

## Steve Uzzell

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**Open Roads Open Minds** Using his striking photographs as illustrations of his metaphor about possibility and creativity, Steve inspires audiences to take advantage of his experience and vision to make any venture an adventure. In any project he undertakes, Steve's preparation lays the foundation for magic to happen. In words and images, he endorses Louis Pasteur's belief that "Chance favors the prepared mind," and his talk inspires the audience to apply this to their own lives and problem solving. "After all, our eyes will only ever see what our mind is prepared to comprehend."

**The Nature of Transition** We've all heard it, and we've all said it – about our organizations, about our workplace, about the economy, about our lives: "We are in such a state of transition." But what does it mean to be in transition? What was it like when we weren't in transition? When does it start? Does transition end? How do we know when we are finished? Should we fear it and avoid it, or look forward to it and embrace it? In this talk, Steve explores the very nature of transition, visualized with his striking photographs. Viewing the subject from myriad perspectives – personal, daily, local, historical, architectural, global, and from the natural world – he also examines what he believes are the four fundamentals guiding us in transition: curiosity, passion, commitment and accountability.