



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

July 17, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Play with ideas every day; imagination strengthens the muscles of possibility." – Amara Blake

"Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working." – Pablo Picasso

"I have to say, I think that we are in some kind of final examination as to whether human beings now, with this capability to acquire information and to communicate, whether we're really qualified to take on the responsibility we're designed to be entrusted with. And this is not a matter of an examination of the types of governments, nothing to do with politics, nothing to do with economic systems. It has to do with the individual. Does the individual have the courage to really go along with the truth?" – Buckminster Fuller

"To Leonardo a landscape, like a human being, was part of a vast machine, to be understood part by part and, if possible, in the whole. Rocks were not simply decorative silhouettes. They were part of the earth's bones, with an anatomy of their own, caused by some remote seismic upheaval. Clouds were not random curls of the brush, drawn by some celestial artist, but were the congregation of tiny drops formed from the evaporation of the sea, and soon would pour back their rain into the rivers." – Kenneth Clark

"You asked for wisdom? Hear these words. Nothing limits intelligence more than ignorance; nothing fosters ignorance more than one's own opinions; nothing strengthens opinions more than refusing to look at reality." – Sheri S. Tepper

"I am impressed by the great limitations of the human mind. How quick are we to learn, that is, to imitate what others have done or thought before. And how slow to understand, that is, to see the deeper connections. Slowest of all, however, are we in inventing new connections or even in applying old ideas in a new field." – Frits Zernike

"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a

knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” – Charles H. Spurgeon

“Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.” – Will Rogers

“I'll be more enthusiastic about encouraging thinking outside the box when there's evidence of any thinking going on inside it.” – Terry Pratchett

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

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

Mick Jagger Can't Name One Good Thing About Getting Older
The Interview | The New York Times

How a Great Architect Thinks ft. Bjarke Ingels | Better in Person
Freakonomics Radio Network

The World's Richest Woman Has Opened a Medical School
TIME

The Billy Joel Interview
Rick Beato

Bridges should be beautiful | Ian Firth
TED2018

BUGGIN' OUT! MayNERD Tries Edible Bugs!
MayNERD's Wild World of Science

Post-literate age': Why fewer Americans are reading for pleasure
PBS NewsHour

George Lucas's Star Wars Impact on American and World Culture (Journeys of the Mind)
Think Tech Hawaii

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

NEW Maker Learning Works. We Need to Scale It.

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

July 22

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

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

United States Patent and Trademark Office

August 4

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

ENCATC Congress 2026

September 23 - 25 | Nice, France

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

The Hidden Cost of AI-Assisted Creativity

MIT Sloan Management Review

The Invisible Hand Is a Person

Code & Conscience | Psychology Today

Fashion and Copyright: What Designers Need to Know

Copyright : Creativity at Work | Library of Congress Blogs

Arts in Health Today | July 2026

Center for Arts in Medicine | University of Florida | College of the Arts

Mary-Dell Chilton Dies at 87; Helped Create First Genetically Modified Plant

The New York Times

Bold ideas from the arts, humanities and social sciences backed by Creative Futures Fellowship

Venture Partners at CU Boulder

The practical implications of asking students to make meaning through creativity

The Workhe

Hollywood Can't Survive Without Animation. So Why Won't the Industry Respect It?

Variety

Engineers shrink powerful terahertz systems onto a single semiconductor chip

Tech Xplore

AI Adoption Plan: Creative Industries

Department of Culture, Media & Sport | Gov.UK

Turn It Up: Our plan for music

Department of Culture, Media & Sport | Gov.UK

Creative Brain Week: where neuroscience meets creativity

Neurology | The Lancet

MIT Professor Susumu Tonegawa, renowned molecular biologist and Nobel laureate, dies at 86

MIT News

Before babies can hear, their brains are already wiring for sound

Neuroscience | Hub | Johns Hopkins University

Lawmakers Clash as House Panel Advances Bills Reshaping the Department of Education

The EDU Ledger

Is This What a Post-Literate Era Looks Like?

The New York Times

New spinning drone hides in plain sight

Northwestern Now | Northwestern University

8 ways you definitely shouldn't use AI

Tech | Fast Company

Designing for the edges improves the center

Impact Council | Fast Company

Becoming an athlete helped this blind baseball player amplify her creativity

Creativity at Work | Fast Company

Satya Nadella makes the case for AI independence

AI Decoded | Fast Company

Pay Attention Behind the Curtain - What Title IX, Kit Kat Bars, and Space Art Tell Us About the Future of Wonder

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

Fashion isn't art. It's something more.

It's Been A Minute | NPR

Resources and focus

Seth's Blog

A Southern road trip through one of the world's best literary landscapes

Travel | National Geographic

Psychologists say there are 4 types of introverts. These are the personality traits of each one.

Science | Upworthy

Are You Really Allergic to Penicillin? (Update)

Freakonomics Radio

David and Larry Ellison Sued by Paramount Investor Alleging 'Illegal' Side Deal With Donald Trump to Secure U.S. Approval for Warner Bros. Takeover

Variety

PEN America Defends Israel Article That Led to President's Resignation

The New York Times

Why did the violin stop thinking? The Renaissance, Japanese aesthetics and the search for sound

Lutherie | The Strad

Movies Are Good, Actually

The Atlantic

Local TV news needs more leverage over networks to survive: Carr

The Hill

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

The Yale Review

Publishing Has a Hologram Problem. And It's Growing. For Robert Moor, Readers Are Quickly Losing the Line Between the Idea of a Book and the Book Itself

Literary Hub

Vinyl in the Veins - Behind the nostalgia lies an uncomfortable truth: Every record is made of oil.

Longreads

This Meteorite Crashed Into a New Jersey Home in 2024. Now, Scientists Say It Contains Some of the Building Blocks of Life

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Mobilizer, connector, spectator, or outsider? New Pew research categorizes how Americans do (or don't) engage civically

Nieman Lab

Historians (and Others) Behaving Badly - When insult replaces argument, everyone notices.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Exploring the Role of AI in Education and the Workplace

STEMconnector Podcast Series

The Flood of A.I.-Generated Images Will Make Human-Made Art More Precious, Not Less

Opinion | Observer

Creating a New Engine of Innovation

Virtual Newsroom | Swanson Engineering | Pitt

NSF awards 12 new Regional Innovation Engines to fuel research, jobs and economic growth nationwide

US National Science Foundation

Reflecting on four years of the NSF Technology, Innovation and Partnerships Directorate

US National Science Foundation

How the US and China can cooperate to reduce urgent AI risks

Brookings Institution

Florence Welch's mother says cuts to arts and humanities 'absolutely tragic'

The Guardian

How to Design an Innovation Day

Canadian Business

TIFF Film Market Unveils Eight Projects for First Innovation Hub

The Hollywood Reporter

Mexico Reforms Copyright Law To Protect Against AI, Voice Cloning

Mexico Business News

Upending Decades of Debate, Scientists Discover Most Neurons are Jacks-of-All-Trades

Zuckerman Institute | Columbia University

Unlocking spontaneous cognition in the age of data science

Nature Reviews | Neuroscience | Nature

What the Brain Is Doing When We're Unaware of Our Actions

Yale School of Medicine | Yale University

AI Isn't Smarter Than a Baby—Yet

WIRED

New NAS and NAM Presidents Take Office

National Academy of Sciences | Engineering | Medicine

EngineerTeen 2026 Writing Contest Winners Announced

National Academy of Engineering

In a First, Scientists Witness the Seafloor Spread in Real Time, Giving Them a Rare Glimpse at a Mysterious Geologic Process

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

The American E.V. Has Been Crushed. Will It Take the U.S. Auto Industry With It?

The New York Times Magazine

PEN America Defends Israel Article That Led to President's Resignation

The New York Times

It's a Treasure to Science. Too Bad It Came Through Their Roof.

The New York Times

A Retrospective of the Art of Truman Lowe Celebrates One of the Most Acclaimed Native American Sculptors of the 20th Century

Smithsonian Voices | National Museum of the American Indian

Through January 2027

GM's AI tools could cut the car development timeline in half

Design | Fast Company

How Orlando made its streets safer for pedestrians

Design | Fast Company

LLMs like ChatGPT often prioritize Western moral values, research shows

Tech | Fast Company

How Adidas became cool again

Design | Fast Company

'I never meant to yell': How soccer announcer Andrés Cantor turned his booming voice into one of the World Cup's most familiar brands

News | Fast Company

When life is chaos, make art

All Things Considered | NPR

Two kinds of word salad

Seth's Blog

Doctors couldn't identify what was killing a baby in 1977 until a nurse remembered a line from an Agatha Christie book

Upworthy

Exclusive / Paramount weighs leaving California over Warner Bros. rift

Semafor

Book bans, censorship, and funding fears challenge Ohio public school librarians

Ohio Capital Journal

Daily news: A famous Stephen King collection is banned in Utah schools

Utah Public Radio

What if people just prefer bowling alone? Civic renewal in the isolation of American democracy.

Matt Pearce

Meet composer Anthony Hopkins. He also acts in movies

The Well-Tempered Ear

A Philosopher's One-Word Theory to Explain Why the World Feels So Weird

Derek Thompson

What the World Cup is really worth

Re:Think | McKinsey & Company

Designing GenAI for the Emotional Side of Money: Johannes Seemann

Creative Confidence Podcast | IDEO

FCC Chairman Proposes Repeal Of National Ownership Cap, Sets August Vote

Deadline

Symbols Beat Slogans

Gapingvoid

8 Approaches to Teaching Local History

Place-Based Learning | Edutopia

Giving Students a Choice in How They Will Demonstrate Their Learning

Student Voice | Edutopia

The stunningly beautiful quest to save the world's rarest orchids

Environment | National Geographic

Influential Women in IP 2026

World Intellectual Property Review

Humanities Strike Back In The STEM Empire

Forbes

Transformation of College of Creative Arts helps meet evolving needs of students, workforce

Miami University

Explore The Met in new ways with generative AI

Google Arts & Culture

How visual learning happens in the brain

MIT News

Brain-computer device helps man speak

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Our favorite brains, including Einstein's stolen one

Short Wave | NPR

Americans' Confidence in Colleges Continues Long-Term Slide

The EDU Ledger

Hooters Airlines and the Surprising Upside of Failure

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Google Images Is Trying to Be... Pinterest?

Internet | Gizmodo

WGA Sues to Block Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger, Alleging Writers Will Be Paid Less and Have Fewer Opportunities if Deal Goes Through
Variety

Wisconsin Originals: Epic Systems' Judy Faulkner has reshaped healthcare
America 250 | Wisconsin State Journal

Music, Health, and Well-Being: Jon Batiste in Conversation with Walter Isaacson
The Aspen Institute

Global Social Prescribing Alliance Playbook 2026 Edition
World Health Innovation Summit

Harms and Negative or Unintended Consequences of Social Prescribing: A Scoping Review
Healthcare | MDPI

Social Prescribing: Identifying Factors that Influence Mood in Audiences' Experience of Live Music Concerts
Music & Science | Sage Journals

The Box Office Bounces Back: Gen Z, Surprise Hits and More Have Hollywood Banking on a \$10 Billion Year
Variety

New Winged Robot Can Fly and Swim Like a Puffin
The New York Times

Physicists Have Argued Over This Problem Since 1883. It May Now Be Solved.
The New York Times

Alzheimer's Blood Tests Offer New Promise to Diagnose and Predict the Disease
The New York Times

The Strange Phenomenon of 'Terminal Lucidity'
The New York Times Magazine

1st-ever X-rays in space offer hope for possible patients headed to the moon
Space.com

MIT engineers find a precise way to grow artificial blood vessels
MIT News

Future Shock: The Crisis in Career Navigation
Future Ed

Corporate America's morale is in the gutter. The solution could be this
Creativity At Work | Fast Company

People thought this MLB hat had a defect. It's actually a clever hidden reference
Design | Fast Company

For women, being creative at work comes with a hidden cost
Creativity At Work | Fast Company

Jamie Dimon says JPMorgan has slashed 40% of jobs in some departments, thanks to AI
Work Life | Fast Company

We've been blaming screens for anxious kids. A new study points to a completely different culprit
Work Life | Fast Company

Homelessness is more common than you think.
It's Been A Minute | NPR

Disposable software
Seth's Blog

'Ghost Font' is designed just for human eyes, leaving AI completely blind
DesignTAXI

Publishers, Authors File Class Action Lawsuit Against Google
Publishers Weekly

The looting of science fiction - Tech titans claim the genre inspired them. But all they've done is graft their politics onto stories of a better future
Aeon Essays

Wyoming's public TV network plans to drop PBS branding
Current

What if the Wood Used to Make Musical Instruments Becomes Illegal?
The New York Times

Trump's Smithsonian Critique Is Pathetically Weak
The New Republic

As White House Leans on Smithsonian, Little Uproar Over Board Vacancies
The New York Times

EU Commission Recommends Cancellation of Venice Biennale Grant over Russian Pavilion
ARTnews

Rereading Mark Twain While Everything Else Burns
Adi Magazine

Writers Guild of America seeks to block Paramount's buyout of Warner in latest merger challenge

AP News

The Two Dolly Parton Classics She Wrote on the Same Day

Mental Floss

Why Is Digital Freedom Making Us Exhausted and Sad?

The New Atlantis

How Perfectionism Undermines Creativity in Children

Childhood Narcissism | Psychology Today

An Ode To Giving Up

Gapingvoid

Sam Neill Inspired a Generation of Scientists

Obituary | WIRED

There's no such thing as AI art - AI can create beauty, but not meaning

The Institute of Art and Ideas

Creative Clusters, Geography and University-Industry Links

Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre

Perspectives on Staying Creative

Bold Journey

2025 Report: Inclusive Creative Economy Strategy

Upstart Co-Lab

Johns Hopkins calls for preserving merit-based review in federal research funding

Hub | Johns Hopkins University

Comments to OMB Regarding Its Proposed Rule to Revise the Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

TECH & INNOVATION: The bigger story behind AI | Artificial intelligence dominates today's headlines, but it may not be the biggest technological story of our time.

The Berkshire Edge

Mayor Mamdani Launches "Public Interest Technology (PIT) Crew" to Rapidly Build Digital Solutions to Public Problems

NYC.gov

A History of Innovation - Tech companies find fertile ground for creative solutions in Virginia

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

AI and artists can click – a new manifesto for modern creativity

Britain's AI-Powered Creative Economy | The Guardian

Iron Maiden Sells Music Catalog, Name, Image and Likeness Rights to Pophouse
Variety

Opinion | Canada Doesn't Have an Innovation Problem. It Has a Scale Problem.

Open Canada

The Cognitive Neuroscience of the 2026 World Cup

College of Arts and Sciences | Drexel University

This paper changed my life: Embracing an early model for naturalistic neuroscience

The Transmitter

Paramount CEO David Ellison Backing Bipartisan Federal Film Tax Incentive

Variety

Satya Nadella has issued a shocking warning to companies using AI

TechCrunch

This Startup Wants to Use Space Mirrors to Light Up Earth at Night. Feds Just Said Go Ahead

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

The World Must Wake Up to the Horror in Sudan

The Editorial Board | The New York Times

Pat Oliphant, Cartoonist Who Skewered the Powerful, Dies at 90

The New York Times

Mom, Dad, I Want to Be a Welder

The New York Times

Scientists Created a Wearable You Can Paint Directly Onto Your Skin

Health | Gizmodo

One scent helped people squeeze out more reps in the gym—and it's probably in your pantry

Fast Company

This designer is using AI to make clothing with zero fabric waste

Design | Fast Company

"Is it okay if I share my screen?"

Seth's Blog

State lawmakers cry foul over new cap placed on film tax credits

MSN, Los Angeles Times

As LA River morphs into impromptu stage for nature-loving musicians, gentrification fears remain

MSN, Los Angeles Times

An artist brought 'I.C.E. pops' to a Texas campus. The show was shut down in days

Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

Music Industry Introduces Labels For Works That Use AI In Sound Recordings
Deadline

Also

Labels for Music Created With A.I. Could Join Explicit Lyrics Warnings

The New York Times

Should AI companies be 'forced' to give half their stock to the public? Most Americans say yes

Fast Company

Is Anthropology Hopelessly Politicized? The leader of the field's scholarly society has a lot to say.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Are we living through the end of reading?

All Things Considered | NPR

The End of Reading Is Here

The Atlantic

Trump Moves to Gain Unprecedented Control Over Federal Funding

New Republic

Opinion | The Population Bust Is Coming Sooner Than Anyone Is Prepared For

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Legendary Artist Sheila Hicks, at 92, on the Secret to Creative Vitality

The Marginalian

An AI can invent entirely new languages. But is it creative?

Science

While Musk's Neuralink drills into skulls, China's BrainCo bets the future of brain tech is wearable

CNBC

MIT Press launches interdisciplinary intelligence journal NeuroNexus

Research Information

Scientists discover how the brain rewires itself to truly multitask

ScienceDaily

Science for sustainable development: the role of free and safe science ecosystems
UNESCO

Supporting Science Is An Act Of Patriotism
Forbes

Sen. Whitehouse announces whistleblower allegations of construction problems at Kennedy Center
PBS News Hour

How to Survive Your Own Death
Gapingvoid

Physics doesn't explain the universe. Computation does.
Big Think

States Sue to Block Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger, Defying DOJ
Variety

Also
Why I'm Suing to Block the Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger (Guest Column)
Variety

States Prepare Lawsuit to Block Paramount's Merger With Warner Bros.
The New York Times

Kids Can't Stop Watching 'Moana.' There's a Scientific Explanation.
The New York Times

Immune Cells Get Transformed into Fungus-Fighting Nanoparticles
UC San Diego Today

New York City's chief technologist is launching a new team to transform the city's technology
Tech | Fast Company

Design history, as told through 125 objects
Design | Fast Company

Play, experimentation, and the rise of the hybrid creative
IDEO Journal

Storytelling Determines the Change We Can Achieve
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Innovation Framework Examples: 7 Real-World Cases That Show How They Work
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Controversial

Seth's Blog

Mel's back

Seth's Blog

Guy finds long-forgotten album in a thrift shop, reunites the band, and is sharing their music with the world

Upworthy

Meta's Pursuit of the Careless People Author Is Relentless and Self-Defeating

WIRED

There's an Ancient Solution to Our Modern Crisis of Attention

The New York Times

I'm dyslexic and avoided reading until BookTok got me hooked - now I run a book club

BBC News

A Free-Speech Meltdown

The Atlantic

Also

PEN America President Resigns After Article About Israel and Cultural Boycotts

The New York Times

F.C.C. Approves Test of Space Mirror to Light Night Sky Despite Outcry

The New York Times

A Picture-Perfect Landing Shows China's Ambitions to Narrow the Space Race

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.

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

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