Renew. Refresh. Recommit. Resolve. Recover. There are so many 'Re-' words to try on to find what fits best at the start of this particular new year.

While "resolutions" is certainly one of the words on the list, we can also recommend two others that might offer special resonance in this moment. And to help you see why we are embracing them, we've gathered a few articles for your reading and reflecting pleasure.

REJOICE

Reconsidering Your Approach to New Year's Resolutions
"What if your criteria for setting resolutions included words like play and art and adventure and relaxation?"

9 Creative New Year's Resolutions
Fun ideas to explore from TED Talks.
How to Overcome Stress by Seeing Other People's Joy

"When you keep your eyes open small moments of joy, you learn a lot about how much possibility there is for joy for ordinary moments, and even in difficult circumstances."

Pico Iyer on Presence and the Art of Stillness

"In our age of perpetual motion, it's increasingly hard - yet increasingly imperative - to honor stillness, to build pockets of it into our lives, so that our faith in beauty doesn't become half-hearted, lopsided, crippled."

How Nature Can Make You Kinder, Happier, and More Creative

"If you've been using your brain to multitask--as most of us do most of the day--and then you set that aside and go on a walk...and that's when we see these bursts in creativity, problem-solving, and feelings of well-being."

WHAT WE'RE UP TO

Pop Up Creativity - Final Event!

Announcing the final event funded by the Creative Sonoma Pop Up Creativity Grants:

**JANUARY 13: PetaluMAGIC**

The FINAL Pop up Creativity Project, PetaluMAGIC, will begin on Saturday, January
13th with a daylong open house, drawing, sketching, writing and doodling at Della Fattoria, and will result in a window of artworks that together makes a magical whole.

PetaluMAGIC is a participatory event to create a piece of temporary public art bringing together artists and non-artists of all ages and backgrounds, and will generate an enlightening set of ideas - ranging from the fantastic and idealistic to the practical and feasible.

**THRU FEBRUARY: Courthouse Square Yarn Bomb**

Bike racks in Santa Rosa’s Courthouse Square were yarn bombed by Judy Kennedy in November. When the exhibit ends, the sleeves will be removed and assembled into blankets to be donated to local animal shelters.

Click on Learn More to read about past and current events, and follow our [Facebook page](#) for event announcements.

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**STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:** To date, we have distributed just under $75,000 to creative individuals and organizations who have experienced physical loss or damage to their homes, studios, and/or businesses. Please encourage those who suffered losses to apply, and spread the word about the fund: all the information can be found on the [Fire Recovery](#) section of our website.

Click on Learn More to discover how to apply for assistance to the Creative Sonoma Recovery Fund, or to donate to the fund.

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FIRE RECOVERY RESOURCES AND FUNDS

[creativesonoma.org](#)
The Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley - which "studies the psychology, sociology, and neuroscience of well-being and teaches skills that foster a thriving, resilient, and compassionate society" - publishes Greater Good: Science-Based Insights for a Meaningful Life, a free online magazine. It is an excellent and accessible round-up of timely peer-reviewed findings and innovations from around the world in their focus areas, and is geared to parents, educators, community members and leaders, and health professionals.

To conclude 2017, they polled hundreds of researchers to find The Top 10 Insights from the Science of a Meaningful Life from the past year. A few of the insights hit home for the Creative Sonoma staff, especially as we reflect on the past year and the events of the past three months:

1. Music can make you a more creative, mindful person.
2. Taking care of others might be good for your own resilience.
3. Kindness at work seems to be contagious.
4. Young people aren't the only ones who need a sense of purpose.

Click on Read More to explore this research and discover their other top insights.

GET KNOWLEDGE: Trainings and Conferences

Conferences/Professional Development

A Leap for the Life You Want: A Fireside Chat on Chasing Your Passion
Weebly will be hosting a free panel discussion on "A Leap for the Life You Want: A Fireside Chat on Chasing Your Passion" on Monday, January 8, 2018, in San Francisco at Weebly HQ.
More Information
Dance Education Forum: Focus on Equity
Join local artists, educators and activists in this discussion in race, power and privilege in dance, and how we can make our teaching more inclusive and equitable, in Berkeley on February 24, 2018.

More Information

Check out MORE Professional Development opportunities in our online Marketplace.

GET CONNECTED: Creative Calls, Grants, Jobs & More

Calls to Creatives

CALL FOR SINGERS: Spreckels Performing Arts Center
Spreckels Theatre Company is seeking 3 male singers to be sailors in their upcoming production of South Pacific. Contact Immediately.

More Information

AUDITION NOTICE: Windsor Performing Arts Academy
The Windsor Performing Arts Academy is holding auditions for their annual talent show on January 26, 2018.

More Information

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Healing By Art: After the Fires
The new Santa Rosa Arts Center is seeking art, sculpture, and photography created in the aftermath of those terrible weeks for their upcoming exhibition "Healing By Art: After the Fires". Submit artwork in person on February 5-6.

More Information

EXHIBITOR/VENDOR OPPORTUNITY: Cloverdale Citrus Fair
The Cloverdale Citrus Fair is now accepting applications to become an exhibitor or vendor for their annual fair on February 16-18, 2018.

More Information

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Dear Sonoma: a Community Literary Journal
The Sonoma State Writing Center is accepting submissions of artwork, personal narratives, photography, and poetry related to the fires and their aftermath for "Dear Sonoma: a Community Literary Journal documenting the October 2017 fires". Deadline is March 1, 2018

More Information

Check out MORE Calls to Creatives in Creative Sonoma’s online Marketplace.

Grants & Awards

California Arts Council: Grant Programs NOW OPEN
The Council has eleven grant programs currently open for applications, including for...
arts education, arts for veterans, culturally specific arts groups, and more. Most deadlines range from [January to March, 2018].

More Information

The Fleishhacker Foundation: Small Arts Grants
The Fleishhacker Foundation is accepting applications for their Small Arts Grants, which focuses to support the development and presentation of the work of living Bay Area artists. **Deadline is January 15, 2018.**

More Information

Artfully Reimagined: Reimaginelt Grants
Reimaginelt Grants which are unconditional, non-matching awards made directly to individual artists to launch or support careers in the inspiring world of repurposed art.

More Information

Check out MORE Funding Opportunities in Creative Sonoma’s online Marketplace.

Local Jobs & Internships

Museums of Sonoma County: Development Associate
The Museums of Sonoma County (MSC) seeks a full-time Development Associate to support all fundraising activities, including the membership program, through grants management, donor relations and database management, direct mail solicitation, and events coordination.

More Information

Santa Rosa Symphony: Patron Services Associate
The Santa Rosa Symphony is seeking a Patron Services Associate who will assist the Patron Services Manager with all aspects of ticketing for the Santa Rosa Symphony.

More Information

Healdsburg Center for the Arts: Executive Director
Healdsburg Center for the Arts is seeking an Executive Director with a focus on community outreach, development, and operations. Apply by [January 8, 2018].

More Information

The Imaginists: Development Associate
The Development Associate should be able to effectively communicate the present and long-term vision of the Imaginists to a broad contingency using multiple platforms.

More Information

Camp Mendocino: Arts Specialist
Camp Mendocino is seeking an Arts Specialist to run creative art programming for campers ages 8-18 in a variety of mediums including drawing, painting, crafts, recycled art, and natural art.

More Information

Sonoma County Public Library Foundation: Bookmobile Librarian
The non-profit Sonoma County Public Library Foundation an opening for a part-time Mobile Librarian in its award-winning Free Bookmobile of Sonoma County.

More Information
Volunteer Opportunities

A Theater for Children: Afterschool Programs, Designers, Technicians, and Musicians - Volunteer
Volunteering for ATFC is a great way to bring your talents and vision to the fore, while you enrich the lives of children in Sonoma County and help us build a stronger community!

More Information

Check out MORE Volunteer Opportunities in Creative Sonoma's online Marketplace.

ENDING SOON

Marketplace Listings Ending Soon
Items we published previously, and are about to expire!

2018 Novato Spring Craft Market
Applications are now open for the City of Novato Parks, Recreation and Community Services's Spring Craft Market. The deadline is January 12, 2018.

More Information

Call for Artists: Yountville Art, Sip & Stroll 2018
The 6th annual Yountville Arts, Sip & Stroll is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018 and their call to artists is now live. The deadline is January 15, 2018.

More Information

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WITH SUPPORT FROM
The mission of Creative Sonoma is to support and advance the creative community of Sonoma County. We define the creative community as individuals, organizations and businesses whose work is creative at its core. This includes artists, nonprofit cultural organizations, and creative enterprises such as design firms, galleries, recording and video studios, and more.

The e-newsletter CURRENTS is published during the first week of each month, and accepts submissions for the GET KNOWLEDGE and GET CONNECTED sections: please submit potential items to creativesonoma@sonoma-county.org.

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