It is hard to believe that the Show has come and gone. All of the exhibits were phenomenal as were the dealers and lectures that I was able to attend. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for pulling this off. I would also like to thank the Show Committee for their year-long effort preparing for the Show. All of them work very hard to keep the dealers, exhibitors, speakers, giveaway, information, along with schools and junior education, informed and prepared for our Show. Thanks also to the docents who took the time to spark the interest of many of our guests by providing a more personal touch to several of the displays.

I would like to express thanks for the office staff, who work seemingly non-stop for the Show and Society. The amount of time and effort they dedicate to the Show is a testament to the commitment they have to ensure the Show is the best in the world. Please show them your appreciation for all that they do.

In addition to our Society members, we have other organizations that help put on our show. Arizona Cine is a tremendous help, not just during our Show, but throughout the year. They store our equipment and coordinate with the Show Committee and the office on an on-going basis. We also have the TPD members that keep security, Commonwealth Electric that handles our electrical needs and, of course, the TCC.

I would also like to thank the dedicated dealers who bring fine quality minerals, gems, jewelry and other assorted crafts to the Show. Without the dealers we would not be able to continue this fine tradition.

Many of the Show Committee members have sections in this edition describing what happened in the areas that they control. If you see something that particularly interests you, remember it and sign up to help in those areas when you renew your membership in a few months.

Our Society isn’t just the Show. Our Field Trip Committee has been busy organizing additional trips. Look for the signups at the March meeting.

Bill Shelton will also be continuing his education series with a presentation in March. Please consider joining him on March 5.

Thanks again to all of the Volunteers, Show Committee Members, the Office and all of the external organizations who made our Show such a dazzling success.

Mark Ascher
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Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Mark Ascher at 7:35 p.m. Visitors and new members were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

PROGRAM: “40 Years of Field Collecting in Colorado and Arizona” was presented by Barbara Muntyan, a published author, educator and photographer. Barbara is a regular speaker at the Socorro Mineral and Tucson Mineral Symposia as well as many show and club meetings in Arizona, Colorado, California and New Mexico. She collected from 1970 to 2007 in Colorado in the Pike’s Peak Granite area, most notably the Lake George area noted for smoky quartz with amazonite, and in the San Juan Mountains where she collected some stunning rhodochrosite with quartz, white barite with quartz and large quartz crystals. She has collected from 1989 to the present in Arizona in Washington Camp, Duquesne for quartz, chlorite and hissingirete after pyrite; Santo Nino for amethyst and microcline; Comobabi Mountains for quartz after calcite, Sierrita Mountains for aquamarine, fluorite, quartz and mica; St. David for selenite; and Willow Springs for black tourmaline, schorl, mica and feldspar. Her message to collectors is “Be Persistent.”

BREAK: Thanks to Bob and Elaine Royer for providing the refreshments including mini muffins, cookies, vegetables with dip and cherries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hosts are needed for the big February meeting. Volunteers please sign up in the back room.

Show School Visits Chair, Dick Gottfried, needs a lot of volunteers to go around the Show with school children and explain to them what the exhibits contain.

Reminder: Dues must be paid before the February meeting in order to get into the Show free as members of the Society.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION: To approve the November 5th and December 3rd minutes as published in Rock Talk. Seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Field Trips: Kerry Towe reported that the December 8th trip to Granite Gap was so productive that the group did not go to Joy Valley. Today, January 7th, 34 members went to Tiger Mine and all found amethyst. March 2nd will be a trip to the Silverbell Mine in conjunction with members of Old Pueblo Lapidary Club to collect in two pits that the groups haven’t been to in years. There will be another trip scheduled for April. The committee is looking at other areas for possible trips.

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum’s Mineral Madness will be January 19th and 20th. Preview for TGMS members will be Thursday, January 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Penny Savoie at 520-883-3031 if attending the preview.

Shirley Klos is having a final sale of her late husband’s minerals, findings, books, etc. on January 25th and 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1241 Paseo Maravilloso, Green Valley, Arizona. A map with information is available in the back room.

The Gila County Gem and Mineral Show is January 18th, 19th and 20th at the Gila County Fairgrounds in Globe, Arizona.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Shelton’s educational class will be Wednesday, January 8th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The topic will be “Crystal Chemistry.” There is a sign-up sheet in the back room.

Mark Candee announced there will be an Open House at the U of A Mineral Museum on February 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the new Minerals of China exhibit. Admission is free all day long for members of TGMS or OPLC.

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES: As hostess for the meeting, Elaine Royer made the first selection. Winners in the drawing were Doug Albrecht, Mike Carducci, John Gaston and Barb Mostoff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Reynolds, Recording Secretary
Present: Mark Ascher, Diane Braswell, John Callahan, Airene Hibben, Mark Marikos, Bob O’Donnell and Marilyn Reynolds.

Absent: Ellen Alexander and Anna Domitrovic.

Staff: Pat McClain

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Mark Ascher at 8:05 a.m. in the TGMS Conference Room.

Minutes Approval of the March 13, 2012 and April 10, 2012 Board Meetings: MOTION: To approve as written. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The Compiled Financial Statements report for FY 2010-2011 which has been filed with the IRS was distributed to each Board member.

Old Business:
Community Outreach: The purpose is to make Tucson Gem and Mineral Society more visible to the community year-round and to show that the Society has more to offer than the Show every February. Ideas to get the TGMS name and logo out in public were discussed. There is an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Diane Braswell to work on this project. MOTION: To sponsor a bowling lane for the Arizona Families for Children Bowl-a-thon August 26, 2012. Seconded and approved. MOTION: To advertise on the stage’s front screen at Gaslight Theater. Seconded and approved.

The office will print business cards for Society Officers and Committee Chairs that represent the Society when dealing with the public.

Update on storage unit at TGMS facility: The storage unit is on the property. Shelves need to be installed before records can be moved which will be done when the weather is cooler.

Update on exhibit cases for the TGMS Show: The case committee is working on designs and hopes to have a decision to present to the Board in July.

Update on purchase of new storage trailer for TGMS Show cases, liners and equipment: Decision has to wait until the size and weight of new cases is known. Arizona Cine is looking for correct size and design of trailer.

Other old business: None.

New Business:
Whistleblower policy: The TGMS lawyer will be asked if the firm has a template policy that the Society can use.

Document retention and destruction policy: Requirements for retention of various kinds of records need to be determined before a policy can be written.

Honorary Life Member: MOTION: To recommend to the membership at the September General Meeting that Phyllis Candee, Rick Trapp and Carole Lee be awarded Honorary Life Memberships in the Society. Seconded and approved.

Other new business:
Part-time vacancy: MOTION: To hire a part-time employee with a 90 day probation period. Seconded and approved.

Employment application form: A simple form will be used.

Library: Two new cases have been added. All the books will be inventoried and duplicates culled. Disposition of culled books will be decided when inventory is complete. A procedure is needed for checking out for 30 days and returning books, preferably via laptop. Which books cannot leave the library will also be determined.

WiFi: WiFi for guests is available in the building now. The password is available from the office.

Call to the Audience: No audience present.

The next Board Meeting: To be announced.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn V. Reynolds, Recording Secretary
They say that no good deed goes unpunished . . .

Two weeks before the Show I was just getting info about what was going to be in some of the exhibit cases. Since I - with the help of a number of people - organized our Docent [the TGMSers who walk around on the floor wearing the green vests that say INFO on the back] efforts three years ago, it became apparent that the more info we had about the exhibits before they come to the Show, the better. Not everyone in TGMS is a mineralogist. I’m certainly not. But that’s okay because most of the people coming to our Show aren’t mineralogists either and probably the most important thing we all do is to share with the general public enthusiasm or excitement about the contents of those exhibit cases and the wonderful world of minerals and gems and geology. But it’s nice to educate people as well because that’s what TGMS is all about. If we get info in advance, the docents can do further research, can learn, and can decide what intrigues them so they can share it.

About a month before the Show I send out emails to the exhibitors, mostly the museums but others as well. It takes hours to do this since I tailor them but is well worth it and I’m getting to know the people at the museums and in the field. This is nice. Museums focus on education. Anyway, we got an e-mail from Dr. Stefan Nicolescu from the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. He described what would be in their case for “The Forgotten Fluorite Occurrence at Musalonge Lake, New York.” And in the course of the e-mail he mentioned this person called James Dwight Dana. “The icing on the fluorite cake is the fact that the occurrence was mentioned in print for the first time in the first edition (1837) of *A System of Mineralogy* by James Dwight Dana, ‘father’ of modern mineralogical classification.” And then in the 4th of *System* Dana mentioned that the occurrence was exhausted. So here was a different kind of case, one focusing on a very specific location and documenting its life with impeccable credentials.

Stefan also mentioned that it was Dana’s 200th birthday on February 12. Now, “father’ of modern mineralogical classification” is cool.

Since we support each others’ efforts in the Show, I sent Peter Megaw, our wonderful Exhibits Chair, an e-mail suggesting that if he ended up with an empty case [we end up with empty exhibit cases because people don’t come or there are shipping or blizzard or customs problems], he might be able to do something with Dana’s birthday. And then I forgot about it.

Until a week later . . .

. . . when I was copied on an e-mail from Peter to Bob Downs and Marcus Origlieri asking them if either of them had a piece of *Danalite* for the case Ellen thinks would be cool to do and mentioning how Ellen is doing research and getting photos for it. Huh?

Okay. Want something done, ask a busy person. What’s one more thing on top of a full-time job and all the other things I volunteer for. I’d never done a case before. So I researched Dana and put together the elements for a case. And I am glad I did because I learned a lot.

Dana was 24 years old when the first edition of *System* was published and it’s not enough for him to set up the modern mineralogical classification system. He writes manuals not only on mineralogy, but geology and volcanology and zoology as well. He made pioneering studies of mountain-building, volcanic activity, and the origin and structure of continents and oceans around the world. In the course of his lifetime, he does over 214 publications and his stuff is still being published.

It shouldn’t be “no good deed goes unpunished”, it should be “no good deed goes unrewarded”. I learned a lot and that would have been reward enough, but there’s icing on the Dana birthday cake, because Friends of Mineralogy thought enough of the case to award me the Best Educational Case by an Individual.

Thank you Friends of Mineralogy and thank you TGMS for the education.
The 2013 Arthur Roe Memorial Micromount Symposium by Mark Ascher

The 2013 Arthur Roe Memorial Micromount Symposium was held as part of the 2013 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™. The symposium opened at 9:00 a.m. with microscope setup and trading. The lectures began at 10:00 a.m. with three speakers.

The first speaker was Herwig Pelckmans who gave a talk titled “Fluorite Fantasies.” The lecture was like two talks in one. The first covered the crystallography of fluorite with representative crystal drawings made by Herwig and photos of the various forms. The second part covered unusual forms of fluorite that don’t conform with the normal crystallography including eggs, pearls, trees and snowflakes. His talk contained photos from many different sources, all of high quality.

Next Steve Stuart took the podium and got everyone ready for the “giveaway” tables with a lecture titled “Micromineral Symposium Finds.” Steve presented photos of minerals he found at various micromineral gatherings over the past several years. He took all of his photos and had interesting stories to accompany many of the specimens he presented.

The final speaker of the day was Robert Walstrom who presented a “NEW TELLURIUM MINERAL LOCALITIES Huachuca Mountains, Hartford District Cochise County, Arizona.” Bob spoke about his discovery of the locality containing the tellurium minerals. He also presented photos of the species present and on-going work being done on several phases that have been found and not fully identified. It sounded like an interesting area to explore for micromineral collectors.

After the talks concluded, the trading resumed again and the “freebie” tables were opened for perusing. Many people brought material for the tables and they were well stocked. A good time was had by all!!!
The curtain has now dropped on the public portion of the 2013 Show. A great Show it was. There is still a mountain of post show work to be done. Anyone who is so inclined is more than welcome to call Pat or Rose and offer a few hours of time. I am confident they will have something for you to do.

How did the great experience come to pass and who was responsible for its success? The foundation was laid fifty nine years ago and has been built upon every year since. But, the real work for 2013 started about two years ago and continued through the close on Sunday. Even after closing there is still plenty of work to be done. As “grandpa” used to say “I have never been to a town where all the work was done.” Actually, this is a Jim Bleess saying but he attributes it to “grandpa”. It would not be fair to single out a few individuals because it was truly a team effort. Everyone played a role in the success and I compliment each of you. I want all of you to know that I personally appreciate the sacrifices you make so that there is excellence in every endeavor. Sure it is fun to walk around the Show floor and hear nice things, but when I do I know there was an entire team working for success. Thank you to everyone for your effort at making “Fluorite: Colors of the Rainbow” a success.

Now for a quick Show report. There was a full compliment of dealers and public information booths in the Galleria. By all accounts sales were strong throughout the Show. An encouraging sign is that many dealers turned in paperwork for 2014. We will lose a few long-time dealers to retirement, but I am confident there are up and coming young dealers to take their place.

Lectures on all four days were well attended, with the largest attendance listening to a riveting presentation by Dr. Robert Downs on the Curiosity project. Perhaps within our lifetime a dealer will be selling minerals from Mars. Competition among exhibitors was fierce, not only in the competitive cases, but also the special exhibits. My observation is that the collectors who present special exhibits are making a concerted effort to improve presentation: It showed in the quality of the exhibit cases. Congratulations to a long-time supporter of the Show, Wendell Wilson, the big winner in competitive exhibits.

So long for now, but please start today in making your plans for 2014. The Show Committee has been working on the 60th Anniversary Show for we want it to be a smashing success. We look forward to your continued support.

Paul S. Harter
2013 Show Chairman
THANK YOU!!! To the 2013 TGMS Show Volunteers


From the 2013 TGMS Show Committee and TGMS Board

“And the winner is”…… of the 2013 Grand Prize Giveaway

Penny Savoie calling the “winner” of the 2013 TGMS Grand Prize.

Jack Wixon announcing the name of the “winner” of the Grand Prize over the TCC PA system.

And the lucky “winner” of the 2013 TGMS Grand Prize was, Ms. Sharel Uphus of Whitehall, Montana. From the smile on her face, she was happy that she came to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™!

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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 new Western United States mineral species 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.

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 to 6 on Saturday and after the Saturday buffet.

Saturday Program:
Saturday will be a program with talks from 9 AM to 4 PM followed by a Buffet at 6 PM. There will be an auction and/or other entertainment at the buffet.

Sunday Activity:
We are working on a field trip or other activity for Sunday. More details and a final program 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 51st 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.

Registration Form:
Please mail this form with the $40.00 registration fee (Foundation members pay $35.00) before April 1, 2013 so lunch and other food can be ordered.

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 $ ___________
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2-3—FOUNTAIN HILLS (PHOENIX), ARIZONA: Fountain Hills Gem & Mineral Show; O.B. Rocks & Minerals; Fountain Hills Community Center; 13001 N. La Montana Dr.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults $2, children (under 10) free; dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, metals, beads, kids’ activities; contact Rick Obermiller, PO Box 64281, Phoenix, AZ 85082, (602) 826-2218; e-mail: obrocks@gmail.com

7-10—DEMING, NEW MEXICO: 48th Annual Rockhound Roundup Gem & Mineral Show and Sale; Deming Gem & Mineral Society; SWNM Fairgrounds; 4200 Raymond Reed; Thu. 9-5, Fri. 9-5, Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-5; free admission; jewelry and rock-related items, displays, demonstrations, spinning wheel, geode cutting, guided field trips, children’s corner, silent auction, live auction, door prizes, cash raffle; contact Maurice Crawford, 713 W. Spruce St. PMB 726, Deming, NM 88030, (575) 546-0056; e-mail: thedgms@gmail.com; Web site: dgms@bravahost.com

15-16—COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA: Retail show; Val Latham and Sharon Szymanski; Mingus Union High School; 1801 E. Fir St.; Fri. 10-5, Sat. 9-4; adults $3, children (under 12) free with adult; dealers, minerals, rocks, copper, beads, fine and costume jewelry, unset gemstones, fossils, cabochons, lapidary machinery and supplies, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Val Latham, 840 W. Charleston Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85140, (602) 350-1766; e-mail: val65@cox.net

15-17—ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Annual show; Albuquerque Gem & Mineral Club; Albuquerque State Fairgrounds, Expo NM; 300 San Pedro NE, enter from San Pedro at Copper St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults $3, $1 Fri., children (under 13) free; 45 dealers, exhibits, minerals, fossils, jewelry, crystals, cut stones, displays, books, raffles, silent auction, door prizes, Creative Arts Center; contact Paul Haiva, (505) 265-4178; e-mail: paulhaiva@q.com; Web site: www.agmc.info

19-21—DENVER, COLORADO: Wholesale and retail show; Martin Zinn Expositions LLC; Ramada Plaza Denver Central; 4849 Bannock St.; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-6; free admission; 70 local and regional dealers, minerals, fossils, meteorites, gems, jewelry, beads, lapidary supplies, metaphysical supplies, decorator items; contact Regina Aumente, PO Box 665, Bernalillo, NM 87004, (505) 867-0425; e-mail: mzexpos@gmail.com; Web site: www.mzexpos.com

22-23—YUMA, ARIZONA: Retail show; Sharon Szymanski; Yuma Civic Center; 1440 Desert Hills Dr.; Fri. 10-5, Fri. 9-4; adults $3, children (under 12) free with adult; indoor gem and jewelry show, dealers, minerals, fossils, rough, slabs, fine and costume jewelry, beads, copper, unset gemstones, lapidary equipment and supplies, wire wrapping on the premises; contact Sharon Szymanski, 1792 E. Laddoos Ave., San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, (480) 215-9101; e-mail: goldcanyon2@yahoo.com

APRIL

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4-5—KINGMAN, ARIZONA: 43rd Annual Rock & Gem Show; Mohave County Gemstoners; Kingman Academy of Learning; 3420 N. Burbank; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; free admission; displays, dealers, fire agate, gems, fossils, minerals, rough, slabs, cabs, jewelry, raffle, door prizes, silent auction, children’s activities; contact Mary Gann, PO Box 3992, Kingman, AZ 86402, (928) 757-8121; e-mail: quadpol@aol.com; Web site: www.gemstoners.org

25-26—PINETOP, ARIZONA: Show and sale; White Mountain Gem & Mineral Club; Hon-Dah Resort/Conference Center; junction of Hwy. 260 and Hwy. 73, enter off Hwy. 73; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-4; adults $2, children (16 and under) free; demonstrations, speakers, kids’ activities, silent auction, raffles, fluorescents, jewelry, minerals, fossils; contact Rick Olson, 8276 Tahoe Pl., Show Low, AZ 85901, (828) 251-0949; e-mail: walkaround@earthlink.net; Web site: whitemtnmcs@gmail.com

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PURPOSE: To encourage interest and study in geology, mineralogy, lapidary, and allied earth sciences.

Meetings: Usually the first Monday of the month, starting at 7:30 p.m., except February (on Monday, week of the Show), June-August (potlucks), and September (second Monday because of the Labor Day holiday).

The Tucson Gem and Mineral Show™: The second full weekend in February, starting with Thursday.

Affiliations: American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (AFMS), Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RMFMS), International Federation of Micromount Societies (IFMS), Metropolitan Tucson Convention & Visitors Bureau (MTCVB), Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (TMCC).