

# After 50 years, painter changes direction

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There's always something new one can learn about painting, even after a lifetime as an award-winning artist, says Gil Caldwell.

At the age of 83 - with some 50 years at the easel - he is embarking on what he says is a new direction in his career.

Widely known for his colourful and highly detailed work, the Applewood resident is now focusing on depicting texture and delving into semi-abstractness.

"It has energized my work," says Caldwell, a former winner of the Mississauga Arts Council's Visual Artist of the Year Award and an inductee into McMaster University's Alumni Gallery.

You can check out Caldwell's new ap-

proach in his solo show-and-sale Nov. 17-23 at Visual Arts Mississauga. He'll showcase about 15 paintings, all done in the past year. Naturally, he calls the event "A Change in Direction."

Caldwell's interest in art was sparked in Toronto where he grew up.

"I was always fascinated about the city's architecture. I got hooked on the landscape at an early age and did numerous drawings of the old houses, bandstands and such," he said.

Caldwell graduated from the Ontario College of Art before going on to McMaster, the University of Toronto, where he received his bachelor of education degree, and Niagara University.

He was a vice principal with the Etobicoke Board of Education before retiring in

1988. Since then he has poured his energies into his art career.

At any given time, he says, he has several paintings on the go.

Over the years, he's been a member of the Meadowvale Art Group, White Oaks Art

Group and the Mississauga Art Society.

Visual Arts Mississauga is located at 4170 Riverwood Park, off Burnhamthorpe Rd. W.

Exhibition times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 905-277-4313.