

Mentoring



Artist, Farrell Ruppert (left) worked with Deer Isle High School sophomore , Brett Gagne during Haystack's Mentorship Program in 2009.

FARRELL RUPPERT & BRETT GAGNE

Haystack has developed programs for high school students from Maine, as well as workshops for Maine residents. Annually nearly 400 Mainers participate in these programs. All of these are subsidized by the school and often underwritten by grants. Haystack's *High School Mentor Program* brings together students from Deer Isle-Stonington High School and George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill with artists in their own communities. Students get to work side-by-side with these artists in their studios for intensive weekend sessions in the winter. Last year nearly forty students worked with ten artists. Blacksmith sculptor Farrell Ruppert worked with Brett Gagne, who was a sophomore at Deer Isle-Stonington High School.