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## In Search of the Lost Tribe of 62



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About the Artist:  
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All of [Harriet] Iles's dreamweaving comes from her "take" on the world-- a view that is transformed by her imagination and fixed in ceramic, wood, or color and line. Prolific and seemingly tireless, Iles turns out drawing after drawing, each creature painstakingly outlined, each set aside until treated with oil or watercolor and properly framed.

Iles settled in Woodstock after studying art in England, and France. A seven year journey took her away from what she considered confining studies, to Afghanistan and further travels to India, Kashmir and Nepal.



## The New Kid on the Block Lives Across the Pond



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Richard has extensive experience in senior management positions throughout British industry, and has spent the last fifteen years working as a Trainer, Consultant and Mentor to many senior managers. Richard has spent the last three years working with Consultants, Specialist Registrars and Pharmacists in the NHS, training them in various aspects of Management. Richard has become much in demand across the NHS, as he has a warm and enthusiastic style. He particularly enjoys helping clinicians in the NHS develop their management skills.

Since graduating from Sandhurst, Richard spent time as a land agent before joining Industry. He has run his own large company in the United Arab Emirates. Richard's first degree was in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Cambridge. Many years later, he became a committed Christian, and took his second degree in Theology. He now is a non-stipendiary minister in the Church of England, and runs a parish in rural Leicestershire. If he has any spare time left over, he spends his time restoring classic cars (currently an MG), and he loves sailing.

## Arts Group Proceeds with Funding Plans

By Sabrina Banes Staff Correspondent  
The Greenwich Time

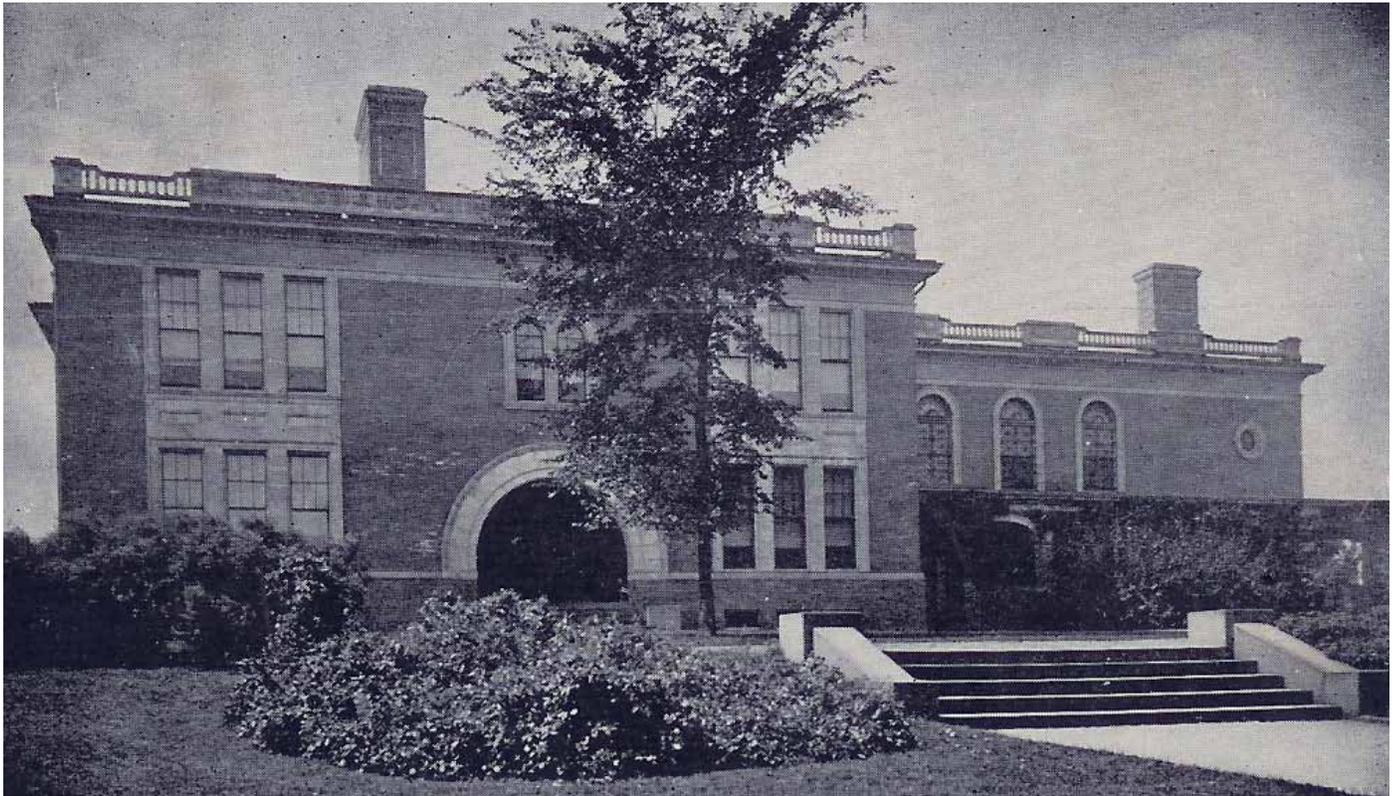
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The Greenwich Center for the Arts Task Force is moving forward with plans for a study on whether the group can raise enough money to convert the Havemeyer Building into an arts center. The task force will hire a fund-raising consultant within the next few weeks to survey prospective donors, according to Bea Crumbine, the task force chairwoman. The group will interview about 45 people who might consider contributing large sums of money.



"The town needs to have us prove to them that we actually have the potential funding for this," Crumbine said. The task force's action follows the Board of Education's decision last week to look for a new headquarters. The school board's decision does not require the district to move out of the Havemeyer Building, but by indicating a desire to do so, it gives the task force the ability to proceed with its fund-raising plans.

The building at 290 Greenwich Ave. is more than a century old and while structurally sound, needs new plumbing, heating and wiring. The task force also wants to install new bathrooms, a sprinkler system and an elevator. School officials also have said offices are not the best use of the space.



If the arts center plan moves ahead, the task force will lease the building from the town but be responsible for its renovation and upkeep.

The renovation plans would cost would be "much more than \$10 million," said Janice Gardner, co-chairwoman of the task force and a member of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The arts center plan includes a visual and performing arts studios, a cafe, office space and a 400-seat theater with an annex.

"We really are going to create a new building within an old skin," Crumbine said. The town put out a call for proposals for the building early last year, but only the task force expressed interest, First Selectman Jim Lash said. "We said if people had other ideas, they should come forward. This is the only group that came forward," he said. He added that the proposal is a good one.

"It creates something that the town does not now have, which is a state-of-the-art performing arts center of moderate size."

## From the Left Side of the Pond



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My cousin-by-marriage, Joanne Tripodi Loparco, suggested that I send this to you. I think I remember you? Tall, devilishly handsome? One of the very popular McMillan boys? Basketball players? As I graduated 3 years ahead of you, perhaps you might not remember me either! (Editor's Note: I am sure that she is talking about Phil or maybe even John.)

At any rate, I am doing two readings in Greenwich on one of my new books. I sent the e-mail below (and will be sending it snail mail too) to the classmates

from 1959 who are still living in and around Greenwich. I am hoping to have a mini-reunion at the bookstore or at the Cos Cob Library. Joanne hoped that you might put some of this info into your monthly newsletter.

Our class had our last reunion 4 years ago. However, since that time, a few of us have been getting together in the summer, visiting at one another's houses in different parts of the country. We started at Jill Cleveland Malony's house in Maine, then segued to my house in Maine, and last year, met at Karen Gustafson Stewart's house in Georgia. This summer, we are going to meet at Gail Gallagher Cousin's home in Virginia and then traipse down to the Chesapeake and board Jack Murphy's sailboat. There should be 15 or more of us this year. It seems to be growing by leaps and bounds.

One of our classmates, Cole Kortner, died last year, and we all felt that getting together with some of our old buddies loomed more important than ever. Time is short and keeping in touch is so important. Obviously, you feel that way.

If you remember me, I am an author, live on an island in Maine, have 2 grown sons, one married, one a happy single guy. I am married and have been for the past 34 (whew) years. Jack is a sales manager. We enjoy sailing, wine making, gardening, opera, cooking and eating and we do enjoy our life. I still have lots of family in Greenwich and am there frequently.

## Book Reading, What a Novel Idea

Hi everyone! I am doing a few book-readings in Green-a-wich in the next few months. I had a brainstorm to ask all of the GHS'ers who live around Greenwich to join me and perhaps have a little get together...So I sent this to everyone I could think of...even a few that I don't really remember. Anyway, I wanted you all to know what I am doing, GHS-wise...Naturally, I hope that any and all of you might want to come, but it is a bit far for some of you! Who-all is going to Gail's this summer, besides me?

I know some of you have spoken to, e-mailed, Ricky Sommers, Sue Casey or others, but I don't have the contacts. Send them to me and we can add them to the rest here, so that a few more of us can "talk". It's good to keep in touch.

I don't know if some of you will remember me. Joyce Lanterna, skinny and with frizzy brown hair. Like most of you, I don't quite look that way anymore! I am now known as Joyce Tracksler, am married and live in Maine with my husband, Jack. I looked up each and every one of you in my worn out copy of The Compass and thought of all the great times we'd had together marching around the halls of the old GHS.

I will be in Greenwich doing two book readings for my newest novel, which is a fictionalized account of how my great grandparents came to Greenwich from Italy more than a hundred years ago. You might enjoy their story, but even better, perhaps we can say hello once again to one another and visit with other classmates. I hope you'll come. If you can, please let me know.

To those of you that I have seen or spoken with or e-mailed in the past few years, "Hi", and to those that I haven't seen, how about getting together in Greenwich or Cos Cob and joining me and a few other GHS'ers at one of my upcoming book readings....It would be great to get together. Maybe afterwards, we could go to Vahsen's (is it still there?) or Neilson's for an ice cream soda! (I know, I know...Neilson's is gone...alas)

I'm going to be at two different venues, the first is at **Just Books Too**, in Old Greenwich, on Saturday, 02 April 2005, from 2PM to 3:30 PM. The second is at the **Cos Cob Library** on the Post Road in Cos Cob, on Friday 06 May 2005, a Friday night, from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. Wine and biscotti at both. Seating is limited, so let me know if you can make it. I can be reached at **207.439.7405** or by e-mail at [jtracksler@comcast.net](mailto:jtracksler@comcast.net) Even if you can't come, I'd love to hear about what you are up to. But try to join us. The more, the merrier. I will be sending a bit more detailed info, in the next few weeks.