

THE 2017 LEGACY SUMMER ARCHAEOLOGY MEETINGS

The 2017 summer presentations will focus on copper usage in the Lake Superior region, including at the Reservoir Lakes. “Native copper” (so pure that it does not require smelting to work) is found in the basal bedrock around Lake Superior and was used extensively by Native Americans prior to historic and modern mining. The presentations will explore this local technology from source to product.

July 16: *There’s Copper in Them Thar Hills: Historic Copper Mines of Western Lake Superior* - Todd Lindahl and Don Menuey have explored several deposits used historically (and probably prehistorically). Join us in revisiting these forgotten sites of early industrial activities.

August 20: *Great Lakes Archaic Indians: The Origins of Prehistoric Metal Technology in Eastern North America* - A video of Tom Pleger’s presentation at the Houghton Copper Conference will explore the Old Copper Industry of the Archaic Period. Dr. Pleger was an expert in Archaic archaeology of the region.

A show & tell of artifacts from the area will accompany the presentation. *The public is welcome to bring artifacts for identification!!*

The Legacy Program of summer archaeology presentations is an initiative of Minnesota Power, an ALLETE Company. The objective is to document and preserve information on the prehistoric and historic human use of the Reservoir Lakes. For more information, call **Greg Prom at 355-3191** or email to gprom@allete.com

The meetings will be held on the third Sundays in July (7/16) and August (8/20) from 1-3 pm at the Boulder Lake Environmental Center on Boulder Lake Reservoir. For more information or directions, call **Boulder Center at 218/721-3731** or email boulder@d.umn.edu or check the webpage at www.boulderlake.org

The meetings are organized by personnel of the Duluth Archaeology Center. For any questions, call **Sue Mulholland or Jenni Hamilton at 218/624-5489** or email to archcenter@aol.com or check the webpage at www.dulutharchaeologycenter.com.

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