



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

February 6, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Advice is like snow - the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.” – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

“Every failure is a step to success.” – William Whewell

“Kites rise highest against the wind - not with it.” – Winston Churchill

“Creativity increasingly seems like something that's supposed to be automated out of us. And our response to that has been basically to double down on doing things the super hard way— pouring as much human effort as we can into each project. The idea is that there will be a human watching it on the other side, and you just want them to feel that human connection.” – Damian Kulash, OK GO

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” – Theodore Roosevelt

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.” – Babe Ruth

“You look ridiculous if you dance. You look ridiculous if you don't dance. So you might as well dance.” – Gertrude Stein

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

A Bouquet for the Ages: A Gift That Continues to Bloom at The Met
The Wallace Foundation

15 intriguing metaphors we still use that were inspired by famous historical people
Upworthy

February is Black History Month!
MayNERD's Wild World of Science

Inside the Creative Brain: How Your Mind Changes When You Create
The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

How Can the U.S. Stay at the Forefront of Scientific Innovation?
Council on Foreign Relations

Video: Why 'basic science' is the foundation of innovation
Phys.org

How Peter Frampton Captured Lightning in a Bottle: The Making of Frampton Comes Alive!
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

C Cubed - Why Peace (and Education) are Hard to Achieve in Schools, and What We Can Do
The Shift

How your pictures can help reclaim lost history | Chance Coughenour
TEDxHamburg

Orson Welles: The Boy Wonder, The Ultimate Auteur, and the Man Who Made Citizen Kane
pplpod

A New Day: From Chemistry to Creativity
WCPO 9

"Pure Imagination" - Jordan Fisher & Emmet Cohen
Emmet Cohen

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

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us

TED Conferences

April 13 - 17

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

Vote for the 2025 Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award

Colossal

Vote through March 18

The discovery of DNA started with this overlooked scientist

History & Culture | National Geographic

Do You Have What It Takes to be a Visionary?

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Sony Outlines Expansion Plans for Peanuts Brand Following \$457 Million

Acquisition

Variety

Can bonobos use their imagination?

Animals | National Geographic

Also

Apes share human ability to imagine
Johns Hopkins Hub

Welcome to My World

Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

The Science of Being a Winter Olympian: The Brains, Endurance and Cold-Sensing Abilities That Make It Possible

Johns Hopkins Medicine

DGA Chief on TV and Film's Downturn, Fighting for a Federal Production Tax Incentive and Hollywood's Health Plan Problems: 'Our No. 1 Priority Is Jobs, Jobs, Jobs'
Variety

An Overlooked Prescription for Happiness

The New York Times

Indulging in the Arts Is Proving to Have Major Health Benefits. Could Creativity be a Hidden Longevity Hack?

Esquire

Eyes on the Brain

College of Arts and Sciences | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

AI is helping funders evaluate more ideas more fairly

Impact Council | Fast Company

Starbucks's CEO announces a huge change to win back customers

Design | Fast Company

Beware of Copyright Scams: How to Spot Fraud and Protect Yourself

Copyright: Creativity at Work | Library of Congress Blogs

The Changing Communities of the Arctic

American Scientist

How to Figure Out What's Next

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Voluntary stories

Seth's Blog

If You're Not Cheating, You're Not Trying

Freakonomics Radio

Washington Post Announces Major Layoffs, Including Many in Arts and Culture

The Violin Channel

Why Boys Are Behind in Reading at Every Age
The Upshot | The New York Times

Bruce Springsteen's Streets of Minneapolis: how digital circulation boosts the impact of a protest song
The Conversation

Netflix's co-CEO went to an antitrust hearing and a culture war broke out
NBC News

A human tendency to value expertise, not just sheer power, explains how some social hierarchies form
The Conversation

The Forest-Like Interior of Coral Takes the Grand Prize in the CUPOTY 7 Photo Contest
Colossal

This Podcast Broadcasts Change from a North Dakota Prison
Arts Midwest

Make Nothing that Isn't Beautiful
The Point Magazine

There's a new entry in the visual language of ICE raids: Purple vests
Design | Fast Company

Mark Cuban just made a surprising anti-AI investment. Experts say it could define 2026
Tech | Fast Company

How to beat change fatigue
Work Life | Fast Company

Teaching Gen Z
Nerd from the Future podcast

Making it whole
Seth's Blog

What does it mean to make loss visible?
Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Why it's so hard to fuel the Artemis rockets
Science | Return to the Moon | National Geographic

Blending Music and Talk for Therapy With Kids and Teens
On Call | Psychology Today

'Monster's Paradise,' lampooning US President Donald Trump, has world premiere at Hamburg Opera

AP

Hollywood Guilds Raise Concerns With Senate Antitrust Subcommittee Over Warner Bros. Sale Amid Netflix Congressional Hearings

Deadline

The Secrets of Indigenous Art

The Atlantic

Inside Altadena's new community centers, redesigned by Imagineers and a world-renowned architect

MSN, Los Angeles Times

California: Amid a shortage of arts educators, a new fund launches to train teachers

EdSource

The Arts Sector's Blind Spot: Why Misreading the AI Moment Weakens Democracy Itself

LinkedIn | Tammy Lee

Hearing from Judge Alsup: Fairness and the limits of AI copyright claims

AI Humanist

Daydreamers and Sleepwalkers: Crossing the Borderlands of the Unconscious

The MIT Press Reader

How Great Ideas Happen

The Next Big Idea Book of the Day Newsletter

Artificial Lungs Kept a Dying Man Alive For 48 Hours—Until He Was Well Enough to Receive an Organ Transplant

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

What 20,000 Snails & One Trader Joe's Bag Share

Gapingvoid

Steven Spielberg Lands EGOT Status With New Grammy Win

Gizmodo

Check Out 10 Weird and Wonderful Finalists for the 'Pulitzer of the New Instrument World'

Gizmodo

Rum's first female master blender gives back to girls in STEM

Bizwomen

Innovative CAR-T therapy destroys cancer cells without dangerous side effects

Nature

Babies Can Categorize Objects in Their Brains Earlier Than Previously Thought
Technology Networks

Can you rewire your brain?
Aeon Essays

Many people have no mental imagery. What's going on in their brains?
Nature

At the Yale School of Public Health, a culture of innovation bridges gaps between science and society
Yale News

NASA Armstrong Contributions Propel Artemis, Deep Space Innovation
NASA

Designing a classroom built on creativity, community
The Brown and White

\$50M donation to MSU is its largest facility grant ever. What it will fund
Lansing State Journal

Purdue Innovates awards funds to develop concrete, imaging and semiconductor innovations
Purdue University News

Canada is facing a crisis of imagination – and a chance to reinvent what comes next
Prince Albert Daily Herald

Announcing the Intentional Spaces Roadmap
International Arts + Mind Lab | Johns Hopkins

Elegance Compounds
Gapingvoid

Perpetual Beta
Felipe Zamana | Creativity & Education

How Gen Z Uses Gen AI—and Why It Worries Them
Harvard Business Review

AI Now Beats the Average Human in Tests of Creativity
Singularity Hub

Want to Be More Creative? Try Taking Away Instead of Adding
The Psychology of Creativity | Psychology Today

AI is about to invade the real world
Tech | Fast Company

Art Is Not a Luxury. It's Medicine.
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Why the Future of the Movies Lives on Letterboxd
The New York Times

Disney's new CEO will have to do something harder than run the company. He'll have to be the face of it
Fast Company

Also
Disney names parks boss Josh D'Amaro as its next CEO to succeed Bob Iger, effective March 18
CNBC

Her groundbreaking theory on the origin of life was rejected 15 times. Then biology proved her right.
Upworthy

Most Economies Are Missing Hundreds of Thousands of Innovation Opportunities
WIPO

Innovation or exhaustion? The human cost of tech's AI reset
CTech by Calcalist

I know science can't fix the world — here's why I do it anyway
Nature

Learn How Japanese Educators Use the Ancient Abacus To Strengthen the Minds of Today
My Modern Met

HACKED: Rice's humanities scholars explore why AI cannot be left to technologists alone in new discussion series
Rice News | Rice University

The cerebellum takes the stage, playing a new role
The Harvard Gazette

As AI-generated music advances, humans still lead in creativity, research finds
Phys.org

Shaping Our 2026–31 Strategic Plan
Canada Council for the Arts

'Black Creativity' is more than aesthetics
Hyde Park Herald

Can AI discover new art forms through mathematical rules?
The Emory Wheel

Nike just flipped its logo for LeBron's son, Bronny James
Design | Fast Company

The DOT's new beautification council could Trumpify U.S. transportation infrastructure
Design | Fast Company

Looking back at the 5 biggest AI lessons of 2025
Tech | Fast Company

The Popper Principle
The American Scholar

How Games as a Service (GaaS) and Transmedia Strategies Sustain Video Game Franchises, Part I
Arts Management & Technology Laboratory

'Do not ask your children to strive' | William Martin
Shared by Scott Barry Kaufman on X

Does Stress Kill Creativity?
Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

Artemis II | Return To The Moon
National Geographic

The Greatest Inventor You've Never Heard of
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Can PR help solve the women's health crisis?
Impact Council | Fast Company

AI in healthcare is entering a new era of accountability
Tech | Fast Company

Bad Bunny and the threat of ICE: The 2026 Super Bowl comes at a flashpoint in U.S. politics
Fast Company

The Hidden Mathematics Within Art
American Scientist

Temporal Agency – How Innovators Stop Time from Bullying Them
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

"Everybody wants to win"
Seth's Blog

Precision vs. accuracy
Seth's Blog

How hieroglyphs became the sacred script of the ancient Egyptians
History & Culture | National Geographic

Dr. Bill Foege, a hero who saved hundreds of millions of lives
Gates Notes

Can A.I. Save Your Life?
Getting Better | Freakonomics Radio

Steve Levitt Says Goodbye to People I (Mostly) Admire
People I (Mostly) Admire | Freakonomics

Dalai Lama beats Trevor Noah to win first Grammy at 90
Design TAXI

How Storythinking Builds Resilience and Creativity
Much More Than Common Core | Psychology Today

Is AI More Creative Than Humans?
The Future Brain | Psychology Today

New Research on the Cognitive Science of Creativity
Play Your Way Sane | Psychology Today

Mindfulness and Creativity: New Research and Practices
Creative Insights | Psychology Today

The Benefits of Imagination
Science of Choice | Psychology Today

Trump wants to build a 250-foot-tall arch, dwarfing the Lincoln Memorial
The Washington Post

An Invitation to Wonder...
Little Care Giver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

The Left Case for Great Books
The Point Magazine

Grammy Winners 2026: Kendrick Lamar Leads With Five; Bad Bunny, Billie Eilish, Lady Gaga Score Key Wins
Variety

Also
Bad Bunny Makes Grammys History as First Spanish-Language Album of the Year Winner
Variety

Kendrick Lamar Makes Grammys History as Most-Awarded Rapper,

Breaking Jay-Z's Record
Variety

Grammys 2026: Yo-Yo Ma Wins 20th Grammy For Classical Instrumental Solo
Forbes

Grammy Snubs and Surprises: Bad Bunny Finally Gets Latin Music a Top Win; Sabrina Carpenter, Justin Bieber, Rosé Get Shut Out; Billie Eilish and Lola Young Score Upsets
Variety

What Bad Bunny's Big Grammy Win Means for Latinos
Variety

Steven Spielberg achieves EGOT status with Grammy win
WEAU, CNN

Catherine O'Hara, 'Schitt's Creek' and 'Home Alone' Star, Dies at 71
Variety

Also
'Schitt's Creek' Cast Reacts to Catherine O'Hara's Death: 'It's Hard to Imagine a World Without Her in It'
Variety

Catherine O'Hara's Late-Career Renaissance on 'Schitt's Creek' and Beyond Showed the Beloved Comedian's Enduring Range
Variety

Catherine O'Hara Remembered by Michael Keaton, Christopher Guest and More in Emotional Tributes: 'We Have Lost One of the Comic Giants of Our Age'
Variety

Catherine O'Hara's Career in Photos, From 'Home Alone' to 'Beetlejuice' to 'The Studio'
Variety

My Lunch With Catherine O'Hara: On Creating Moira Rose and Making Us All Laugh About 'Schitt's Creek'
Variety

Where to Stream Catherine O'Hara's Best Performances
The New York Times

Why design must evolve alongside technology
IDEO Journal

Trump plans to close Kennedy Center for about two years, starting in July
MSN | The Washington Post

Also

Trump Says Kennedy Center Will Close for 2-Year Reconstruction Project
The New York Times

Demond Wilson, Long-Suffering Son on 'Sanford and Son,' Dies at 79
The New York Times

5 Fascinating Solutions to Loneliness in Japan
Mental Floss

Michigan Governor, Albuquerque and Oxford Mayors Recognized for Championing Arts as Critical Investments in Community and Economy
Americans for the Arts

Ohio's Prolific Braille Producer is Making Art More Accessible
Arts Midwest

Text Is (Still) King
Persuasion

Gladys West, mathematician whose work paved the way for GPS, dies at 95
Obituaries | NPR

The Hidden Physics of Creative Work: How Big Breakthroughs Actually Happen
Inc.com

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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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