

Chris Van Dusen

Made possible through the generosity of **Island Readers and Writers**, author Chris Van Dusen visited Vinalhaven School as part of an eight-island tour celebrating the release of his new book Circus Ship, which is based on the steamer carrying, among other things, a circus, that sank off of Vinalhaven in 1837. We are very grateful to the Island Readers and Writers for making this possible!



A Visit with Phil Bernberg

Local potter and owner of Red Herring Gallery on Main Street, Phil Bernberg did an integrated art and science residency in October. Students learned about the geology of clay as well as how to use the wheel.

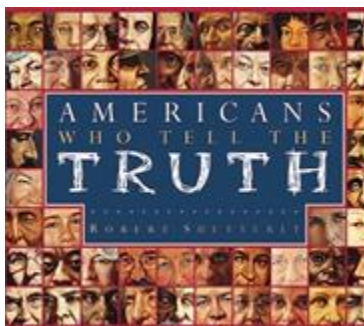


Ethics Week with Robert Shetterly January 2010

The High school team has planned a cross-curricular program for this January for the entire high school to explore ethics. This program will include a residency with artist Robert Shetterly, who will work with students around his body of work "Americans Who Tell the Truth." Students will explore ethics on an international level, followed by local issues and finally each student will create their personal beliefs monologue, which will be recorded using iMovie. Students will also work with Robert Shetterly to talk about his body of work as well as paint their own self-portraits.

The work created by the students including their personal beliefs monologue and self-portraits created with Robert Shetterly, will be on display at the Vinalhaven School in late January.

Following this intensive week-long program, students will select a topic that is meaningful to them and further research it for Vinalhaven School's annual Knowledge Quest that runs from January through March. Students will give formal presentations in March.



Afterschool Dance with Performing Arts Teacher Tara Elliot

Tara Elliot has been teaching dance to grades K-5 for the months of October and November as part of an afterschool program funded by VSE.

