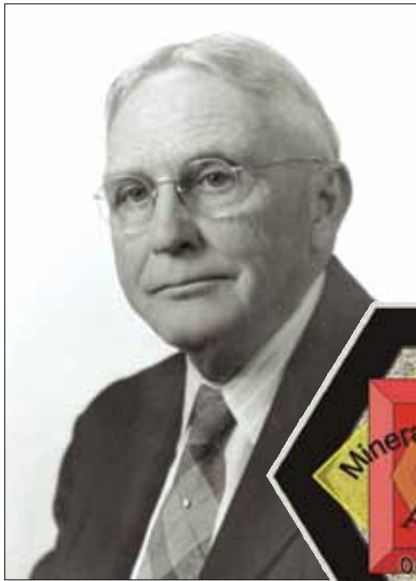


# Mineralogical Society of Arizona

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**Arthur L. Flagg (1883–1961)**



The first meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Arizona (MSA) took place on December 4, 1935. Twenty people attended this meeting at the Arizona Museum on West Van Buren Street in Phoenix. The first club field trip was held on January 19, 1936; members traveled to Squaw Peak (now Piestewa Peak) in Phoenix to collect kyanite. The driving force behind the beginning and early success of the MSA was Arthur L. Flagg. He was president for the first 15 years, during which time the organization grew to become the largest mineral club in the United States. The club newsletter, *The Rockhound Record*, was first published in November 1941; Arthur Flagg served as newsletter editor for 20 years.

From the beginning the club had a mineral collection built from donations. It was exhibited at many places around Phoenix, but over the years some of the specimens became lost or were sold.

The MSA is still a very active club. Current club information, history and recent newsletters can be found on the website: [www.mineralsocietyarizona.org](http://www.mineralsocietyarizona.org). A biography of Arthur Flagg is available online in the Biographical Archive at [www.MineralogicalRecord.com](http://www.MineralogicalRecord.com) and on the MSA website. Today the MSA collection consists of 95 specimens currently in storage; a search is underway to find an exhibit venue for the collection.



**Azurite on malachite ("Bisbee bird's nest"),  
26 cm, from Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona.  
Jeff Scovil photo.**



**Azurite on malachite, 9.5 cm, from Bisbee,  
Cochise County, Arizona. Jeff Scovil photo.**

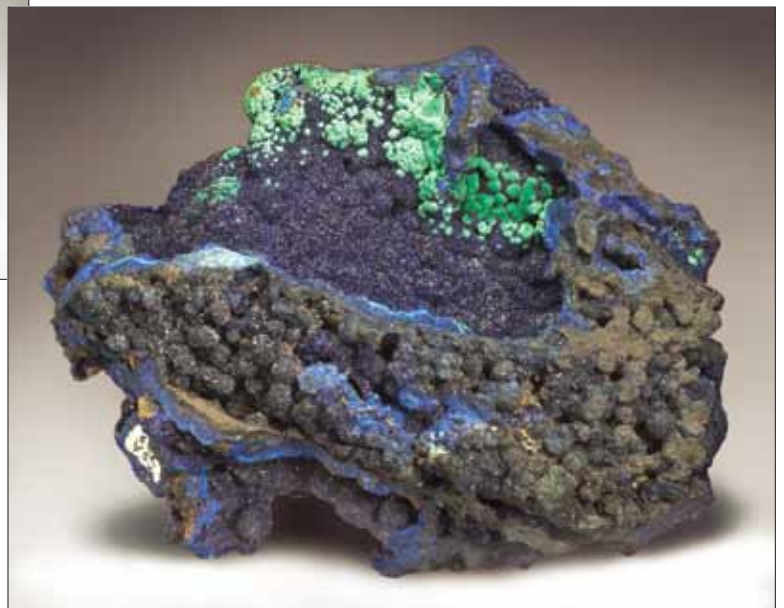
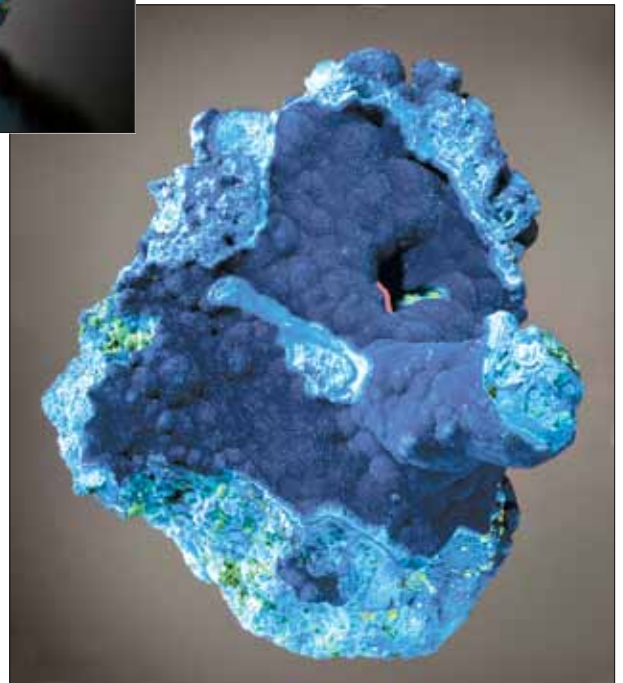


**Azurite, 19 cm, from Bisbee,  
Cochise County, Arizona.  
Jeff Scovil photo.**

**Azurite, 9 cm, from Bisbee,  
Cochise County, Arizona.  
Jeff Scovil photo.**



**Malachite, 10.5 cm, from Bisbee,  
Cochise County, Arizona.  
Jeff Scovil photo.**



**Malachite on azurite, 17 cm,  
from Bisbee, Cochise County,  
Arizona. Jeff Scovil photo.**