



National Creativity Network

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

February 13, 2026

### QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Words are but the signs of ideas.” – Samuel Johnson

“Science makes no pretension to eternal truth or absolute truth; some of its rivals do. That science in some respects inhuman may be the secret of its success in alleviating human misery and mitigating human stupidity.” – Eric Temple Bell

“Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.” – Abraham Lincoln

“To be nobody-but-yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight.” – E.E. Cummings

“Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are.” – Bertolt Brecht

“Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead little by little to the truth.” – Jules Verne

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

“Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: it is those who know little, not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science.” – Charles Darwin

“We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything.” – Thomas Edison

### VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

**10 Million Moments of Joy Campaign video.mp4**

*TimeSlips*

**Benedict Cumberbatch Reads a Hilarious Letter From a Very Disgruntled Bank Customer**

*Laughing Squid*

**Painted by Hand, a Stop-Motion Film Eulogizes a Lost Childhood Home**

*Colossal*

**Kohler Fellows: Rhapsody of Genetics Demo Video**

*Wisconsin Institute for Discovery*

**Debate over AI is a hot topic at Cleveland Institute of Art**

*Ideastream Public Media*

**STEAM - The Key to Unlocking American Creativity | Kevin Murray**

*EDxGeorgeMasonU | TEDx Talk*

**The Future of Education Isn't Memorization - It's Imagination | Dakshesh Kaki**

*TEDxReisterstown | TEDx Talk*

## **FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES**

**"The faces of CERN" at the Globe of Science and Innovation**

*CERN*

**Through March 1**

**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*

**March 12 – 18**

**Social Prescribing Day 2026**

*National Academy of Social Prescribing, UK*

**March 26**

**NEW 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**

**NEW ENCATC Academy**

*ENCATC*

**April 21 – 24 | Bilbao, Spain**

**NEW Building Bridges: Connecting Communities with Culture and Commerce**

*2026 South & Appalachian Creative Placemaking Summit*

**April 21 – 24 | Memphis, TN**

**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**

**PANTONE Fall/Winter Color Trends For 2026–2027 Paint A Bold Balancing Act**

*DesignTAXI*

**How Dollywood is preserving Appalachian culture**

*National Geographic*

**The 800th 'The Simpsons' episode is set in Philadelphia. But Portland is in its DNA**

*Morning Edition | NPR*

**Dr. Sheena C. Howard Brings Academy to World of Comics**

*The EDU Ledger*

**Why Do We Like Music? People with musical anhedonia, a rare inability to enjoy music, are teaching scientists how the brain processes songs.**

*The New Yorker*

**This 14-Year-Old Is Using Origami to Imagine Emergency Shelters That Are Sturdy, Cost-Efficient and Easy to Deploy**

*Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine*

**What A Tea Party With A Bonobo Taught Us About Imagination**

*Science Friday*

**Adoption, Applications, and Attitudes Toward AI Among Arts and Design Alumni**

*SNAAPshots | Pulse Edition | Strategic National Arts Alumni Project*

**In an AI world, PNCA graphic design students center human creativity**

*Willamette University*

**Are women board members risk averse or agents of innovation? It's complicated, new research shows**

*The Conversation*

**How The Times Is Digging Into Millions of Pages of Epstein Files**

*Times Insider | The New York Times*

**New Funko CEO on Cornering 'Kidult' Collectibles Market in a Rough Economy: 'There's Almost More Value for Something That's Physical and Tangible'**

*Variety*

**Imagination research bridges anthropology with future societal challenges**

*Innovation News Network*

**Taking a sharp turn**

*Editorial | Science*

**Experts blend science and the humanities to contemplate the cosmos**

*Q+A | Hub | Johns Hopkins University*

**New research reveals how the brain separates speech into words**

*Scientific American*

**National Academy of Inventors Fellows at Purdue**

*Purdue Research Foundation | Purdue University*

**Editorial: Why STEAM education matters more than ever**

*The Morgan Hill Times*

**Girls Leading Change Through Science, Innovation & Climate Action**

*UNICEF*

**Talk Is Cheap, Talk Shows Are Not: Daytime TV's Big Problem**

*The Hollywood Reporter*

**Olympic Figure Skaters Are on Thin Ice Over Copyright Rules**

*The New York Times*

**Winter Alumni Residency**

*Djerassi Resident Artists Program*

**Inspiration & the Spirits of the Dead**

*Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**The next great American innovation is in the trades**

*Impact Council | Fast Company*

**In defense of wasting time**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**“Hey AI, buy my vitamins”**

*IDEO Journal*

**Why It’s Important to Help Others**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**The next generation of AI businesses**

*Seth’s Blog*

**Is Weed a Performance-Enhancing Drug?**

*Freakonomics Radio*

**Kennedy Center head warns staff of cuts and ‘skeletal’ staffing during renovation closure**

*AP*

**If you’re always listening to an audiobook, you’re not alone**

*The Washington Post*

**Reading to young kids improves their social skills – and a new study shows it doesn’t matter whether parents stop to ask questions**

*The Conversation*

**Art Rx: How Creativity Helps Us in Tough Times**

*Arts Midwest*

**The Multibillion-Dollar Foundation That Controls the Humanities**

*The Atlantic*

**What Happens in a Performer’s Brain While Playing Music?**

*The New York Times*

**The Science of Connection - Breaking new ground in understanding human bonds is the mission of a diverse cadre of UCLA researchers.**

*UCLA*

**Math meets romance in UVA student’s Valentine’s equations**

*UVA Today | University of Virginia*

**University of Nebraska launches AI Institute to lead in ethical innovation, research and workforce development**

*Nebraska Today | University of Nebraska - Lincoln*

**To the Moon with Human Endurance and Innovation**

*The New York Academy of Sciences*

**A 'cocktail' recipe for brain cells**

*The Harvard Gazette*

**AI algorithm enables tracking of vital white matter pathways**

*MIT News*

**Meet Juanita Hardy: A Trailblazer in Creative Placemaking and Business Innovation**

*Urban Land Institute*

**AI can write songs, plays, and novels. What does that mean for human creativity?**

*The Christian Science Monitor*

**The cost of AI replacing creativity runs deeper than we think**

*The Baylor Lariat*

**Your Daily Coffee Might Be Protecting Your Brain From Dementia, a New Study Suggests**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Have We Reached the Final Days of the Mass-Market Paperback?**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**A White Historian Claimed That Black People 'Had No History.' This Trailblazing Scholar Dedicated His Life to Proving Otherwise**

*Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine*

**No, North Carolina's wild horses were not wrapped in insulation**

*Popular Science*

**Most Americans don't pay for news and don't think they need to**

*Nieman Lab*

**OpenAI Researcher Quits, Warns Its Unprecedented 'Archive of Human Candor' Is Dangerous**

*Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo*

**Thomas Edison Tried to Build an EV Battery in 1901. Scientists Just Made It Work**

*Physics and Chemistry | Gizmodo*

**America's Largest Particle Collider Just Shut Down. Here's What Happens Next**

*Physics and Chemistry | Gizmodo*

**Largest Dictionary of English Slang Is Now Free Online to Help You Talk Like a Zoomer**

*Culture | Gizmodo*

**Fox or Hedgehog?**

*Gapingvoid*

**Pairing Images and Text for Critical Analysis**

*Literacy | Edutopia*

**Exploring Black History Through Music**

*Arts Integration | Edutopia*

**James Van Der Beek, 'Dawson's Creek' Star, Dies at 48**

*Variety*

**Why your smartphone is about to turn you into a vibe coder**

*Design | Fast Company*

**The mentor, the bodyguard, and the promoter**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**This paint acts like a dehumidifier for your walls**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Are you outsourcing your intelligence to AI?**

*Applied AI | Fast Company*

**How the 4-day workweek allows workers to get more done**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**Bad Bunny streams jumped 175% in the U.S. after the Super Bowl**

*Fast Company*

**Amazon Pharmacy's latest move could change how you get prescriptions filled**

*Fast Company*

**Women are reaching a breaking point at work**

*Impact Council | Fast Company*

**In Her Own Words: Laid off at 53, tech worker Trinette Faint turned a gap year into award-winning film career**

*Blzwomen*

**UNESCO and IEEE host STEM Bootcamp Empowering Girls in Engineering for Sustainable Cities**

*UNESCO*

**Tip for tap**

*Seth's Blog*

**Inside the world's largest flower market—the likely source of your Valentine's bouquet**

*History & Culture | National Geographic*

**Romeo, once the last known frog of his kind, died. But this story isn't a tragedy.**

*Animals | National Geographic*

**Meta patents AI that lets you continue posting in the afterlife**

*DesignTAXI*

**Not Gifted (Yet)? Don't Worry**

*Going Beyond Intelligence | Psychology Today*

**Along the Mississippi River, 'Water | Craft' Is a Confluence of Art, Culture, and Ecology**

*Colossal*

**Meet the One Woman Anthropic Trusts to Teach AI Morals**

*The Wall Street Journal Magazine*

**Aristotle and the so-called Tragic Flaw**

*Jonathan Bates' Literary Remains*

**Earth's Largest Reserve of Hydrogen Could Be Hiding in Its Core**

*ScienceAlert*

**Can Artists Help Shape American Cities Again?**

*The New York Times*

**Soft Power in Hard Times - Inside the end of Voice of America**

*The Point*

**Ireland's basic income for the arts scheme becomes permanent**

*The Guardian*

**Behind Trump's Push to Remake the Kennedy Center in His Own Image**

*The Wall Street Journal*

**Inside the Kennedy Center's scorched-earth Washington National Opera split**

*The Washington Post*

**Paramount sweetens offer for Warner Bros. shareholders in hostile takeover fight**

*AP News*

**Playwright Tracy Letts on reviving 'Bug' on Broadway and putting 'Midwest pragmatism' on stage**

*WBEZ Chicago*

**How Boulder Can Breathe New Life Into Sundance**

*The Hollywood Reporter*

**AI Doesn't Reduce Work—It Intensifies It**

*Harvard Business Review*

**The Art of Belonging**

*The Wallace Foundation*

**Creative Cities: The Most Arts-Vibrant Areas Across the Midwest**

*Arts Midwest*

**Can art and creativity change our future?**

*Big Think*

**Be Resolute: Art Is Water**

*Medium, New England Foundation for the Arts*

**The female songwriter who saved Stevie Wonder's career**

*History & Culture | National Geographic*

**Bad Bunny's Super Bowl Halftime Directors Explain All: The Real Wedding, Those Grass People, the Child Who Got the Grammy Award and More**

*Variety*

**2026 Creative Revolutionaries**

*CODAworx*

**New Gallup pole shows Americans' optimism has sunken to a new low  
recommender-article-image**

*Fast Company*

**Making AI Work, MIT Technology Review's new AI newsletter, is here**

*MIT Technology Review*

**The internal cinema: Creativity as the compass of the self**

*The British Psychological Society*

**Where Art Meets Biology: Microfleur Transforms Classrooms into Creative  
Science Studios**

*Yahoo! Finance, PR Newswire*

**Governing the AI transition: Lessons from the 1996 Telecommunications Act**

*Brookings*

**How to Profit From Retro-Innovation**

*MIT Sloan Management Review*

**Fed on Reams of Cell Data, AI Maps New Neighborhoods in the Brain**

*Quanta Magazine*

**Painting with purpose - USC Brain Health launches student-driven arts program**

*University of South Carolina*

**Exploring why some children struggle to learn math**

*EurekaAlert! | AAAS*

**Cracking the Brain's Code: Unlocking Neuron Memory to Advance AI**

*USC Viterbi School of Engineering*

**Mackenzie Scott's Boldest Year Yet: Fewer Grants, Massive Checks**

*The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

**RFK Jr. disregards science and facts. These STEM experts are fighting back by running for Congress**

*Fast Company*

**How sports leagues are vying for Gen Z and Gen Alpha's attention to build the next generation of fans**

*Fast Company*

**These pretty textiles are made out of human hair**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Important or Urgent?**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**A starting point for the blog**

*Seth's Blog*

**By Trying to Reduce Class Sizes (Again), We're Solving the Wrong Problem**

*Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain*

**Matthew Bogdanos, Head of New York DA's Antiquities Trafficking Unit, Wins \$100 K. Prize in Art History**

*ARTnews*

**How scientists and artists can collaborate to cut through 'ecofatigue' and inspire positive action**

*The Conversation*

**The Courage of Imagination, A Pro-Democracy Movement, and the Civic We**

*Grantmakers in the Arts Reader*

**The Literary Ecosystem Is Dying**

*The Atlantic*

**Meet John Medwedeff, Bringing the Art of Metal to Everyday Life**

*Arts Midwest*

**Pause explained ... here's what I'm up to next and how y'all can help**

*Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting*

**The Real Stars of Super Bowl LX**

*Slate*

**Why AI Must Not Do Our Writing for Us**

*Fully Human | Psychology Today*

**Why Art Is a Pillar of Health**

*Well Read | Psychology Today*

**These Mathematicians Are Putting A.I. to the Test**

*The New York Times*

**Advancing gender equality in STEM education: Inspiring girls to pursue science**  
*UNESCO*

**Another one on creativity and AI - Lessons from experimentation, personal and scientific**

*Creativity Decision | Zorana Ivcevic Pringle*

**“This is science!” – MIT president talks about the importance of America’s research enterprise on GBH’s Boston Public Radio**

*MIT News*

**Anthropic cofounder says studying the humanities will be 'more important than ever' in the age of AI**

*Fortune*

**State of the Humanities MKE Report**

*College of Letters & Science | Center for 21st Century Studies | UW-Milwaukee*

**Can You Engineer a Dream? Neuroscientists Say Yes – and It Boosts Creativity**

*SciTechDaily*

**Amid immigration enforcement escalation, St. Paul artists respond with surge of creativity**

*Pioneer Press*

**Medieval Monks Wrote Over a Copy of an Ancient Star Catalog. Now, a Particle Accelerator Is Revealing the Long-Lost Original Text**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**The Woman Who (Maybe) Struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig**

*History | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Afghanistan Was a Crossroad of the Ancient World, Where Hellenistic Culture Blended With Buddhist Influences**

*History | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Paul Thomas Anderson and Radiohead’s Jonny Greenwood Want ‘Melania’ Doc to Remove ‘Phantom Thread’ Music: Its Use Is a ‘Breach of Composer Agreement’**

*Variety*

**\$12 Billion Later**

*Gapingvoid*

**MacKenzie Scott says everyone should heed this book—if not read it**

*Work Life | Fast Company*

**TED, the LEGO Group and the LEGO Foundation partner to launch Play@TED**

*TED Blog*

**5 Simple Keys to Becoming a Powerful Communicator**

*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**How France invented the restaurant—and started a food revolution**

*History & Culture | National Geographic*

**46 years ago, Carl Sagan beautifully explained the fourth dimension using a sliced apple**

*Upworthy*

**‘One Battle After Another’ Director Paul Thomas Anderson Wins Top DGA Awards Prize; ‘The Pitt,’ ‘The Studio’ Lead TV (Full Winners List)**

*Variety*

**A Nashville museum celebrates the role of a small town in American music over the years**

*Weekend Edition Sunday, NPR*

**Is Wallace Shawn the Only Avant-Garde Artist Who Gets Stopped in Times Square?**

*The New York Times Style Magazine*

**Do ideas change the world?**

*The New Statesman*

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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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