



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

The next edition of the NCN Articles of Interest will be sent on Friday, October 16, 2026.

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QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” – Albert Einstein

“Time ripens all things. No man is born wise.” – Miguel de Cervantes

“There are two possible outcomes: If the result confirms the hypothesis, then you've made a measurement. If the result is contrary to the hypothesis, then you've made a discovery.” – Enrico Fermi

“A lot of good arguments are spoiled by some fool who knows what he is talking about.”
– Miguel de Unamuno

“You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.” – Ray Bradbury

“You must do the thing you cannot do.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

“It's kind of fun to do the impossible.” – Walt Disney

“Refusal to believe until proof is given is a rational position; denial of all outside of our own limited experience is absurd.” – Annie Besant

“The truth seems to be that we live in concepts of the imagination before the reason has established them. If this is true, then reason is simply the methodizer of the imagination.”
– Wallace Stevens

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

A Workforce of Creatures Chugs Along in Kate Renshaw-Lewis' Hand-Drawn Film “Busy Bodies”

Colossal

Laurence Fishburne reads a warning to the robots that will eventually replace us
Letters Live

The flow of vision and imagination | Sir Christopher Le Brun | Living Library
Royal Drawing School

The difference between a good idea and a good life is practice | Tal Ben-Shahar
Big Think Clips and Big Think

[From IDEO Thinking] The Hidden Costs of Caregiving: Sierra Hillman
IDEO U

How AI Unleashed (Not Replaced) My Creativity | Kelly A. Boesch | TED
TED

What is Computation For? Eugenio "Neno" Battaglia on AI & Moral Complexity |
Evermay Future Fellows
Evermay

Why architects need to use their ears | Julian Treasure
TEDGlobal 2012

Why Using Willpower Is the Worst Strategy to Be Disciplined | Angela Duckworth
The Next Big Idea Podcast

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold
BloomingtonMN.gov
Through October 27 | Tuesdays

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain
Through December

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio
Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn
Through January 10

Transforming the Social Sector Through Enterprise Capital
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
October 5 | Virtual

NEW A Conversation with IAM Lab's Inaugural Architect-in-Residence Michael P. Murphy
International Arts + Mind Lab
October 7 | Live Stream Available

NEW Grief, loss, and trauma: A hidden toll

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

October 8 | Virtual

Fearless Science Forum: How do Scientists know what they know

Morgridge Institute for Research

October 13

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists

November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

CMU's AI Institute for Societal Decision Making presents Creative AI and the Ethics of Art

Free to the People | Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

November 17

Crayola Creativity Week 2027

Crayola

January 25 – 31

Sound Development

Sound Diplomacy

February 9 | Los Angeles, CA

TED 2027

TED

March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

Also

Join us at TED2027 in San Diego, March 1-4

TED Blog

March 1 – 4 | San Diego, CA

Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference

Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA

March 24 – 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

Call for Articles | General Issue

European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC

Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2026/2027

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

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New data show social connection remains dangerously weak in the U.S.

Social Connection in America

We asked dozens of librarians about America's libraries — what they provide, what they need to survive. Here's what they told us.

The New York Times

"You Have Three Strikes Against You" Raye Montague, First Person to Design a Ship by Computer

Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Inaugural ArtsConnect Prize Bridges Art and Community - Regional artists are invited to create a new interdisciplinary work that inspires connection and sparks dialogue

UC San Diego Today

5 new UC 'geniuses' recognized for creativity that could change the world

University of California

MIT announces Campaign for a Better World

MIT Energy Initiative

How a New Satellite Constellation Is Rewriting the Rules of Early Wildfire Detection

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

New Name of Paramount-Warner Bros. Unveiled: Skydance

Variety

Sets and the City: Why New York's Film and TV Business Is Booming

Variety

Tyler Green, 2026 Rabkin Prize winner

The Rabkin Foundation

Wayfinding STEM Career Pathways: Key Takeaways from Our Chicago Innovation Lab - How audience-specific messaging and trusted messengers help students, families, and educators improve their engagement with STEM career pathways
Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

Freud Got Plenty Wrong. Neuroscience Says He Got This Right
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Joanna Gaines says she and Chip lost sight of Magnolia's purpose. 1 decision helped them find it again
Design | Fast Company

The archer's paradox: Why trying harder makes you perform worse
Ask the Experts | Fast Company

These underwater umbrellas can shade coral reefs to protect them from bleaching
Fast Company

Why good design starts with strategy
Fast Company Executive Board

What real insights feel like, and other notes from a design legend
IDEO Journal

Evolving New Ideas
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Modern vanity
Seth's Blog

After her husband died, she secretly ran his struggling gelatin business. 6 years later, she was a household name.
Upworthy

Here's Why Your Hamburger Just Got So Pricey
Freakonomics Radio

How to Stay Human in the Age of AI
Think Like A Game Designer | Justin Gary

The Great American Adventure of Reading Doonesbury
The New Republic

Why John Coltrane still matters
The Harvard Gazette

A New Form Of Life
Noëma

Clues to Why a Breakthrough Pancreatic Cancer Drug Eventually Stops Working
The New York Times

A 6-year-old's art teacher said she did her painting 'wrong.' Professional artists disagreed.

Upworthy

Mike Rowe on America's great tradesperson shortage: 'I don't care what your politics are. Math doesn't care, either'

Fortune

This UW transplant surgeon thinks animal organs are the future

Books | The Capital Times

We may be the last generation of mathematical heroes

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Why taxpayer-funded sports stadiums don't pay off

Design | Fast Company

Media and messages

Seth's Blog

Are You for AI or Against AI?

The Zen of AI | Psychology Today

Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger Set to Close Next Week After Judge OKs Settlement With State AGs

Variety

Fresno leaders sound alarm over possible privatization of county libraries

ABC 30 Action News

AI music lawsuits raise questions about American companies and Canadian arts

The Conversation

Who Holds the Keys?

Stanford Social Innovation Review

In Chicago, teamLab Expands Our Perceptions Through Boundary-Breaking Installations

Colossal

A Writer's Life: A Life

Poetry Foundation

Tilly Norwood Creator Says AI Actress Made 'Many People Realize That AI Is Coming' and 'That Was the Point'

Variety

How to Overcome a Creative Block

Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

Meet the 20 scholars and artists who've just won MacArthur Fellowships

Culture | NPR

Also

MacArthur Foundation Announces 2026 'Genius Grant' Winners

The New York Times

This year's MacArthur 'geniuses' include scholars and artists who confront history

PBS News Hour

Lone GOP senator blocks bipartisan effort to prevent Trump from demolishing Kennedy Center

CNN

Are right-brained people really more creative? Here's what the science really tells us

The Conversation

Creativity in arts amidst AI

ULM The Hawkeye

Creative Jobs Have Plummeted Amid the AI Boom

Gizmodo

Also

AI and the Fall of the Creative Class

Apricitas Economics

Engineering a different way of learning: McMaster graduate working to bring Indigenous perspectives to engineering education

McMaster University News

This High Schooler Invented a Plant-Based Plastic That Removes Microplastics From the Environment as It Biodegrades

Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine

Researchers Have Figured Out How to Spot Fake Ancient Pottery Using the Earth's Magnetic Field

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

MRI Scans Might Reveal Signs of Alzheimer's Disease Seven Years Before a Telltale Marker Appears in the Brain

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Centuries Ago, Royals Dressed Up Their Dolls to Share the Latest Fashions. See How Barbies, Baby Dolls and Other Tiny Trendsetters Have Inspired Designers Ever Since

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Meet the 'Fire Amoeba,' a Newfound Blobby Organism That's Defying Expectations About How Much Heat Complex Life Can Handle

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

In an Exciting but 'Brutal' Find, a 5,000-Year-Old Arrow Emerges From Norway's Rapidly Melting Mountain Ice

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

An Enslaved Man Made Thousands of Ceramic Pots. Now, a Boston Museum Has Returned Two of Them to His Descendants

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Lifelong Star Wars fan builds the droids of his childhood dreams

Popular Science

How human composting turns bodies into soil

Popular Science

Nigerian startup Adaptive Atelier building accessibility infrastructure for digital products

Disrupt Africa

NPR, the quintessential audio news brand, adapts to a video-first future

Nieman Lab

Exclusive: Fast Company launches private WhatsApp for working moms

Axios

Two 23-year-olds used AI to create a daily audio briefing. It's now the top news app in Argentina.

Nieman Lab

How The Philadelphia Inquirer built Scrape, an AI tool to surface hyperlocal news leads

The Lenfest Institute

Can This Army of Drones Solve the West's Water Crisis?

National Geographic

U.S. FDA Approves AbbVie's JUVMO™ (tavapadon) for Parkinson's Disease

AbbVie

A grandfather's struggle leads Northeastern student to a co-op studying neurodegenerative prion disease.

Northeastern Global News

King's launches initiative to accelerate scientific discovery with AI

Kings College London

Xi urges universities to help drive China's tech and innovation ambitions

South China Morning Post

Poetry of Care connects nursing, humanities and art

Nevada Today

BC Receives \$4.3 Million Grant To Integrate Humanities Into Psychotherapy Training

The Heights

At this West Allis art shop, anyone can afford to be creative

Radio Milwaukee

Aerospace students build drone that can carry twice its weight

Engineering News

Desperate Mother Who Invented a Math Game to Help Her Son Now Exports Internationally

The Costa Rica News

NYU Shanghai's New Fellowship Explores Innovation and Self Discovery

NYU

Unexpected Cognitive Improvement Emerges in Hearing Aid Trial — Treating hearing loss may help some people regain cognitive and functional capacity, data suggest

MedPage Today

Scientists just discovered what coffee really does to your gut and brain

Science News

New degrees prepare students for the future of creative careers

e-flux Education

Will A.I. Make Your Brain Lazy? Here's What the New Research Actually Shows.

The New York Times

Kehinde Wiley Wants to Buy His Embassy Painting Back From Trump

The New York Times

Min Jin Lee Was Underestimated for Half Her Life. Then She Started to Write.

The New York Times Magazine

Rod Stewart announces farewell tour, his last rock and roll tour 'ever'

USA TODAY

Stevie Wonder Surprise-Releases Four Previously Unheard 'Songs in the Key of Life'

Rolling Stone

This is what women leaders can teach us about using AI well

Leadership | Fast Company

U.S. workers spend nearly \$7,000 per year just to show up at the office
Work Life | Fast Company

The moment you've been waiting for: America's best student podcasts
Student Podcast Challenge | NPR

Also

The 2026 Student Podcast Challenge Honorable Mentions
Student Podcast Challenge | NPR

Speech by Pope LEON XIV on the occasion of his official visit to UNESCO
UNESCO

Extraction or generation
Seth's Blog

How a Nat Geo Photographer Captured the Effects of Extreme Heat in Pregnancy
Photography | National Geographic

Why We Read Novels
Trouble In Mind | Psychology Today

The Therapy of Art
Authenticity 101 | Psychology Today

Can Being Creative Actually Make Us Happier?
Creative Insights | Psychology Today

The heart shape doesn't look like a heart. Here's the odd story of how it took over.
Upworthy

Maine's Opera Houses Are the Light on Main Street
The New York Times

Have They Ruined Our Beloved Scholastic Book Fair?
Literary Hub

The Interview with Adrian Younge
HYFIN

Now Entering: The Era Of Bleh
Noëma

New JCPS chief tried to cancel Manual 'Ragtime' show, board member says
Louisville Public Media

Do These 3 Things to Tell a Compelling Story
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

In Defense of the Detour - On craft, A.I. and what gets lost when we skip the slow part.

The New York Times

The 100 Best TV Shows of the 21st Century | Finally! 20 - 1

The New York Times

Opinion | A Superb American Artist Is Finally Getting Her Due

Guest Essay | The New York Times

The AI boom's biggest payoff could be better medicines

Impact Council | Fast Company

The biggest mistake companies make about AI

Fast Company Executive Board

Behavior expert says discipline isn't the key to productivity. Instead, ask these 2 questions.

Upworthy

3 Ways to Use AI to Improve Your Cognitive Flexibility and Sharpness

In Practice | Psychology Today

The Gifts We Keep Missing: Rethinking Dyslexia

Minds That Learn Differently | Psychology Today

How to Define a Genius

Explorations of the Mind | Psychology Today

The Beatles with the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in 1967

Out of the Darkness | Psychology Today

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The **National Creativity Network** believes that by fostering creativity in our society as a whole, and specifically with future generations, America can remain a leader in innovation and free enterprise. The very future of our communities and institutions depends on our ability to nurture and harness imagination to creatively solve problems. If creativity is to be nurtured, systems, institutions and networks must be transformed.

The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,
- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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