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A promise for the future...

The annual newsletter for the benefactors and friends of
Partners in Island Education

**Partners in Island Education
Presents**

Guys and Dolls

Lyrics by Frank Loesser

Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows

Directed by Jessie Grant

Starring Vinalhaven High School Students

Memorial Day Weekend

May 27 & 28 7:00pm

May 29 1:00pm

Smith Hokanson Memorial Hall

Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students

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Photo by Jessie Grant

Mission statement

Partners in Island Education is a non-profit organization located on the island of Vinalhaven, Maine. Our mission is to support educational excellence in our community by sponsoring art, literacy and enrichment opportunities at the Vinalhaven School, by assisting with the development of school facilities and by supporting future aspirations by funding a scholarship program.

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High school students audition for "Guys and Dolls"
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VSE programs 2010-2011

- Sustainability Week
- Photography Residency
- Journalism Workshop with Abigail Trafford
- Hansel & Gretel performance by Acorn Productions
- Graphic Design Residency
- Silk Screen Workshop
- Contradance Residency and Community Dance
- Felting with Angie Olson
- Assistance with tickets to *Les Miserables* in London for Seniors
- The Story of Seaglass*, with author Mary Beth Owens (funded in part by Island Readers and Writers)

Afterschool Programs

- Adult Ceramics
- K-2 & 3-5 Ceramics
- K-2 Movement
- 3-5 Movement
- Glee Club
- Set Design
- Skateboard Design
- Middle School Cooking
- Ornament Felting



Graphic Design Workshop with high school art class.
Photo by Shannon Campbell

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Profile: Jessie Grant

Jessica Grant is the new Vinalhaven drama teacher. She says that she thought that it would be a good thing for her. She was interviewed via Skype and was called several days later to say that she got the job. "I came out Fourth of July weekend and was hooked," Jessie said.

She chose the job out of two openings. One here and one in Virginia. She chose the one here because she likes teaching in the K-12 setting. She says it goes from teaching bug dances to teaching salsa to high schoolers. She also likes seeing how kids grow up and gain confidence. "I had a phrase that I used to use at the other school I taught at that was about confidence. I would tell the kids that 'if you can dance you can do anything.'"

Jessie got into drama because both of her parents were directors. She didn't go to school for acting, she went to school for classical sound editing and directing. After she graduated from school she toured professionally for a year. She stopped because her father got sick, so she quit to spend time with him.

She started teaching high school drama in Durham, North Carolina. Then she moved here and started teaching K-12. She says that she likes this school more than the last one because of all the different age groups and challenges.

Jessie says, "I love doing a variety of shows so if [students] do decide to go to college for drama they will have a wide range of skills." She has done around 21 shows in the schools she has taught at. Her favorite shows are *Beauty and the Beast* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She says that she likes *Beauty and the Beast* because of the love of the younger kids and the older kids. She says that she likes *Thoroughly Modern Millie* because of the challenge of the dance steps. It has very tough choreography and she likes the challenge of teaching the kids these steps. She says she hopes to keep teaching at Vinalhaven School.

Written by Doug Day, grade 7
Part of a Journalism workshop with artist-in-residence Abigail Trafford, funded through the Vinalhaven School Enrichment program.



After school Glee Club students perform in the Parade of Lights in December.
Photo by Jessie Grant

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL DRAMA

Theater, done well, is wonderful, hard work for the body, mind and heart. It is a creative adventure like no other. As a performer, the student can step into the experiences of a character of any age or physical condition – the product of any culture. The young actor can be a part of any moment in time: past, present, future – real or imagined. Student actors examine the ways they are the same and different from the character they portray.

Throughout this past school year, we have seen everything

from Shakespeare to ducklings take the stage. That is the beauty of a K-12 school. Students have been challenged at all levels from character work to choreography. I have been lucky enough to see them grow more confident and self assured.

As an educator, I am grateful for the wonderful learning experience I have had this past year. The support from PIE, the community, and the teaching staff are simply amazing! Vinalhaven Theater and its performers hold a special place in my heart..

- Jessie Grant,

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTIONS 2010-2011

The Complete Works of Shakespeare
(abridged)
(High School, 2 casts)

Holiday Christmas Show
(Community)

Sleeping Beauty
(Middle School)

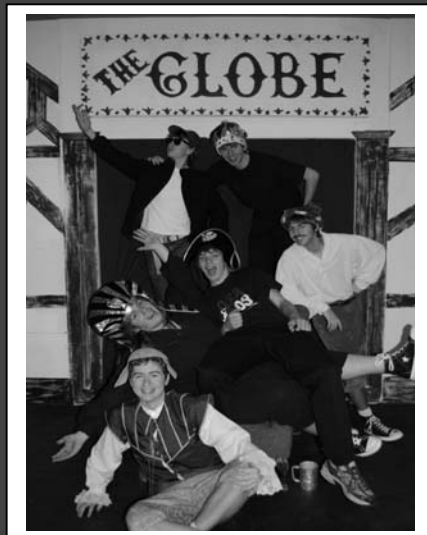
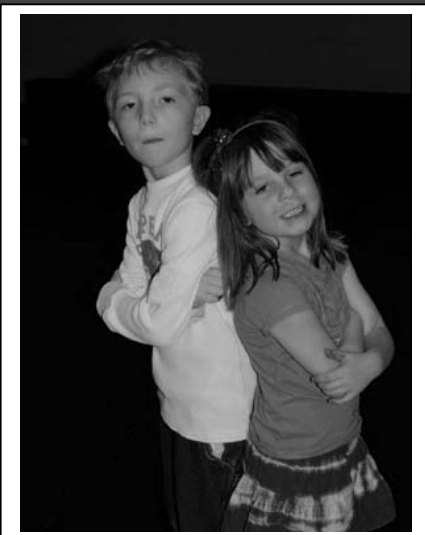
Honk
(K-2)

Seussical
(3-5)

Guys and Dolls
(High School)



Clockwise: Sleeping Beauty, 3-5 dancers, Sleeping Beauty, The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged), K-2 dancers,





Jessie Grant's Dancers
Photo by Jessie Grant



Felting Workshop
Photo by Keely Felton



Seaglass Workshop with Royane Mosley
Photo by Keely Felton



Norah Warren promotes summer workshops at the 4th of July
Photo by Keely Felton

MASTERPIECE WORKSHOPS

AT SMITH HOKANSON MEMORIAL HALL
SUMMER 2011

DISNEY COMES TO LIFE TAKE 1 PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Ages: 5-7 years
August 4-8, 8am-12noon
Cost: \$200*

Join Vinalhaven's drama teacher Jessie Grant, for a week of dance, drama and delightful fun! Jessie will lead the group through well-known Disney pieces through the performing arts as well as crafts. Family and friends will be invited to join the group the final day of class for a showcase.

BROADWAY'S BEST PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Ages: 12 to 19
August 11- 15, 9am-12pm and
1-3pm
Cost: \$200*

Join us as we celebrate the *Great White Way* through a variety of songs, dances and scenes from Broadway's best. We will explore from the Golden Age through the Modern Rock Opera. This camp will be taught by the popular Vinalhaven Drama teacher and Glee club leader, Jessie Grant.

DISNEY COMES TO LIFE TAKE 2 PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Ages: 8-11 years
August 4-8, 1:00-4:00pm
Cost: \$200*

Like *Disney Comes to Life: Take 1*, this camp will engage students in acting and dance while they learn several popular Disney pieces. For the older kids, there will be more emphasis on tap dance and swing.

BEESWAX CANDLE MAKING

Details TBD

Join Susan Holt, who you may have seen selling her creations at the Saturday flea Markets. Susan will instruct participants on how to make rolled beeswax candles in a variety of colors. All materials will be provided and you will have several candles to take home or give as gifts.

FELTED ANIMALS

Ages: 13 and up
July 19 & 21, 10:00-11:30am
Cost: \$25

Join Keely Felton for an introduction to needle felting. You will learn how to make an adorable felted sheep from carded wool. No prior experience with knitting needed! All tools and materials will be provided. For an extra fee you may take your tools home to continue what you've learned!

SEA GLASS ART

Ages: 13 and up
August 11 & 12, 10am-12:00pm
Cost: \$40

Royane Mosley is returning for a third year for her very popular sea glass art workshop. Recycled glass and other materials will be provided. Participants may bring sea glass they have collected. Please bring an 8 x 10 image you would like to work from. Look for a sample of her work on Main Street. Visit www.royanemosley.blogspot.com

Sign up deadline 1 week prior to workshop

To sign up go to www.vhpie.com for an online sign-up form OR contact Keely Felton at kfelton@vinalhavenschool.org, 206-458-1672

*Thanks to a generous grant, we are able to offer a 50% discount on the performing arts camps for year round families.

SUMMER 2011 EVENTS


A PIE BENEFIT CONCERT



STEVE RILEY
AND THE MAMOU PLAYBOYS

AUGUST 28TH, 2011
7:30PM

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STILL IN
THE WORKS

Artist Panel with Peter Ralston, Chris Clark & Other Local Artists!
August 4th

AT SMITH HOKANSON MEMORIAL HALL

<u>JUNE</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	
14 th	Seal Bay Music Festival Concert	4 th	PIE benefit, <i>Artist Panel</i> , 7:30pm
TBA	Little Miss Vinalhaven	5 th	David Crossman
<u>JULY</u>		26 th	Fox Islands Concerts, <i>James Campbel: Beethoven, Brahms, Ellington</i>
22 nd	EMT Concert	28 th	PIE Benefit Concert, <i>Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys</i> , 7:30pm
26 th	Vinalhaven Historical Society event		
28 th	Fox Islands Concerts, <i>Louisiana Repertory Jazz Ensemble</i>		

Events listed begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
For more information or to book an event contact
Norah Warren at 863-2086 or visit www.vhpie.org



AUGUST 12, 2011
5:30-9:00PM. MAIN STREET.

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A crowd gathers to watch
"Check Please" teasers .
Arts Night 2010.
Photo by Keely Felton

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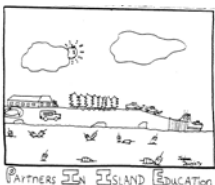
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Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Peter Manning, Development Committee Chair



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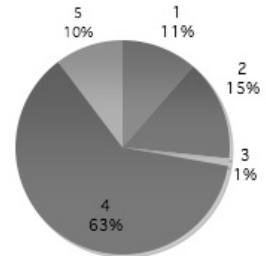
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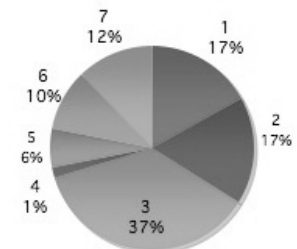
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"Being in Sleeping Beauty was awesome! I liked my costume and chasing the fairy. I am glad we have the drama program because I think it is fun to be in plays."
-MJ Augusto, grade 2

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"Drama is a really fun program because Jessie is so easy to connect with. She is interested in what we are interested in and is pushing us to do things we have never done or knew we could do."

-Blake Reidy, grade 11

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Middle School students getting a kick out of drama class.
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