

Toronto filmmaker returns to Scugog for film fest

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A film about the history of Nonquon Island will return to Port Perry for its debut, almost a year after filming began at the location last summer.

Producer and director Mark Magro will debut

his film 'Nonquon Island' at this year's Canoe The Nonquon Film Festival, commemorating the canoe race's 40th anniversary. The film, which details the history of the island and its various inhabitants over the years, will screen at 8 p.m. at Town Hall 1873 in

Port Perry. A Q&A session will also take place either before or after the screening.

"Shooting this film on Nonquon Island was something extraordinary," said Mr. Magro. "The people in Scugog are very friendly - I got in contact

with a lot of people who hadn't seen the island in more than 50 years."

Describing the film as chronicling the island's "mysterious evolution from ancient Native American landscapes to grand 20th century structures," Mr. Magro said that the film

will also air at Scugog's Doors Open 2008 event in the fall.

Nonquon Island is the second film in a series of Ontario locales forgotten over time by Mr. Magro and his production company Wanted Media. In February, Mr. Magro's first documen-

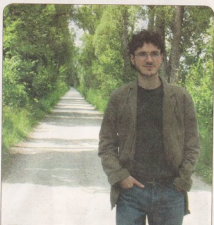
tary 'Cedar Mains Farm: A Forgotten Land' premiered, detailing the history of a farm in Caledon, Ontario. The filmmaker is currently wrapping up production on "The Story of Uxbridge Station," a look at the train station located in the North Durham municipality.

While a screening of one of his films by the National Film Board of Canada is a short-term goal for the young director, Mr. Magro is also hoping to see the films air on television, with his sights set on securing a deal to produce a series of programs dealing with these lost locations.

"The goal of these films is to get people aware of what's in their own backyard," said Mr. Magro.

The Canoe The Nonquon Film Festival takes place May 10 at Town Hall 1873, with six films (including Nonquon Island) screening that evening beginning at 5 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, contact the Scugog Shores Museum at 905-985-3589.



Fillmmaker Mark Magro, pictured here on Nonquon Island last summer during the filming of his documentary of the same name, will be screening his film in Port Perry at the Canoe The Nonquon Film Festival on May 10.

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