



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

There will be no NCN Articles of Interest on March 20. They will return on March 27.

March 13, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Creativity takes courage.” – Henri Matisse

“America has always been a nation of fearless explorers who dream bigger and reach further than others imagined. ... There are no limits so open your eyes and open your imagination. The next great discovery could be yours.” – Barack Obama

“You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.” – Mark Twain

“I'm not smart, but I like to observe. Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why.” – William Hazlitt

“Scientific progress on a broad front results from the free play of free intellects, working on subjects of their own choice, in the manner dictated by their curiosity for exploration of the unknown.” – Vannevar Bush

“In our travels, we have come across many equations — math for understanding the universe, for making music, for mapping stars, and also for tipping, which is important. Here is our favorite equation: Us plus Them equals All of Us. It is very simple math. Try it sometime. You probably won't even need a pencil.” – Libba Bray

“Fortune favors the prepared mind.” – Louis Pasteur

“Let us think the unthinkable, let us do the undoable, let us prepare to grapple with the ineffable itself, and see if we may not eff it after all.” – Douglas Adams

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

What silence can teach you about sound | Dallas Taylor

TED2020

AI 'Actor' Tilly Norwood Sings About Backlash in Bizarre Music Video Claiming 'AI's Not the Enemy, It's the Key'

Variety

How symbols and brands shape our humanity | Debbie Millman

TEDWomen 2019

"What a thing to unleash on us" | David Byrne on AI, US politics and global conflict

BBC Politics

How to Build a Life That Matters & Get What You Want Starting Today

Mel Robbins

DIY Ice Cream! - Experiment Time!

MayNERD's Wild World of Science

Series: TED Idea Search

TED

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

ALL TOGETHER NOW: A Sneak Peek into SXSW 2026

SXSW

Through March 18

Celebrate STEAM to Launch 2026 Atlanta Science Festival

Georgia Tech

Through March 21

NEW Our senses and the expression of creativity and imagination | Idea Jam

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

March 19

Facilitated by Mariah Guimarães di Stasi

How do we feel and sense our body, the environment and humanity?

How many senses do we have?

According to Rudolf Steiner and anthroposophy, we have twelve senses, intertwined to experience boundaries, warning, individuality, connection and many other factors.

The idea is to embrace as many senses as we can through creativity and imagination, with a narrative that stimulates our minds and takes us back to our perception, merged in our own life story.

Join us for an eye-opening conversation about creativity.

On the day of the Idea Jam, a link will be sent out for our Zoom Meeting. Please make sure to join us in the conversation, creativity and let's play in our imaginations!

Social Prescribing Day 2026

National Academy of Social Prescribing, UK

March 26

The Art of Prescribing: Advancing Arts-Based Pathways to Health

Social Prescribing USA

March 26 | Free Webinar

In recognition of Social Prescribing Day 2026, which is March 26, 2026

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us

TED Conferences

April 13 - 17

ENCATC Academy

ENCATC

April 21 – 24 | Bilbao, Spain

Building Bridges: Connecting Communities with Culture and Commerce

2026 South & Appalachian Creative Placemaking Summit

April 21 – 24 | Memphis, TN

DoSomething, 3M and Amazon MGM Studios to launch Project STEM Heroes

3M

Submission Deadline: April 30

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

Creative Potential Is Equal; Recognition Is Not

Creativity: The Art and Science

7 Women Who Changed Medicine Forever

Mental Floss

Chilean Smiljan Radić Clarke wins architecture's highest honor

All Things Considered | NPR

Art as a Biological Bedrock of Shared Humanity

Resonant Minds

Beyond Glamour: The Staples Baddie

Gapingvoid

Pi Day: Where math meets dessert

University of Cincinnati

China positions itself as force for global stability and technological innovation at its annual Congress

PBS

Pete Hegseth Says 'The Sooner David Ellison Takes Over' CNN 'the Better' in Slamming Outlet's Report That Trump Administration 'Underestimated' Iran Attack's Impact on Strait of Hormuz

Variety

Death Ray Will Destroy Entire Cities...

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Enhancing gut-brain communication reversed cognitive decline, improved memory formation in aging mice

Stanford Medicine News Center

What It Takes for Flowers to Thrive in the Hottest, Driest Place in North America

The New York Times

Coding After Coders: The End of Computer Programming as We Know It

The New York Times Magazine

AI companies fighting with the U.S. government over safety? 'The X-Files' predicted it in 1993

POV | Fast Company

AGI isn't the 'Holy Grail' for women in AI. It's gender-purpose AI, and it's already here

Leadership Now | Fast Company

AI is being used in war, but it can't replace human judgment. Here's why

Tech | Fast Company

3 questions to ask before you begin a major transformation

Work Life | Fast Company

Investors bet \$1 billion on AI pioneer Yann LeCun's vision for the future of AI

AI Decoded | Fast Company

GoFundMe launches AI fundraising coach to help people raise more money

Tech | Fast Company

The new Google Maps redesign aims to keep your eyes on the road, not your screen

Design | Fast Company

The luxury brand reimagining the future of e-commerce

IDEO Journal

Does Work Need to be Meaningful?

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

"It's faster to just do it myself"

Seth's Blog

Here's Why You Are Constantly Fighting Off Scammers

Freakonomics Radio

AI Isn't Coming for Everyone's Job

The Atlantic

Empowering Airwaves: Women-Led Radio Stations Amplify Unheard Voices

Nieman Reports

Long-Lost Archimedes Text Resurfaces in French Museum

Artnet News

Only Half of Americans Went to a Movie Theater in 2025, According to Pew Study

Variety

After Two Years of Decline, the Art Market Edges Back to Growth, Says 2026 Art Basel UBS Report

ARTnews

When Is a Game Not a Game? Three things I noticed as an outsider at the Game Developers Conference

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

Why women over 50 are the future of work in the age of AI

Work Life | Fast Company

Behind The Red Door: Theater, Creativity, Innovation!

Our Town

Journalist Julia Angwin files class action lawsuit over Grammarly's AI "sloppelgangers"

Nieman Lab

Could a merger between GBH and WBUR save the public media giants? One of the stations is open to exploring the idea.

The Boston Globe

OpenAI introduces interactive learning tools for STEM topics in ChatGPT

Ed Tech Innovation Hub

How math and literature are unexpectedly connected

CBC Radio

State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame Inducts 2026 Class

UA News Center | University of Alabama

#NPRBlacksinTech – a conversation about African American participation in American Innovation fields

Scientific American

California studio helps autistic adults channel creativity into Hollywood careers

Reuters

Art Is Everywhere: A Conversation with Trap Bob

National Building Museum

University of Houston Researcher Analyzes How Generative AI Impacts Creativity

University of Houston

The Secret Power of Big Mistakes

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Building Tech From Scratch: What I Learned as a Founder

Mexico Business News

Corina Amor Vegas awarded \$750K MIND Prize

Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory

Alliance for Higher Education Aims to Make Higher Education a ‘Fifth Pillar of Democracy’

The EDU Ledger

It’s the Music You Hear All Day, Without Ever Noticing

The New York Times Magazine

How silicone wristbands can help scientists monitor ‘forever chemicals’

Tech | Fast Company

Publishers are finally getting serious about AI scraping

Tech | Fast Company

Are you part of the ‘distraction economy’?

Mindfulness at Work | Fast Company

U.S. workers are carving a path to a new American Dream

Fast Company

Bill Kurtis Retiring From NPR’s ‘Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!’

Inside Radio

Artists From 75 Different Countries Made at Least \$500,000 On Spotify Last Year

The Hollywood Reporter

On loving a clone, or why love can’t be rationally justified

Psyche

Could a Day Job be the Foundation of an Artist’s Success?

3 Quarks Daily

Mischief’s Genius Ads for NPR Provoke Urgent Questions About the Right to Information

Colossal

Dueling Hares and Leaping Toads Top the 2026 British Wildlife Photography Awards

Colossal

This North Dakota Program Makes Aging a Work of Art and Heart

Arts Midwest

Pottery with a Purpose: Serve Soup and Fund Community Needs

Arts Midwest

Does culture make emotion?

Aeon Essays

GLP-1s have transformed weight loss and diabetes. Is addiction next?

Short Wave | Science | NPR

This Museum Is Using Pokémon to Teach Visitors About Fossils. Fans Are Waiting for Hours to Snag Tickets

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Musk and Bezos Moon Landers Could Leave Artemis Astronauts Stranded, NASA Watchdog Warns

Space and Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Oscars Increase Security After FBI Warns California Authorities of Possible Iran Drone Threat

Variety

Voice of America Looks to Rebuild After Rejection of Kari Lake

The Wrap

Women, Creativity, and IP: Inclusive Innovation

Mexico Business News

Regeneron Science Talent Search 2026 Recognizes America's Top Young Scientists, Awarding More Than \$1.8 Million to High School Seniors for Innovative Research in Computational Mathematics, Neural Science, and Blood Cancer Treatment

Society for Science

Stanford scholars train AI to better augment human creativity

Stanford Report | Stanford University

Most Brains Slow Down with Age—but Not All. Scientists Just Learned Why 'Superagers' Stay Sharp.

Popular Mechanics

AI might be the next stage of our natural evolution: A cancer neuroscience perspective

Science Signaling

What the 19th Century Socialite & Modern Day Host Teach Us About Leadership

Gapingvoid

WGA to Seek Payment for AI Training on Scripts as Talks With Studios Set to Begin

Variety

Creating Your Own Luck: The Power of Serendipity to Drive Creativity

The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

What national AI plans get wrong and how to fix them

Commentary | Brookings

Researchers gather at UCLA to examine how AI is changing mathematics and physics research

EdTech Innovation Hub

Announcing New America's 2025 Future of Work & Innovation Economy Initiative Fellows

New America

Capturing the Spark of Discovery: The Image of Research at the U

Office of the Vice President for Research | University of Utah

Celebrating campus innovation and creativity together

Faculty of Science | Toronto Metropolitan University

8 Midwestern Universities Launch Third Coast Foundry to Connect Startups with Bay Area Venture Capital

Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation | University of Chicago

It's tempting to offload your thinking to AI. Cognitive science shows why that's a bad idea

The Conversation

How Can a Locomotive Pull a Long Train That's Much Heavier?

WIRED

Scientists Thought These Marsupials Went Extinct 6,000 Years Ago. They Just Found the Animals Alive

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

How Women Researchers Changed Our Understanding of Women's Economic Lives

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

'Lightning-in-a-Box' Concept Could Shrink a Thunderstorm to the Size of Your Thumb

Earth Science | Gizmodo

These Self-Configuring Modular Robots May One Day Rule the World

Tech News | Gizmodo

Brain Activity Reveals How Well We Mentally Size Up Others

University of Zurich

The Quest to Save One Baby Gorilla From an Uncertain Fate

The New York Times Magazine

How camouflage became 'the original deception'

Design | Fast Company

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella says company is 'long on gaming' amid rumors of 'sunsetting' Xbox due to AI

Leadership | Fast Company

Why AI makes human judgment more valuable

Impact Council | Fast Company

Claude can turn your handwriting into a font. Here's how

Design | Fast Company

How Penguin Random House set its penguin logo free

Design | Fast Company

Small changes to big systems

Seth's Blog

These frog mating calls may also serve as weather reports

Animals | National Geographic

Hollywood's Star Power Is Shifting

The Atlantic

Hollywood Isn't Directly Attacking Trump. It's Doing Something More Interesting.

The Atlantic

Harmony Korine Avoids Books, Doesn't See Movies and Thinks AI Is the Art Form That Holds the Most Promise

The Hollywood Reporter

A grant helps preserve Black churches. We spoke to one of this year's recipients

Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

In Defense of Physical Books - Stop telling me to get an e-reader.

Slate

When DOGE Unleashed ChatGPT on the Humanities

The New York Times

Live Nation Reaches Settlement With U.S. Department of Justice in Antitrust Case: Reports

Variety

MoMath Brings Prime Numbers to a Prime New Location

The New York Times

Four ways to push innovation in the public service

Ottawa Citizen

When AI Is Everywhere, the Humanities Become Even More Important

The EDU Ledger

Kathleen Kennedy on Lucasfilm Handoff, AI Boundaries and the One Power Grogg Won't Have in New 'Mandalorian' Movie

Variety

Writers Guild Awards: ‘Sinners,’ ‘One Battle After Another,’ ‘The Pitt’ and ‘The Studio’ Nab Top Honors (Full Winners List)

Variety

Pablo Neruda on How to Hold Time

The Marginalian

Saved by Wonder: The Ziegler Polar Expedition and the Aurora Borealis

The Marginalian

‘New Michelangelos’ and the ‘Dan Brown Approach’ to Art History

The New York Times

Go Your Own Way

Gapingvoid

Are A.I.-Generated Videos Changing How We See Animals? By manipulating animals to do wonderful things, we may become numb to their real wonder.

The New York Times Magazine

How Disney brought a robotic Olaf to life for its new Paris park

Design | Fast Company

Daryl Hannah: How Can ‘Love Story’ Get Away With This?

The New York Times

Photos: These bold women stand up for justice, rights ... and freedom

Photography | NPR

Is There Such a Thing as a Collective Growth Mindset?

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

In a first, NASA changed an asteroid’s orbit around the sun—by accident

Science | National Geographic

A teacher asked students to draw a square with 3 lines. How the kids approached it was fascinating.

Upworthy

Your Brain, on Legos

Confessions of the Chronically Online | Psychology Today

Why You Care If I Think You Matter

Creating in Flow | Psychology Today

ICE Detention of Teen Musicians Roils Texas Mariachi Community

The New York Times

I Before She

Slate

Pixar needs its next hit franchise. Can its reluctant leader deliver?

MSN, The Wall Street Journal

Judge Voids Mass Layoffs at Voice of America

The New York Times

Tatjana Wood, Award-Winning Comic Book Colorist, Dies at 99

The New York Times

Grammarly's AI is recruiting writers, alive and dead, whether they like it or not

AV Club

Midcentury Madness

Liberties

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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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