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THREE EXCITING SHORT DOCUMENTARIES TO SCREEN AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM ON JULY 18 AND JULY 19

DETROIT- Three short documentaries produced by the **Noble Odyssey Foundation** chronicling their underwater explorations of the Great Lakes will be shown at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** on **Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m.** and **Sunday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m.** This event is free.

“Angels of the Sea” explores the shipwreck *Emperor* through the eyes of the divers as they descend over 200 feet into Lake Superior’s chilling waters off Isle Royale. The running time for this film is 25 minutes.

“Drowned Forests of Lake Huron” features a spruce and cedar forest that flourished in what is now lower Lake Huron. Remnants of this ancient forest remain 40 feet below present lake levels. Rapidly rising waters preserved the trees, revealing much about the conditions in which they grew. The running time for this film is 20 minutes.

“Sinkholes” explores the drowned coastlines of the prehistoric Great Lakes. Dive into sinkholes, underwater springs and other features along shores that were exposed during extremely low water levels experienced some 10,000 years ago. The running time for this film is 17 minutes.

Other films from the Noble Odyssey Foundation will also show at the Dossin in August.

The Society’s Film Series features free monthly screenings of fascinating Detroit films on a select weekend in DeRoy Hall at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. Upcoming films include the following:

“River Channels”, “Reefs and Lake Levels” and “The Norwood Project” will be shown **Saturday, August 15** and **Sunday, August 16** at **2 p.m.**

- **“River Channels”** explores the ancient river bed beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Fantastic underwater footage is featured of the shipwrecks that lie along these ancient shores. The running time for this film is 20 minutes.

- **“Reefs and Lake Levels”** dives into the past with the Great Lakes Division Sea Cadets as they explore ancient coral reefs and evidence of changing lake levels in the freshwater seas. The running time for this film is 25 minutes.
- **“The Norwood Project”** visits a prehistoric quarry site on Lake Michigan and swims the banks of an ancient, submerged river channel. 8,000-10,000 years ago people may have fished along these shores. The running time for this film is 18 minutes.

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** is located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle. Admission is free for all, all the time. Permanent exhibits include Built by the River in the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation Gallery, the Miss Pepsi vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, the Gothic Room from the City of Detroit III in the Polk Family Hall, a bow anchor from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. William Clay Ford in the Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation Gallery, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. For more information, call the Museum at 313.833.5538 or check out our website at detroithistorical.org.

Recreation Passports are now being enforced for every vehicle entering Belle Isle Park. If you are planning to visit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum or attend an event and do not have a Passport, you can purchase one on the island. More information on the Recreation Passport can be found online at www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport.

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