~8k) and Bill Y provided income on sales (~16k). There was a discussion on the need for additional food vendors which was opposed.

## VI OLD BUSINESS

*ESM Founding Partnership Proposal* - Harvey J said he would prepare a Founding Partnership Proposal which would be included in the next FMF newsletter. Harvey would like the FMF's involvement as a Founding Partner by designing a Flagg Gallery as an initial step in the development of the new ESM. In addition, Harvey discussed a statewide event (AZ Gives Day, March 20) where the public can donate to non-profit organizations on-line ([www.razoo.com](http://www.razoo.com) or see [www.azgives.org](http://www.azgives.org) for add'l info).

*Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies* – The current FMF membership is ~50 (off from ~130) and membership in the RMF is \$3.50/member. This prompted further discussion on the hardcopy (printing costs)/e-mail newsletter dilemma for membership/symposium/donations. E-mail addresses for all members will be requested in the next newsletter with the possibility of receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter if desired.

Darrel made a **motion** to provide Steve D with \$450 to prepare and send out a special event newsletter to all current and old members (~300). Bill Y seconded the motion which carried. Darrel will coordinate with Steve on what is required.

Bob J then discussed the positive aspects of membership in the RMF and recommended that the FMF join the RMF. A.L. Flagg was co-founder of the RMF.

Lavone made a **motion** that the FMF become a member of the RMF. Chris W-S seconded the motion which passed. Bob, Phil and Lavone will coordinate RMF membership.

## VII NEW BUSINESS

*A) Mineralogical Record - Mineral Collections in AZ Supplement* – That the FMF will participate in the supplement and have two articles instead of one (to highlight the A.L. Flagg collection only) as initially decided was discussed. If agreed, one article will focus on the FMF collection while the other will focus on the A.L. Flagg collection. These articles (4 pages each) have been prepared, submitted, proofed by Wendell Wilson and include photos by Jeff Scovil. Have two articles will double the cost from the initial \$1700 already committed for the one article. There was a discussion on various aspects of the articles and several edits were suggested and made. The Mineralogical Record has agreed to contribute \$350 towards the publication of the two articles and Bob & Evan Jones have agreed to donate \$425 each (Thanks to Bob & Evan!).

Bill Y made a **motion** to add \$500 of FMF funds to the initial \$1700 for publication of the two articles. Genie H seconded the motion which passed.

*B) Rocks and Minerals Magazine* – Phil is in the process of preparing an article for R&M regarding A.L. Flagg & his collection. The article will include the 22 Scovil photos, additional photos of the Flagg exhibits at the TGMS and additional photos of ephemeral items from the Flagg collection (contributed by Chris W-S & Marc F).

*C) FMF Collection Curation* – Darrel suggested adding the FMF collection to a database utilizing an MS access based software designed by Gerald Peters. Phil recommended that Darrel contact Mr. Peters and have him come in for a discussion during the next FMF meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:35PM.

Mike Williams, Secretary

# Flagg Gem and Mineral Show 2013





(Above) Arthur L. Flag collection paraphernalia and ephemera. Items range from his personal microscope, to vials of elements, from a hardness kit to an 'antique' snake bite kit, from vials of worldwide sand specimens to a wax sealed vial containing an unaltered kernite crystal from California. Also on exhibit are a number of his personal geology, mineralogy, assaying, and petrology books with two of the books that he authored on mineral collecting and Arizona geology.

Arthur was the consummate collector; his collection contained 5,086 cataloged specimens which range from a Tri-state calcite, specimen number 1, to a Mexican emmonsite, specimen number 5,086, and even included a block of concrete within his reference material.



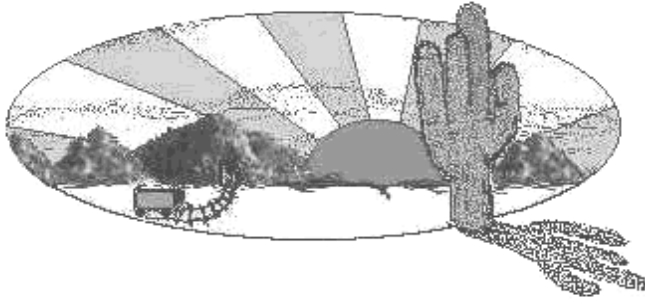
Erica Richardson's award winning competitive thumbnail case at The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, first place in the Novice category.

Because Erica, now age 14, has previously won both first place in Junior, and first place in Junior Master, she was invited to enter the adult Novice entry class.

This is Erica's third year entering Arizona thumbnails, and she tries to replace the lowest scoring specimen each year.

Erica first entered a thumbnail exhibit at the 2007 Flagg Show, image above.





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