



New Michigan film Explores Ancient Great Lakes Copper Mines

“AMERICA’S ANCIENT INDUSTRY” the latest documentary film produced by the Noble Odyssey Foundation, researches the origins of the ancient people who extracted vast amounts of native copper from the upper Great Lakes region and Isle Royale thousands of years ago.

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The new Noble Odyssey Foundation film, “AMERICA’S ANCIENT INDUSTRY” premieres Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 8:00 PM on PBS WTVS Channel 56.

Long before Stonehenge and the Pyramids were built, a thriving industry was flourishing in North America near the Lake Superior shores. Large quantities of native copper was being removed from shallow pit mines. No one knows for sure who these ancient miners were, but thousands of excavation pits and tools were left behind as evidence of their mysterious past. This documentary takes the viewer back in time to explore this fascinating story.

The film includes commentary from scientists and researchers and examines ancient mining sites on land as well as copper bearing geological formations that presently exist underwater.

“AMERICA’S ANCIENT INDUSTRY” was filmed and directed by Robert Kreipke and produced by Janine McFadden with underwater sequences filmed by Luke Clyburn and Kathy Trax.



The mission of the Noble Odyssey Foundation is to advance knowledge of the Great Lakes through seagoing education and research projects. The Noble Odyssey professional staff, directed by Luke Clyburn brings together scientists and educators to conduct research projects in and around the Great Lakes. The results of this research are conveyed to the public through documentary films, publications, exhibits and lectures presented throughout the Great Lakes region.

In recent years the NOF has produced a series of award-winning films called

"Great Lakes, Ancient Shores, about historical and prehistoric discoveries under the lakes.

The non-profit Noble Odyssey Foundation (a Michigan 501c3) depends on grants and contributions to carry out its unique mission of education and research on the Great Lakes. Through nationwide training of young Navy Sea Cadets as research divers, the foundation also develops appreciation and promotes wise stewardship of Great Lakes resources among America's future leaders.

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