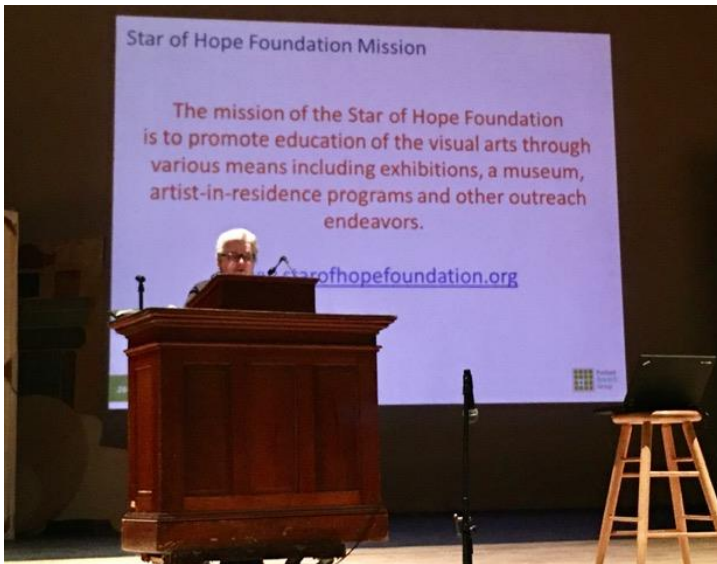


Star of Hope Update

Thanks to all who attended the 4th Community Meeting on Jan 23, 2020. Here is a summary:



Community Member Christine Vincent, Project Director of The Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative, shared information about such foundations.

What is an Artist-Endowed Foundation? It is a tax-exempt, charitable, private foundation created by an artist or the artist's heirs in order to own the artist's assets for use in educational and philanthropic activities providing public benefit.

The Community Survey produced 256 responses and many hundreds of great ideas about how the people of Vinalhaven would like to see the Star of Hope Foundation engage with the community. Many comments focused on developing:

- arts education programs for all ages
- scholarships for young artists
- a lecture series about artists & works of art
- performing arts events
- a visiting artist program
- the Star of Hope building as a center for arts education, meeting space for seminars, and other such gatherings
- The perceived importance of keeping as much of Robert Indiana's artwork as possible on the island remains an open question.
- Participants largely agree that the Foundation should implement initiatives that have a strong positive impact on the Vinalhaven economy.
- Most participants agree that Foundation initiatives should have year-round appeal.
- More participants are positive about the Foundation collaborating with other organizations, with a priority given to on-island partners, such as the Vinalhaven School and PIE.

With the Community Meetings and Survey complete, Star of Hope Foundation Board members are ready to begin pouring through the responses. But be assured, community engagement doesn't end here and will continue to be a valuable component of the Foundation's communication efforts.

To see the complete presentation, please visit: **www.starofhopefoundation.org**