



Jack's back, for history's sake

Renowned Mississauga artist Jack Jelilian is presenting Dupont Canada with a painting featuring a historical home saved by the company.

When Dupont constructed its offices and plant on Mississauga Rd., just north of Hwy. 401, the century-old, Victorian-style McClure-Lafferty farmhouse was smack in the middle of the plans.

But Dupont carefully constructed around the old home to preserve it — the way Jelilian has preserved it on canvas. The home was built on what was called Bridlewood Farm in the 1870s and Jelilian said he's grateful Dupont saved the home.

The 47-year-old watercolor painter who

owns a gallery in Streetsville said he has always been interested in history.

"I like to know about how our nation was formed, the people who lived here — the founders and the pioneers," he said, adding that he's painted several of Mississauga's historic homes and buildings including the Barber House, Franklin House and the Upper Canada School House.

Jelilian said his paintings often takes between two and three months to complete.

He begins with a visit to the building to take pictures. He then completes a detailed pencil sketch and then painstakingly adds color and shading.

A Jack Jelilian original will soon hang in the the offices of Dupont Canada at Mississauga Rd. just north of Hwy. 401. The painting depicts a historical home built on the Dupont site and saved from the wrecker's ball when the modern facility was built. In appreciation for Dupont's preservation of the McClure Lafferty house built in the 1870s, the famous local artist is donating the painting to the firm.

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