

One last solo show for celebrated Applewood artist

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One of Mississauga's most venerable artists is staging his final solo exhibition at Visual Arts Mississauga.

Applewood's Gil Caldwell, who has been a staple in the city's visual arts scene for decades, presents a collection of works at his Just Prints exhibit at Visual Arts Mississauga that runs from Monday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Caldwell, a former winner of the Mississauga Arts Council's Visual Artist of the Year Award, will be at the venue on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. and on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. to meet and chat with visitors.

While the 86-year-old intends to keep painting and participating in group exhibitions, Caldwell's wife Betty says this

will be his last solo exhibit. An avid traveller - having visited Germany, Morocco, Italy, Spain, Portugal, England, Wales, Scotland, Costa Rica, Mexico and Venezuela, among others, in his lifetime - Caldwell plans on doing more of it, including getting to France to visit his daughter while also making his way to Greece.

The upcoming exhibit will feature a collection of the artist's distinctive and engaging linocut prints.

Caldwell told The News that it's a creative process he's employed for 40 years and that he enjoys it as a break from his better-known watercolour paintings.

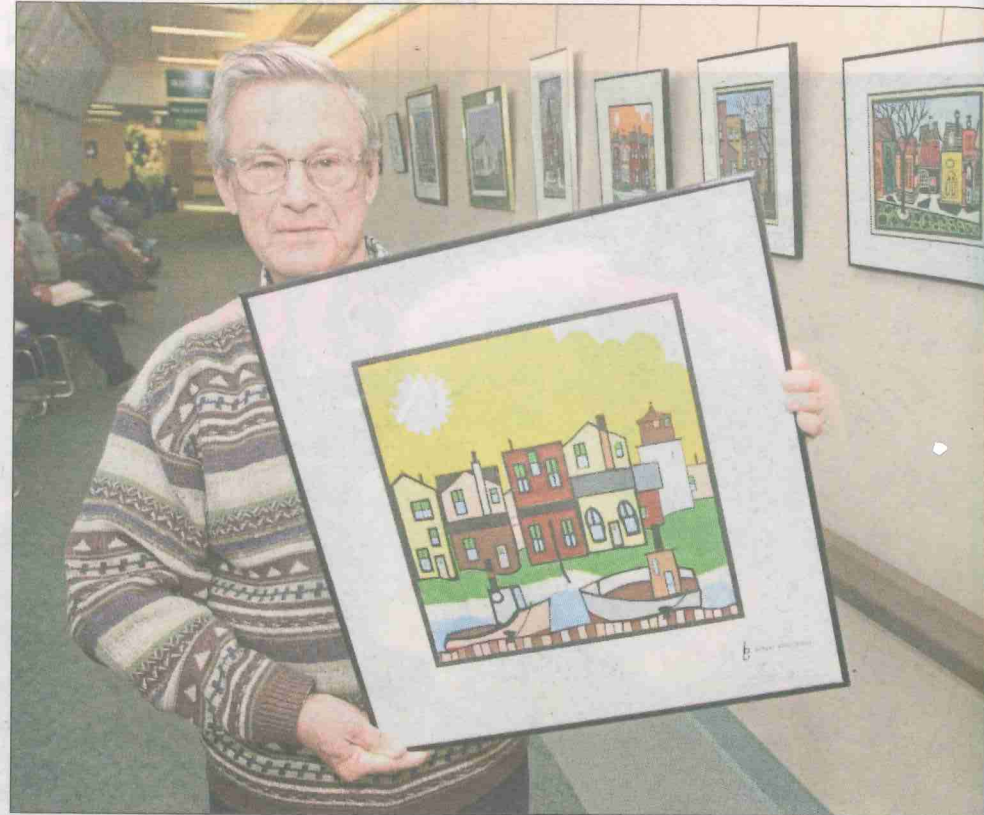
Caldwell is an inductee in the McMaster University's Alumni Gallery and, throughout the years, has been a member of the Meadowvale Art Group, White Oaks Art Group, the Mississauga

Art Society and the Colour and Form Society as well as the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts.

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 and has been a regular exhibitor in Mississauga and beyond. He's had his work grace the pages of Reader's Digest, Ontario Living, Bay Arts and Entertainment and Canadian Art Magazine and two of his prints were also featured in the film Firehouse Dog.

For more information, visit www.visualartsmississauga.com.



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Longtime Applewood artist Gil Caldwell is staging his final solo exhibit from Nov. 13-19 at Visual Arts Mississauga.