



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

July 10, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.” – Carl Sandburg

“Ideas are like pizza dough, made to be tossed around.” – Anna Quindlen

“Man is so made that when anything fires his soul, impossibilities vanish.” – Jean de La Fontaine

“The way we see things is constantly changing. At the moment the way we see things has been left a lot to the camera. That shouldn't necessarily be.” – David Hockney

“The scientific man does not aim at an immediate result. He does not expect that his advanced ideas will be readily taken up. His work is like that of a planter — for the future. His duty is to lay the foundation of those who are to come and point the way.” – Nikola Tesla

“People are curious. A few people are. They will be driven to find things out, even trivial things. They will put things together, knowing all along that they may be mistaken. You see them going around with notebooks, scraping the dirt off gravestones, reading microfilm, just in the hope of seeing this trickle in time, making a connection, rescuing one thing from the rubbish.” – Alice Munro

“The only true voyage of discovery, the only fountain of Eternal Youth, would be not to visit strange lands but to possess other eyes, to behold the universe through the eyes of another, of a hundred others, to behold the hundred universes that each of them beholds, that each of them is.” – Marcel Proust

“Logic is a feeble reed, friend. "Logic" proved that airplanes can't fly and that H-bombs won't work and that stones don't fall out of the sky. Logic is a way of saying that anything which didn't happen yesterday won't happen tomorrow.” – Robert A. Heinlein

“Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booths, the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere.” – E. B. White

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

In 1972, Ray Charles recorded one of the most iconic renditions of ‘America the Beautiful’

Upworthy

Neuroscientists shed light on the illusion of learning from short videos

PsyPost

Better in Person with Stephen Dubner | Official Trailer

Freakonomics Radio Network

Debuts July 14

The fight against Ebola

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The \$80 prosthetic knee that’s changing lives | Krista Donaldson

TEDWomen 2013

Using Watercolors to Teach Mood and Tone

Edutopia

How Rocky’s Models Were Made for Project Hail Mary

Adam Savage’s Tested

How Netflix changed entertainment -- and where it’s headed | Reed Hastings, Chris Anderson

TED2018

The art of working without a net | Edward Norton

Leadership Lessons | Big Think+ and 2 more

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain

Begins January 2, 2026

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

Through January 10

Two Federal Agencies Just Joined Forces on AI Education and Workforce Training — And There’s \$224 Million on the Table

STEMconnector

Deadline: July 16

NEW Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

July 29 | Paid Internships and First-Jobs as Creative Youth Development

August 19 | Creative Youth Development Building Backstage, Media, and Production Pathways

September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work

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

November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

NEW From the First U.S. Patent to the Next 250 Years of American Innovation

United States Patent and Trademark Office

August 4

NEW Artists and Cultural & Creative Professionals at the Centre: Rethinking Work, Policy, and Cultural Ecosystems

ENCATC Congress 2026

September 23 - 25 | Nice, France

NEW 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

TED 2027

TED

March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

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 2025/2026

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

To Think and Feel Better, We Need People Outside Our Usual Circle

Tracking Wonder | Psychology Today

Wally Funk, a North Texas aviation pioneer, has died. Here's how she broke barriers

CBS News

Also

Wally Funk, Who Set an Age Record for Space Travel, Dies at 87

The New York Times

The Mercury 13: The women who could have been NASA's first female astronauts

Space.com

Opinion | We Are Losing the Ability to Discover What We Didn't Know to Ask

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Mass-produced science is coming. What happens to scientists?

The Transmitter

Emerging technologies: 3 signals show where innovation is headed

World Economic Forum

Borrowed expertise: Why AI's productivity boom may not survive the generation that built it

Commentary | Brookings

Trump's Proposed Grant Rules Spark Outcry, 100K Comments

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Comment through July 13

Also

Trump's federal grant overhaul plan draws strong pushback

Axios

'Necessity can drive innovation'

Stanford Report | Stanford University

Ohio State-supported startup hub celebrates opening in Bay Area

Ohio State News

We remember little to nothing of early childhood — and a recent mouse study may help explain why

Live Science

Modern Design Geometry Causes Visual Stress and Brain Overload

Neuroscience News

Evidence reveals that the language of thought is not natural language

Medical Xpress

A photo of a Black woman went viral. Her family says she's more than a symbol.

The Washington Post

The Teacups that Launched a Craze

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

New Images Reveal That This Asteroid Is Actually Two Conjoined Space Rocks. They Form a Peanut-Shaped Object Called a 'Contact Binary'

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Leap Seconds Were a Headache. Now Timekeepers Are Considering a Leap Hour

Earth Science | Gizmodo

Bonnie Tyler, Who Sang 'Total Eclipse of the Heart,' Dies at 75

The New York Times

China, Russia and Others Seek to Inflame Debate Over A.I. Data Centers

The New York Times

Nobel-Winning U.S. Chemist Will Move to China to Lead A.I. Institute

The New York Times

This Star Just Ate a Planet, and It's Not Done Yet

The New York Times

A Proposed Rule Would Politicize Medical Research. Scientists Are Not Happy.

The New York Times

Music and art therapy take center stage in new Hampton Roads health research

WTKR

Sometimes with Novelty, Less Can Be More

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

How to Host a Talk Show, with Dick Cavett

Freakonomics Radio

Humanoid robots successfully perform two live preclinical gallbladder surgeries

DesignTAXI

Ukraine gives its troops a handbook on protecting cultural property

The Art Newspaper

The Frida Kahlo Effect: Why the Mexican Artist Is Still a Pop-Cultural Icon Today

ARTnews

Photographer Accuses Mickalene Thomas of Copyright Infringement in New LawsUIT

ARTnews

Does modernisation erase cultural difference – or amplify it?

Psyche

International Aerial Photographer of the Year Contest Highlights the World from Above

Colossal

Songwriting Retreats Bring Healing and Connection to Veterans in Rural Illinois

Arts Midwest

AI and the Future of Writing - A roundtable of authors discuss the ramifications for art—and life.

The Yale Review

The End of Reading Is Here

The Atlantic

The Office Amenity That Actually Improves Teamwork

Collaborations and Teams | Harvard Business Review

What Community Colleges Bring to the Civil-Dialogue Push

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Appeals court denies Trump's request to halt removal of his name from the Kennedy Center

NPR

Skill nostalgia | Is all the beekeeping, baking and leatherwork just escapist fantasy or the start of a radically human approach to work?

Aeon Essays

What Makes Humans Stupid | David C. Krakauer

Nautilus

New Study Says Parents' Phone Use Might Be Giving Kids Attachment Issues Later On

Culture | Gizmodo

Culture Bank: Insufficient Funds

Gapingvoid

Ensuring That Students Correctly Understand the Equal Sign

Critical Thinking | Edutopia

Here are the 2026 Emmy nominations

Pop Culture Happy Hour | NPR

Also

We unpack the 2026 Emmy nominations

Pop Culture Happy Hour | NPR

Stephen Colbert's 'Late Show' Bows Out With 9 Emmy Nominations, Its Biggest Haul Ever

Variety

Emmy Snubs and Surprises: 'Stranger Things' Shut Out of Major Races, Sydney Sweeney Misses and 'Widow's Bay' Shocks With 19 Nods

Variety

Emmy Nominations Unveiled: 'The Pitt' Leads With 25

The Hollywood Reporter

NASA's Pluto Probe Is Finally Approaching a Major Boundary of Deep Space

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Why AI is burning women out

Work Life | Fast Company

Play-Doh's first set for adults is peak 'kidulting'

Design | Fast Company

A self-driving Waymo just reported its own passengers to police

News | Fast Company

At work, being creative is a luxury some workers don't have

Creativity At Work | Fast Company

Terry Tempest Williams on why women with big ideas get labeled 'crazy'

Wild Card with Rachel Martin | NPR

Generous collusion

Seth's Blog

Giraffes may be surprisingly good at simple math

Animals | National Geographic

Reality Is Potentiality - How minds distill actuality from possibility (and treat it as real).

Mindbloggling | Psychology Today

The Problem With “The Matrix” Here’s why instant knowledge can make us dangerously confident.

The Problem With... | Psychology Today

Fundación Kahlo Launches \$50,000 Prize for Emerging Mexican Artists

ARTnews

Stranger Than Fiction - A writer was accused of winning an award with an A.I.-generated story. His defense is proving more interesting than anything he’s written.

Slate

Do We Choose?

3 Quarks Daily

Atmospheric Scenes and Layered Interpretations Top the 2026 Hasselblad Masters Contest

Colossal

The world is designed for men, which makes it dangerous for women. It doesn't have to be that way

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

ADHD brains are prone to wandering. That's a secret weapon in the workplace

Creativity at Work | Fast Company

Creating an Innovation Edge

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The Experience Economy 2.0

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The Builder’s Creed

Seth’s Blog

Mapping how the U.S. forcibly took Indigenous lands

History & Culture | National Geographic

The extraordinary life and quiet death of the world’s largest iceberg

Environment | National Geographic

“AIDS-free generation” is no empty promise

Gone for Good | Gates Notes

Dolly Parton to Celebrate Turning 81 With a Musical About Her Life

The New York Times

The Forecast for Arts Grads: Partly Sunny, With Strong Gusts of AI

The Chronicle of Higher Education

The Revenge of the Philosophy Majors

The New York Times

American Progress Was an Optical Illusion

The MIT Press Reader

How AI is changing language

The Guardian

Same art, different name: would you see or hear it the same way?

Psyche

Nebulae, Comets, and Aurorae, Oh My! See the ZWO Astronomy Photographer of the Year Shortlist

Colossal

The Power of Arts Partnerships in Rural Places

Arts Midwest

STEM University Invites Artists to Work with Rare Dino-Era Clay

Arts Midwest

'There's this deep mystery of what, actually, is this thing?': the philosopher inside Google DeepMind AI

The Long Read AI | The Guardian

The People Who Will Thrive in the AI Age

The Atlantic

Wisconsin STEM shuttle program marks 20 years of taking science on the road

Wisconsin Public Radio

Decline of Ph.D. Admissions Could Imperil a 'Generation of New Talent'

The New York Times

American A.I. Companies Say Chinese Copycats Are Quickly Catching Up

The New York Times

Imagine, Discover, Create: Inside the Kevin Brady Library's Innovation Space

Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)

The secret to continuous creativity with gen AI - Technology may give users early boost in creativity, but lasting gains require effective augmented learning called 'idea co-development'

News & Media Relations | Rice University

NSF launches Project Triad to advance quantum technology for real-world applications

NSF News | US National Science Foundation

'Shell-shocked' Chicago scientists raise alarm about federal overhaul of research grant funding

WBEZ Chicago

Engineering the future

College of Engineering | University of Wisconsin-Madison

The brain's internal ruler

MIT News

How to advance revolutionary science: high turnover, high risk and a licence to fail

News Q&A | Nature

Faster solutions, lower test scores: How AI is eroding math skills

The Hechinger Report

Toward a future that preserves benefits of neurotechnology for all

MIT News

Collaborating With Artists In The Search For Life

Astrobiology

New Residency brings together art and ocean science

University of Exeter

Durham pilots new artist residency, aimed at creative storytelling and problem-solving

WUNC News

"Artists don't need pity, they need power." Can Artist Corporations revolutionise creative business?

POV | It's Nice That

Duke Partners With Ford to Fund Performing Arts Tech Innovation - The Doris Duke Foundation has announced new grants to support technological infrastructure in the performing arts.

American Theatre

'It's really helping': People's Artist competitor uses creativity to navigate health struggles

KTUU

Commercial Spaceflight Just Entered the Nuclear Age

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Can You Guess the Origins of Papyrus Fragments or Painted Ceramics? A College Student Turned the Met's Open-Access Database Into an Online Game

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

These 11 Wildlife Images From the Ocean Conservancy's Photography Contest Showcase the Wonder of Earth's Waters

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Netflix Sets Video Licensing Pact With Top Digital Publishers Including Variety, Rolling Stone, Billboard and Other Brands From Penske Media's PMX

Variety

Night-time Economy: How Music Makes Cities Great After Dark

Sound Diplomacy

The Irritating Phenomenon Known As 'Tilly Norwood' Is Getting Some Sort of Movie Now

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

White House report accuses Smithsonian museum of 'extreme political activism'

The Washington Post

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The only bias uncovered in the White House's Smithsonian report is its own

The Washington Post

The Smithsonian Has 6,724 Staff Members With a Mission to Increase and Diffuse Knowledge. Hear How They Work 'For the Common Good'

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage

A Huge Escalation in Trump's Smithsonian Meddling

The Atlantic

Healing through theater: Groundbreaking pilot program spotlights healthcare workers' stories

Brooklyn Paper

Farewell, atom-smashing Large Hadron Collider - After 18 years of discovery, it's goodbye LHC and hello High-Luminosity Large Hadron Collider.

Popular Science

Scientists Say They've Made Cells That Feed, Grow and Reproduce, Bringing Them One Step Closer to Building Life From Scratch

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

See Ten Spectacular Images From This Year's Astronomy Photographer of the Year Contest That Capture the Wonders of the Universe

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Meet Julia Ward Howe, the Remarkable Poet Who Wrote the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' and Fought for Women's Suffrage

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

The Problem With Good Intentions

Gapingvoid

People Who Can't Visualize Anything Are Challenging a 300-Year-Old Theory of Thought

Human History | Gizmodo

Antarctica Froze Millions of Years Before the Arctic. We May Finally Know Why

Earth Science | Gizmodo

Arts in Health Research Roundup | July 2026

Aly Maier & Arts in Health Inc.

Newspapers take on AI giants in court, warn of 'death knell for local journalism'

NJ.com

Inside Trump's Ideological Fight With the Smithsonian

The New York Times

From skepticism to opportunity: How society feels about breakthrough science

World Economic Forum

Who's the Real Creator in the New Creative Process?

Inviting a Monkey to Tea | Psychology Today

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Is AI the New Creator in the Creative Process?

Inviting a Monkey to Tea | Psychology Today

The United States of Innovation: 13 Stories of American Ingenuity

Tech | Fast Company

The Science of a Nation

From the Staff | American Scientist

Celebrating America250 Through Science: A Reading List

Science Culture | American Scientist

The Science of Norm Design

Design Thinking | Stanford Social Innovation Review

Music Education Across Five Thousand Years and One Conclusion: What the Record Proves - Article IX and the conclusion of The Founding Disciplines

Bob Morrison

10 Ancient Innovations That Prove Humans Were Always Ingenious

Discover Wild Science

"I Am an Unabashed Optimist About the Long-Term Future of Science."

Issues in Science & Technology

From recombinant DNA to AI: Who gets a say in powerful new science?

News & Media Relations | Rice University

Design learning that works with the brain, not against it

Times Higher Education

Art Should Be Part Of Your Daily Health Routine — 8 Ways To Add More To Your Life

MindBodyGreen

'Flight originated from the imagination': how artists have captured space travel

Art | The Guardian

Art for Art's Sake or Art for People's Sake? Revisiting a Timeless Cultural Debate

CounterCurrents.org

Creativity beats anxiety | Lil Chen

YouTube

Researchers Built a Scuba Suit for Cyborg Cockroaches

Science | WIRED

How Palestinians Are Building a Digital Archive That Can't Be Erased

Culture | WIRED

The Three-Year Degree Debate

The EDU Ledger

The Violinist Who Solved the Ancient Riddle of How the World Holds Together

The Marginalian

The Next Big Idea Club's July 2026 Must-Read Books

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Neuroscience Confirms That Entering a Creative 'Flow State' Activates the Same Ego-Quieting Brain Waves and Deep Focus Patterns Seen in Advanced Meditating Monks

Discover Wild Science

Physical media is dying. So is the idea that you own what you buy

POV | Fast Company

AI infrastructure without human capability is just hardware

Impact Council | Fast Company

The simple tool that fixes bad ideas

Fast Company Executive Board

The power of saying "I don't know"

Leadership | Fast Company

Leaders weigh in on how AI is changing creativity at their businesses
Leadership | Fast Company

Philip Glass' new symphony premieres at Tanglewood after Kennedy Center cancellation
Morning Edition | NPR

Balls in the Air with John Eric Goff
Macroscope | Physics | American Scientist

Ambition Without Hierarchy: The American Experiment at 250
Virginia's Newsletter | Virginia Postrel

Why So Much Bullshit?
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Facts and feelings
Seth's Blog

The curious quest to make this frog poisonous again
Animals | National Geographic

How the female 'Paul Revere' named Dicey Langston became a Revolutionary War heroine
Upworthy

Tilly Norwood to Lead New Movie 'Misaligned,' Marking Feature Debut for AI 'Actor'
Variety

Opinion | Five Questions That Will Determine America's Next 50 Years
The Editorial Board | The New York Times

A Bird's Brain Holds Clues to the Sounds of Music
The New York Times

Let July Just Be ... Artistry
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore

Wikipedia Is Battling for the Soul of the Internet
The New York Times

How AI is changing language
The Guardian

White House Criticizes Smithsonian Museum for 'Extreme Political Activism'
The New York Times

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On America's 250th, Smithsonian Museums Offer Respite and Reflection
The New York Times

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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.

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