

# A day at the horse races



## inspired artist's show

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A day spent watching the horses run at Woodbine proved to be inspirational for Lakeview artist Fred Lipscombe.

He has since created a series of oil paintings devoted to his day at the races, and the 10 new works, along with a few of his watercolors, will be on display throughout April at the Meadowvale Library, on the second floor of Meadowvale Town Centre.

"I've never attempted to do horses before, but when you look at the jockeys' silk jackets and shirts, there's a lot of color there," Lipscombe said.

"I like to put a lot of color in my paintings. Once I get an idea of how the jockey and horse look I can put them anywhere, in any position."

The artist, who was born in England and moved to Canada in 1953, arriving in Mississauga three years later, said he likes to paint a different theme each year.

In his latest series, the horses are pictured charging out of the gates and rumbling down the stretch.

He has also paid tribute to the steeple chase and harness racing.

"There's a lot of room for imagination," Lipscombe said.

He doesn't photograph his subjects and only sometimes does he sketch a subject before putting brush to canvas.

Lipscombe

has been painting for more than 25 years.

He enjoys painting landscapes, often looking to the Forks of the Credit, Etobicoke Creek or the lake front for subject matter.

He also paints cityscapes and has painted the Civic Centre and Square One in night scenes.

"I try to develop a local theme. I do a lot of city scenes," he said.

One of his most recent paintings captured the construction of the Living Arts Centre, picturing a large red crane looming over the bricks and mortar.

Although Lipscombe works mostly in oils, he also does watercolors.

"Watercolors are more spontaneous. You can't labor over a watercolor, you have to get it right the first time or throw it out," he said.

Lipscombe is a member of the Meadowvale Art Group that meets the first two Wednesdays of the month.

Meadowvale artist Fred Lipscombe has a series of oil paintings devoted to a day at the horse races exhibited throughout April at the Meadowvale Library.