Nova on PBS...
Posted by cbwx34 - 10 Oct 2012 10:24

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Re: Nova on PBS...
Posted by wickededge - 10 Oct 2012 20:45

This sounds really interesting. If you come across a link to view the show from an archive please let me know since I can't watch it due to traveling.

cbwx34 wrote:

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Re: Nova on PBS...
Posted by Billabong - 10 Oct 2012 21:53

Looks interesting.

www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/secrets-viking-sword.html

As does this one from 2007.

www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/secrets-samurai-sword.html

Now out on video I see.

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Re: Nova on PBS...

Posted by wickededge - 10 Oct 2012 21:59

Thank you! I'll check it out when I have a better internet connection.

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Re: Nova on PBS...

Posted by Billabong - 10 Oct 2012 22:08

DVD for sale at Amazon on the 23rd.

www.amazon.com/Nova-Secrets-Artist-Not-Provided/dp/B008V8NRV2

More info.

www.kpbs.org/news/2012/oct/09/nova-secre...n=Feed%3A+kpbs%2Ftv+ (KPBS+TV%3A+Program+Highlights)

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Re: Nova on PBS...
Posted by Billabong - 14 Oct 2012 01:34

Got a chance to watch this yesterday, found a copy on the net.

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Re: Nova on PBS...
Posted by cbwx34 - 14 Oct 2012 08:15

It can now be watched at PBS's website...

www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/secrets-viking-sword.html

also the Samurai sword making episode, which is really good...

www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ancient/secrets-samurai-sword.html

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Re: Nova on PBS...
Posted by BobNash - 14 Oct 2012 16:03

Awesome - thanks for putting up the links!

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Re: Nova on PBS...

Posted by DAUG - 15 Oct 2012 10:51

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+1, Very cool and informative program.....really enjoyed that!

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Re: Nova on PBS...

Posted by Billabong - 15 Oct 2012 11:08

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Yes, thanks for posting my links again.

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