

Church art exhibit dedicated to Richard Vogt

"The Landscape Icon Series," a selection of paintings, prints, drawings, video and sculpture by Ernest Garthwaite of Old Greenwich, is scheduled to be exhibited from Wednesday through June 13 at the First Congregational Church, 108 Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich. The exhibit is being dedicated to the memory of Richard Vogt, director of music at the church who died May 28.

For the past 12 years, Garthwaite has focused on his concern for the environment, utilizing painting, video and sculpture to create his landscape icon series. He finds pristine sections of land untouched by human development and documents them in the series, concentrating on the shore of Long Island Sound.

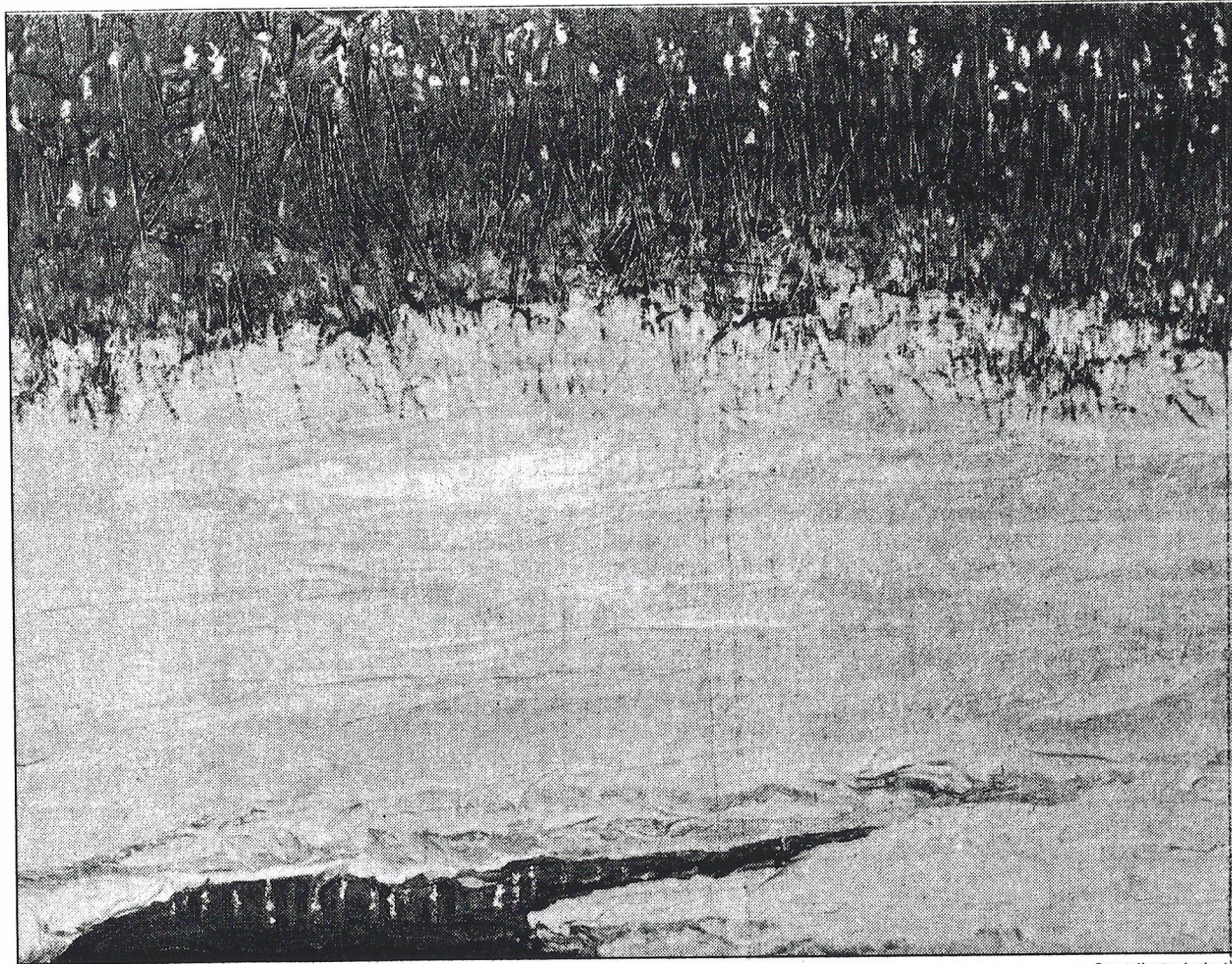
He says, "My basic philosophy is a philosophy of conservation, combined with a religious sensibility concerning the sacredness of the land. I think of this series as a testament to the enduring landscape and as an affirmation and celebration of the land. It is about the remembered land its recovery, sharing its presence, assuring its future."

Garthwaite, a full professor at York College of the City University of New York, is in his 33rd year of teaching. Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, he came to the United State in 1954.

He graduated from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and was one of six selected to study under Ivan Mestrovic, a Yugoslavian sculptor, at Notre Dame, where he received his master's degree. He did post graduate work at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and at the Arts Student League in Woodstock, N.Y.

An opening reception is scheduled at the church from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

A percentage of the sales will go to the Christian Outreach Allocations.



"Siwanoy Spirit Winter," an oil, acrylic and gold leaf on canvas painting by Ernest Garthwaite.

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