



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

June 12, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"An idea is salvation by imagination." – Frank Lloyd Wright

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain

"The scientist has marched in and taken the place of the poet. But one day somebody will find the solution to the problems of the world and remember, it will be a poet, not a scientist." – Frank Lloyd Wright

"Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live." – Mae Jemison

"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom. The world henceforth will be run by synthesizers, people able to put together the right information at the right time, think critically about it, and make important choices wisely." – E. O. Wilson

"We may find illustrations of the highest doctrines of science in games and gymnastics, in travelling by land and by water, in storms of the air and of the sea, and wherever there is matter in motion." – James Clerk Maxwell

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – John Wooden

"Anyone who has lost track of time when using a computer knows the propensity to dream, the urge to make dreams come true and the tendency to miss lunch." – Tim Berners-Lee

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Prince collaborators discuss his musical legacy amid 10th Celebration of Life
CBS Minnesota

A lesson on looking | Amy Herman

TED@BCG Toronto

The Science of the Fretz - MayNERD's Wild World of Science and Stuntboy the Animated Series

Portico Reeves and MayNERD's Wild World of Science

A Poetic Short Film Animates the Counterproductive Forces of Incarceration

Colossal

Over 113,233 people worldwide recreate Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper' in a photo mosaic

Upworthy

Why I brought Pac-Man to MoMA | Paola Antonelli

TEDSalon NY2013

Howard Gardner on Intelligence, Creativity, and the Future of Education

The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer

Meet the Astronauts of Artemis III

The New York Times

PS22 Chorus "Centerfield" John Fogerty

PS22 Chorus

Sally Field & Noah Wyle | Actors on Actors

Variety

Your brain built a reality bubble. Literature, science, and philosophy can pop it.

Big Think

Watch: A Short Film on the Art of Discovery and How Ideas Are Shaped

Simons Foundation

Pressure Points: Engineering AI for the future of healthcare

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

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

Creative Problem Solving Institute | 2026 Theme: Elevate

Creative Education Foundation

June 14 – 18 | Buffalo, NY

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

STEMconnector

Deadline: July 16

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

More Than Creativity: How Youth Arts Engagement Supports Well-Being

The Wallace Foundation

Why we crave company

The Mind | Knowable Magazine

America, One Line At A Time

The New York Times

The human premium

Fast Company Executive Board

Is the Twenty-First Century a Creative Void?

The Yale Review

Can Backgammon Save Us from Ourselves?

Freakonomics Radio

The Neuroscience of Creativity

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Demystifying the Mind of the Machine

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

SpaceX Sets Milestone With World's Largest I.P.O., Furthering Musk's Power

The New York Times

America's Medical Research System Has Been Failing Women for Generations

Ms. Magazine

Meet the 2026 Technology Pioneers shaping AI, energy, space and the next frontier

Emerging Technologies | World Economic Forum

'All or Nothing' Approach to AI 'Risks Shutting Down Innovation'

Inside Higher Ed

Interdisciplinary MIT teams win top honors in NASA innovation competition

MIT Nuclear Science and Engineering

Rochester's innovation puzzle

Rochester Beacon

During National Academy of Inventors conference in L.A., USC trustee makes the case for failure

USC Today | University of Southern California

Creativity, innovation come together for CCIC teams

Community College Daily

Federal science agencies facing a 'generational loss,' nonprofit says

Federal News Network

Building math skills by designing backpacks: How PBL shifted the way students see math

eSchool News

Mexico Just Showed Off a New Extremely Cheap, Government-Backed EV

Transportation | Gizmodo

Childhood environments shape the brain

Science Advisor | Science

Making Connections, in the Brain and in Science

Harvard Medical School | Harvard University

Imagination is not just replaying what we've seen and heard

Science News Explores

A brain-computer interface that works with, not against, the brain

Yale News | Yale University

The Role of Art in Shaping Student Creativity and Critical Thinking

See Great Art

Where science meets art: Paleoartists bringing dinosaurs to life

BBC News

New Seattle art innovation lab xispa aims to bring together tech and art

The Seattle Times

The Dawg House Arts – A Bold, All-Encompassing Space For Student Creativity

Calexico Chronicle

Seeking Refuge in Art and Imagination— The Legacy of Erwin Olaf

Office Magazine

Justice Department Approves Paramount's Warner Bros. Discovery Takeover Without Any Strings Attached

Variety

Ron Howard Thinks Audiences Will Decide Whether AI Films Succeed: 'What Are We Invested In?'

Variety

'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood' seeks new audiences with YouTube expansion

Current

Winning Isn't For Everyone

Gapingvoid

One Lump or 35?

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Behind the Work: 6 Fabricators and Engineers Bringing Public Art to Life

CODAworx

A Different Class of Dancers

Stanford Magazine

AMC postpones its interactive concert series as summer box office soars

Los Angeles Times

Scientists Think They've Found a New Way to Spot Fake Van Goghs
Artnet News

Wigmore Hall and Apple Music Classical Announce New Partnership
Gramophone

Where tradition meets innovation: a Stradivari and a carbon fibre violin share the stage
The Strad

Authors Guild Looks at Why Author Incomes Are in Decline
Publishers Weekly

Breaking the Pattern: How Gail Ann Dorsey Defied Expectations for Young Black Girls in America
HYFINated Conversations | HYFIN

Knowledge Collapse
Boston Review

Fakes of the Future - Literary credibility in the age of AI.
Los Angeles Review of Books

The Mirage of the Gifted Child
Intelligencer | New York Magazine

It's Not Just You: The Reality of Adult Friendship in 2026
Mel Robbins

Also
The Art and Science of Connection
Kasley Killam

Sting Never Gave Up on His Musical 'The Last Ship.' Now It's Back
The New York Times

Can NASA Really Land Astronauts on the Moon by 2028?
The New York Times

A Scientific Achievement That's Totally Random
The New York Times

Who Will Actually Thrive in the Hybrid A.I.-Human Work Force
The New York Times Magazine

Opinion | Trump's Assaults on Scientific Research Just Got Worse
Guest Essay | The New York Times

Carnegie Corporation of New York Changes Its Name to the Andrew Carnegie Foundation
Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Also
What Would Andrew Carnegie Think?
Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Child Reading Literacy and the Role of Public Libraries
Institute of Museum and Library Services

Adidas designed these World Cup jerseys for elite athletes—and clever art buffs
Design | Fast Company

A hidden summer threat could soon send twice as many Americans to the hospital
Fast Company

'Scooby-Doo' series casts a real dog for the first time: What PETA and animal rights groups say about it
Fast Company

The Pentagon just blacklisted tech giant Alibaba and electric car maker BYD. Here's why
Fast Company

Formlabs' new 3D printer is poised to reshape manufacturing
Tech | Fast Company

Video games, movies and books
Seth's Blog

Remembering Gordon Wood
National Endowment for the Humanities

NASA announces the astronauts for the next Artemis mission. Here's what they'll be doing.
Science | Return to the Moon | National Geographic

California's endangered condors have a surprising new foe
Animals | National Geographic

Giving koalas a new shot at survival
Animals | Photo Ark | National Geographic

Was there a real Tower of Babel? This temple is the leading contender.
History & Culture | National Geographic

This Is Your Brain on Pollution (Update)
Freakonomics Radio

Musicians Union Sues Universal and Warner Over AI Use
Pitchfork

One-Third of Musicians Now Use AI for Inspiration on Tracks They Release, Study Finds (Exclusive)

The Hollywood Reporter

Utah Has Banned Its 35th Book from All Public Schools

Book Riot

Lost Tolkien work discovered in Bodleian archives

MSN, The Telegraph

‘MIZU’ Contemplates Fragility and Impermanence in a Poignant Dance with an Ice Puppet

Colossal

Gordon Wood’s Proust

The Lamp

I’m a Philosophy Professor. Here’s Why I’m Training AI to Replace Me.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Scientists Invented a Disease to Test Whether A.I. Knew It Was Fake. Then, Chatbots Started Saying It Was Real

Smithsonian Magazine

AI Learned How the Universe Works—and That Created an Unexpected Problem for Physicists

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

New Antibiotic Found in Dirt Targets Superbugs in a Way ‘Never Been Seen Before’

Health | Gizmodo

How People Are Really Using AI in 2026

Harvard Business Review

Brothers Behind Mexico’s First Stop Motion Feature ‘I Am Frankelda’ Were Told ‘We Should Quit Our Dreams’

Variety

How Stacey Fraser grew Pink Chicken from a nap-time project into an eight-figure business

Bizwomen

‘Songwriting Is Easy!’ Read ‘Espresso’ and ‘Lose Control’ Hitmaker Julian Bunetta’s Awesome Speech About the Art, Craft and Pain of Writing Music for a Living

Variety

Values Capture

Seth’s Blog

Shifting Students' Mindsets About Math

Student Engagement | Edutopia

Teaching Students How to Read Films Like Literature

Literacy | Edutopia

Everyday Abundance: Our history podcast is live!

Virginia's Newsletter | Virginal Postrel

Alan Lomax Spent Years Traveling the Country to Record the Sounds of America. The Legacy of His Obsession Will Live Forever

America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine

500 Years Ago, Leonardo da Vinci's Notebook Was Cut Up and Separated. Now, the Inventor's Manuscripts and Drawings Are Reconstructed in an Online Archive

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

World-first: therapy to make cells young again trialled in a person

Nature

Build What's Next in the Creative Economy.

Creative North Carolina

Be A Butcher

Gapingvoid

CAA, TPG Form \$250 Million Holding Company to Acquire Businesses Led by YouTubers and Other Creators

Variety

Longevity Startup Doses First Human in Bid to Reverse Age-Related Sight Loss

WIRED

The Last Class of 18-Year-Olds

Demographics | The EDU Ledger

Unbreakable Oklahoma: America's Proving Ground for the Startup Economy

The Startup Economist | Paul O'Brien

Born in 1810, Margaret Fuller Was Labeled a Child Prodigy. She Later Used Her Intellect to Ask Important Questions About Women's Role in America

America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Smithsonian Magazine

Bill Cody, Grand Ole Opry Announcer and Revered WSM Country Radio Personality, Dies at 67

Variety

First Human Receives Experimental Therapy to Reverse Cellular Aging

Health | Gizmodo

Eight Predictions for the Future of Higher Education

The New Yorker

The Real Scandal Isn't That AI Wrote a Prize-Winning Story. It's the Response

Arts & Culture | The Walrus

What makes a Stradivarius violin so special? Scientists traced it to one forest in Italy.

Environment | National Geographic

Creativity is currency

Work Life | Fast Company

'A place of legend': The ancient engineering marvels of the world's tallest church

BBC News

How to bridge the global AI divide

Commentary | Brookings

How does the World Economic Forum's 'Beyond the Frame' exhibition bring art to life?

World Economic Forum

Can trees boost our creativity? My daily forest walks have changed how I write
Ilka Tampke

Culture | The Guardian

Integrating arts and industry at MICA's Center for Creative Impact

State of Maryland

The Fight to Free Ben & Jerry's

Intelligencer | New York Magazine

The Deep Logic Running Your Brain, Your Body, and the Modern World

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Because of a Mathematician From Rural Virginia's Work on Global Positioning, You Have No Excuse for Getting Lost

Innovation | America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | A Smithsonian magazine special report

Georgia O'Keeffe Ignored Advice to Mimic Great European Masters. Her Goal Instead Was to Be a Great American Painter

Arts & Culture | America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | A Smithsonian magazine special report

Nobody Is Working This Thursday

Gapingvoid

Attention Must Be Paid - How Scott Rudin turned Laurie Metcalf into the First Lady of American Theatre.

The New York Times

New CRISPR Technique Selectively Shreds Cancer Cells, Including “Undruggable” Cancers

Innovative Genomics Institute

Judge Throws Out Policy Imposing \$100,000 Fees for Skilled Worker Visas

The New York Times

They Spent Years on a Math Problem. Then They Were Scooped by A.I.

The New York Times

The backlash against AI, in 4 charts

Tech | Fast Company

Lego's largest, most complex set ever is a must-have for architecture lovers

Design | Fast Company

A Lego leader talks about the power of ‘solution diversity’

Work Life | Fast Company

Why Repair Cafés are becoming more popular amid the anti-consumerism movement

Tech | Fast Company

What kinds of knowledge will save you from AI?

Work Life | Fast Company

The future of U.S. social prescribing: foundations, implementation, and leadership summit insights

Frontiers in Public Health

The 3 Day Workweek Transition - Another AI Soft Landing Scenario Exploration

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

None of it is important (and all of it is)

Seth's Blog

Disney launches Main Street, its first company-wide creative agency

DesignTAXI

Apple unleashes Siri AI, the biggest upgrade to assistant since the iPhone era began

DesignTAXI

Massive public art project by Saype debuts at Boom Island Park in Minneapolis

MPR News

Artists are making ‘anti-slop’ to rebel against AI: ‘It’s been rammed down our throats’

AI | The Guardian

U.S. Audiobook Sales Grew 9% in 2025, to \$2.43 Billion

Publishers Weekly

Dataland defies expectations. But will L.A. embrace the world’s first AI arts museum?

Los Angeles Times

How America Gave Up on Its Own History

Ideas | The Atlantic

What Steven Spielberg Taught Me About Fear, Catharsis, and Being Human

The New York Times Magazine

The best Steven Spielberg films, chosen by directors, critics and super-fans: ‘pure popcorn perfection’

The Guardian

San Diego’s Creative Economy: A Driving Force

San Diego Business Journal

How Supporting Chicago’s Creative Workers Builds a More Vibrant Community

MacArthur Foundation

This Neuroarts Milestone Matters - For Sound + Music Medicine

Dr. Miriam Lee Burger, LinkedIn

Tonys 2026 Highlights: ‘Schmigadoon!’ and ‘Death of a Salesman’ Are Big Winners

The New York Times

Also

Tony Awards 2026: ‘Death of a Salesman’ Leads With Six Wins, as ‘Ragtime,’ ‘Schmigadoon!’ and ‘Liberation’ Also Take Top Honors

Variety

Tonys Snubs and Surprises: Alden Ehrenreich Beats Tight Competition, Nathan Lane Loses for ‘Salesman’ and More

Variety

It’s not just T-shirts — how Broadway merchandise is changing

Performing Arts | Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

How to Stop Fighting Uncertainty & Start Working With It

IDEO U

When does engineering become art? From A.A. Murakami to Cao Fei, contemporary artists partnering with BMW are transforming how we experience

technology

Art | Basel

NPR's new chief content officer: 'I've been training for this job my whole life'

Media | NPR

Nayef H. Al-Fayez appointed as UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture

UNESCO

UNESCO Online Press Briefing: Timely guide for parents navigating the complexities of digital life

UNESCO

What Defines a Good Strategy?

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Art is a verb

Seth's Blog

Real artists...

Seth's Blog

How a trip to New Orleans radicalized young Abraham Lincoln

History & Culture | National Geographic

This creature was dubbed the Sasquatch of the sea. Scientists just found it.

Environment | National Geographic

All of these inventions came from the spread of Islam

History & Culture | National Geographic

The Five P's of Productivity

Resilient Humanity | Psychology Today

The Difference Between Human Creativity and Generative AI Creativity

Futurist Speaker | Thomas Frey

The impact of epilepsy

The Conversation | BBC News

Researchers trigger sleep's restorative effect in parts of the awake brain

EurekaAlert! | AAAS

Loneliness Linked to Worse Memory, but Not Faster Cognitive Decline

Being Patient

All the Ways Europe Is Ditching American Technology

WIRED

The Anti-DEI Era is America's Costliest Contradiction, NCA&T Chancellor James Martin Says

The EDU Ledger

Spelman Names Top Roboticist Dr. Ayanna Howard As 12th President

The EDU Ledger

Very Necessary Qualifications of a Great Storyteller

The Marginalian

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

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

An Edith Wharton Story Is Published About 100 Years Later

The New York Times

Bruce Springsteen Opens His Music Center, With Guitars

The New York Times

Also

Bruce Springsteen Talks About His Place in American Music

The New York Times

Why the Radical Vision of Martha Graham Still Matters

The New York Times

From Cow-Milking Robots to Weed-Zapping Lasers, Farmers Are Embracing A.I.

The New York Times Magazine

Literary Arts Fund Awards \$7.7 Million to 40 Organizations and Publishers Nationwide

Literary Arts Fund

The Question of Access: Elite or Universal? Article V of The Founding Disciplines

Bob Morrison

Bumble bees show spontaneous problem-solving, challenging big-brain assumptions

Phys.org

The \$4 billion coffee pod business faces its biggest threat yet

Fast Company

This AI-generated song got a very human makeover

Tech | Fast Company

The efficiency trap

Work Life | Fast Company

The risk of shadow AI

Fast Company Executive Board

This gorgeous lamp is made from egg shells

Design | Fast Company

This famed architecture firm is bringing rare designs from its archive back to life

Design | Fast Company

Beyond the prompt: 5 ways to use AI after you've mastered the basics

Tech | Fast Company

The racetrack is getting a long overdue makeover

Design | Fast Company

AI is eliminating entry-level jobs. Education needs to fill the gap

Work Life | Fast Company

You may never have to stand in a TSA line again if this experiment works

Fast Company

California and other states may sue to block Paramount-Warner Bros. deal

MSN, Los Angeles Times

A Neon Nostalgia Kaboom for the End of the World - In its '80s IP retro rush, is Broadway's 2025-26 season simply offering brand-name escapism—or finding a reflection of, and a response to, our current age of anxiety?

American Theatre

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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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