

Creative offerings festival

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Stained glass
window by Dr
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Creative offerings

1) Creativity is not only about writing, art and music

- Creativity is about causing anything to come into being that was not there before.

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2) What does creativity DO for us?

- i. It is very satisfying to turn a picture in our heads into concrete form.
- ii. We get to make something **UNIQUE**.
- iii. Being creative can give us a reason for living, and can sustain us when times are tough and in old age.
- iv. When we create, it reverses the law of entropy – something ordered is made out of what is disordered.



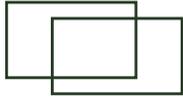
Birds from scrap metal

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3) Creative works help enable deep truths and insights to be glimpsed. We can see the world differently. Perhaps we can even glimpse something beyond the world.

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Art



- when we frame something, it directs our attention to what we may not have noticed before.
- Art is not reality, it is a carefully chosen sub-set of life that by brushstrokes, textures, colours and composition directs our attention and in so doing helps us to see reality differently.
- In so doing, Art sometimes changes lives: Henri Nouwen.



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Music



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Words

Words can be used in straightforward ways or in hugely complex ways

Simple:

“I have measured your land with a tape measure.”

Complex (using figurative not literal language):

“I have measured out my life with coffee spoons”

(T.S. Eliot)

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In the Bible:

Simple prose:

“God has heaps of animals and cows.”

Poetic:

“for every animal of the forest is mine,
and the cattle on a thousand hills.”

(Psalm 50:10)

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