



Streetsville artist Jack Jelilian is donating a painting for a Heritage Mississauga raffle to be held this Sunday.

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Streetsville artist Jack Jelilian is giving away his *Cherished Moments*.

The Mississauga Heritage Foundation will host a draw of Streetsville watercolor artist Jack Jelilian's work as part of Heritage Mississauga Showcase '99.

*Cherished Moments* and some of Jelilian's other paintings will be on display during the Showcase, Feb. 12-14 at Square One in the centre court, on the lower level.

The theme of this year's Heritage Showcase is "Industrious Mississauga," a celebration of business and its role in establishing Mississauga.

Jelilian's watercolor paintings depict a collection of Mississauga heritage houses, including McClure Lafferty House, the Old Barber House (which Mayor McCallion has in her office) and the Old Country School, the country's first grammar school.

Jelilian was a commercial artist for 10 years. In 1987 he turned his attention to historical landmarks, specifically heritage homes. Jelilian's interest in these houses is out of artistic necessity, he said.

"We're a new country, we don't have old castles and things,"

said Jelilian, 53. "Our oldest places, like these heritage houses, are only 150 to 200 years old, so that is our history and so much of art is about history."

These heritage homes represent a lost age, said Jelilian.

"It was a time when Canada was less populated and more calm and they took care with the houses, adding the little touches like Gingerbread trim," said Jelilian. "Now the big city is taking over, so this is a way to preserve that piece of Canadian history."

He donated his painting *Cherished Moments*, a portrait of an old Captain's house on Hammond Rd., to the Mississauga Heritage Foundation to be raffled off. Visitors can enter the draw, to be held Valentine's Day at the Showcase.

Jelilian is now working on a new painting, inspired by the recent chilly weather.

"I start working whenever I see that winter snow scene. I put my mind to it and I don't waste any time," said Jelilian.

The artist said he likes to combine beauty, history and nature with a hint of fantasy. Jelilian said his work is about more than a pretty picture.

"This is not just art," said Jelilian. "It's also history and memories, so people will remember the old Mississauga."

For information, call the Mississauga Heritage Foundation, 615-4415.