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Gloria getting close to a Black Rat Snake at Halton EcoFest, held by Ross Blackwood of Sssnakes!
 PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.



It seems we wait the whole year for summer. Long days spent outside doing what we like best – gardening, hiking, spending time with family, golfing, touring, garage sailing... And then there's our annual

vacation of one, two or more weeks if we're lucky – staying at a cottage, resort or campground.

This issue gives several ideas for where to go and what to see in the northern part of the Escarpment. Larkwhistle is a

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fantastic, famous private garden that has been open to the public for decades, but will no longer be open after this summer. This is your last chance to see this remarkable place.

Who knew you could vacation at a lighthouse and perform some of the duties of a lightkeeper? Our newest contributor Sandra Howe shares her experience of a different kind of summer holiday.

Cruising the crystal clear waters of Georgian Bay is always a delight, and particularly when you take in the islands off the Bruce Peninsula, culminating in Flowerpot Island. Mike and I share our tour in this issue's Publishers' Diary.

Another new contributor, Sarah King Head, reveals the amazing history of the engineering wonder the Welland Canal. From hand-dug ditch to

international waterway, it has come a long way in overcoming the physical challenge posed by the Niagara Escarpment.

All this and more pleasures await you in this issue. Grab a lemonade or gin and tonic, head for the shade and take the armchair tour we provide. Then, plan to enjoy some of the many wonderful experiences available along the magnificent Niagara Escarpment for yourself. The days are long, but summer is short, so get out and enjoy it! And let us know what you do and discover. We love hearing from you.

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P.S. Wild animals need wild spaces.

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Just as we were finalizing the pages of this issue, we received this letter:

In your editorial "Preventing Inappropriate Quarries," you very accurately and eloquently captured the experience, emotions and opinions of our POWR MAG Inc. Board and members over the last three years. We have been opposing an 'irreconcilably incompatible' pit and quarry application that will operate beside the Magnetawan River and an environmentally protected wetlands (only not provincially significant because it has not yet been evaluated, Phung Tran, MNR Landscape Biologist). The Township of Perry unanimously rejected the rezoning application on Oct. 3, 2012 BUT this decision was appealed to the OMB by the

proponent. The first Prehearing is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013! As you might imagine, we are scrambling and working hard to get attention to our cause – protecting the natural environment, the river, the ground water and our peaceful quality of life. We received copies of your Spring 2013 issue of *Niagara Escarpment Views* from Gravel Watch Ontario, from Roger Goulet of PERL and from my niece who lives in Caledonia! Would we be able to quote from your article in some of our communications, please? Thank you for bringing attention to the success stories and passing on the learnings.

Doris Kelly-Capyk, President POWR MAG Inc., Protectors of Wetlands & River Magnetawan Inc., Emsdale