



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

March 6, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“When one paints an ideal, one does not need to limit one's imagination.” – Ellen Key

“Nonsense wakes up the brain cells. And it helps develop a sense of humor, which is awfully important in this day and age. Humor has a tremendous place in this sordid world. It's more than just a matter of laughing. If you can see things out of whack, then you can see how things can be in whack.” – Dr. Seuss

“The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well.” – Horace Walpole

“Creativity — like human life itself — begins in darkness. We need to acknowledge this. All too often, we think only in terms of light: “And then the lightbulb went on and I got it!” It is true that insights may come to us as flashes. It is true that some of these flashes may be blinding. It is, however, also true that such bright ideas are preceded by a gestation period that is interior, murky, and completely necessary.” – Julia Cameron

“Leave the beaten track behind occasionally and dive into the woods. Every time you do you will be certain to find something you have never seen before.” – Alexander Graham Bell

“In mathematics the art of asking questions is more valuable than solving problems.” – Georg Cantor

“People attempt to adapt the world to themselves. All progress, therefore, depends on unreasonable people.” – George Bernard Shaw

“If people knew how hard I had to work to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all.” – Michelangelo

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Treat design as art | Paola Antonelli
TED2007

Remembering Neil Sedaka
CBS Sunday Morning

The Science Behind March Madness: Predictive Models & Bracketology
MayNERD's Wild World of Science

The art of thinking in a digital world: Be logical, be creative, be critical
I by IMD Book Club

In 1973, the Bee Gees sang an unplugged medley tribute to the Beatles. It's gorgeous.
Upworthy

Here's How Animators Make Stop-Motion Masterpieces Like 'Wallace & Gromit' Come Alive
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Watch this video to be reminded of what school can (and should, and must) be
Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Why paper still matters in the age of digital and AI - Arctic Paper - Munken Design
AIGA Design Podcast

Introducing TED Summer School
TED

How technology has changed what it's like to be deaf | Rebecca Knill
TED@WellsFargo

Is AI the next Mozart—or just a mashup machine?
University of Rochester

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

NEW Celebrate STEAM to Launch 2026 Atlanta Science Festival
Georgia Tech
March 7; Through March 21

NEW Renowned Artist and MacArthur 'Genius' Liz Lerman to Lecture on How Creativity Emerges From Uncertainty
Arkansas News | University of Arkansas
March 12

NEW Parkinson's disease: Professor Sue Goldie's journey

Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

March 12

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

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

NEW 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

Honoring Sir Ken Robinson: A Legacy of Creativity That Lives on at 1515 Lincoln Gallery

1515 Lincoln Gallery | Susan McCalmont

This Is How Progress Happens

Freakonomics Radio

Imagination is work

Seth's Blog

AI won't save your strategy. Imagination will

Leadership | Fast Company

People who know more about AI art find it less ethical

Scientific American

Mayo Clinic researchers discover hidden brain map that may improve epilepsy care

Research | Mayo Clinic

How a World Bank Program is Turning Creativity into Jobs for Women in Sierra Leone

World Bank Group

The Innovation Platform Issue 25

Innovation News Network

Science Comes to Town: Bringing research and innovation to the heart of the community

Science | Business

Celebrating 250 years of discovery, creativity, and enterprise

United States Patent and Trademark Office

US Space Force University Consortium awards new tech institutes, spotlights major transition successes

Space Force

Dr. Eileen Cardillo on Neuroaesthetics, Beauty, and the Science of Human Experience: Part 1

The Life of Her Mind

STEM creates hems - Aggie engineer combines fashion, engineering

The Battalion | Texas A & M University

When Using AI Leads to “Brain Fry”

Harvard Business Review

Building the Neuroarts Movement: Georgia State at the Crossroads of Art and Neuroscience

Georgia State University Research Magazine

Where art meets science in the woods

The University of British Columbia Okanagan Campus

Crafting's comeback and the science behind it

The Excerpt - USA Today

Creative Class: Where Clay Connects

Mpls.St.Paul Magazine

Engineered imagination

UC Santa Cruz - News

Fulbright Scholar finds warm welcome in new Advanced Materials Innovation Complex

Clemson News - Clemson University

How AI is challenging the idea of human creativity

POLITICO

Peter Jackson to Receive Cannes' Honorary Palme d'Or

Variety

Why Do Basketball Players' Shoes Squeak on the Court? Here's the Physics Behind the Iconic, High-Pitched Sounds

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

See 15 Wild and Wondrous Photographs of Yellowstone National Park

Travel | Smithsonian Magazine

You've Seen Jackson Pollock's Dizzying Drip Paintings. But His Wife, Lee Krasner, Was Also a Major Player in the Abstract Expressionist Movement

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

It's time for local news funders to pick winners, scale up, and force mergers, a new report argues

Nieman Lab

The Texas Senate Primary Was a Preview of Creator Wars to Come
WIRED

How a prize-winning cartoonist brings hand-drawn comics to the web
The Verge

The New York Times Takes the Pentagon to Court
Columbia Journalism Review

The real ‘paleo’ diet had plenty of fruits and veggies
Science | National Geographic

China’s New 5-Year Plan: More AI, Less US
Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

How to MacGyver It
Gapingvoid

How perceptions shape creativity | Felipe Zamana
LinkedIn

5 Ways to Develop Students’ Social and Emotional Skills in Music Class
Social and Emotional Learning | Edutopia

Integrating Social and Emotional Learning in Math Class
Social and Emotional Learning | Edutopia

Daily Activities That Support Students’ Creative Mindset
Creativity | Edutopia

Pontus Punctilious--God of Deadlines | The Nine AM Start Times
Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

The Most Creative Partnership in History—And What It Can Teach Us About Collaboration
The Next Big Idea Book Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Feeling the Effects of 260,000 Federal Jobs Lost
The New York Times

Nature Report, Killed by Trump, Is Released Independently
The New York Times

Tree Rings Reveal Origins of Some of the World’s Best Violins
The New York Times

See the New U.S. Postage Stamp Honoring the Bison, America’s National Mammal
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

How Robert Rauschenberg’s Art Brought NASA Missions to Life
Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Books

How A Top Liberal Arts School Is Revamping Its Curriculum For Career Readiness
Forbes

Cities Make Major Public Art Investments: Six 2025 Projects Over \$1 Million
CODAworx

Measuring Early-Career Earnings for Arts & Design Grads: Evidence from SNAAP on Income Volatility, Advanced Degree Pursuit, & Long-Term Career Trajectories
DataBriefs | Strategic National Arts Alumni Project

Bridging Differences or Widening Gaps?
Metropolitan Group

Daylight saving time 2026: A major part of Canada just made DST permanent. Why these U.S. states could follow
Fast Company

Mundane, magic, maybe both — a new book explores 'The Writer's Room'
Books | NPR

At last, an Oscar for the people who decide who gets to star
Morning Edition | NPR

Do You Have an Empty Tank?
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Will humans and animals ever be able to converse? Here's what science says.
Animals | National Geographic

In 1982, Jim Henson shared the secret to his success with a young actor. It still touches his heart.
Upworthy

A phone call that saves lives
Gates Notes

Trump Launches Traveling 'Freedom Truck' Exhibition
Artnet News

'AI will be the end of us' – is Colm Tóibín right about the threat to creative writing?
The Conversation

Inside the Quest to Restore a Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie Landmark—Piece by Piece
Artnet News

A Scholar Recognized the Inscriptions in the Margins of This Manuscript. The Scribbles Turned Out to Be Galileo's Handwritten Notes
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Can the Dictionary Keep Up?

The Nation

She Brought Helvetica to America. Who Was Barbara Stauffacher Solomon?

Artnet News

The Met Introduces High-Definition 3D Scans of Dozens of Art Historical Objects

Colossal

An Old Phone Booth Is Helping an Indiana City Share Stories

Arts Midwest

Tech legend Stewart Brand on Musk, Bezos and his extraordinary life: ‘We don’t need to passively accept our fate’

The Ideas Interview: Technology | The Guardian

Opinion | The Right’s Academic Civil War

The Chronicle of Higher Education

9 things to know about Holi, India’s most colorful festival

History & Culture | National Geographic

A glimpse of Iran, through the eyes of its artists and journalists

Culture | NPR

We’ve Been Manipulating Images Since the Invention of Photography—Long Before Photoshop or Artificial Intelligence

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Research spotlight: Exploring the neural basis of visual imagination

EurekaAlert! | AAAS

The Eight Core Principles of Strategic Innovation

MIT Sloan Management Review

Scripts Not Required

Gapingvoid

This musician built an AI clone of her voice so anyone can sing as her

Scientific American

Inventing with Intent: Where Engineering Rigor Meets Business Reality

IPWatchdog Unleashed

In the heart of Chicago: DPI’s new location to spark collaboration, innovation

News | The Grainger College of Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Gillian-Daniel receives Shakhashiri Public Science Engagement Award

Blog | College of Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Love Letter to Humanity

USC Viterbi School of Engineering | University of Southern California

KU math professor receives prestigious honor from Greece for cutting-edge research

KU News | University of Kansas

China is about to show the world its plan to win the future

CNN World

What's next for Stanford's artist incubator

Stanford Report | Stanford University

Reflecting on 2025: Advancing Neuroscience and Honoring 75 Years of Discovery

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Empowering Women for the New AI Era

Comstock's Magazine

From trash to art: A Congolese refugee woman's creative journey and resilience

UNHCR | Africa

The Historic Comic Books That Introduced Superman and Captain America Just Entered the Smithsonian in a Landmark Acquisition

Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

Newsonomics: Will national news shrink even faster than local news did?

Nieman Lab

March 2026: Friction | What does it mean for you?

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain

More Than 4 Billion People Watched Bad Bunny's Super Bowl Performance

Y! Entertainment, Rolling Stone

What AI needs to accelerate the way humans innovate

Fast Company

5 design principles to feel fully alive

Design | Fast Company

Here's the leadership skill AI can't replace

Leadership | Fast Company

Live Nation antitrust trial begins: How the DOJ's case against Ticketmaster could reshape the concert industry

Tech | Fast Company

Also

Live Nation Accused of Hurting Music Fans as Antitrust Trial Begins

The New York Times

Raise the kids you have

Impact Council | Fast Company

Would you go to a play by yourself? Theaters are hoping so

Performing Arts | Morning Edition | NPR

Meet the 2026 class of TED Fellows

TED Blog

Paramount Beat Netflix for WBD, but the Regulatory Fight Isn't Over | Analysis

Yahoo! Finance, The Wrap

Chicago Loop Alliance unveils Loop Arts District, funding to address vacant stores

Chicago Sun-Times

Wisconsin professors turn spoiled milk into 3D printing filament

Illinois Farmer Today

Exploring the Role of AI Regulation in Innovation

The New York Academy of Sciences

Mark Rober To Host Kids Science Competition Series 'Schooled!' For Netflix

Deadline

Neuroscience + Arts Take Center Stage in Health and Wellness

Newswise | Wake Forest University

A new theory of brain development

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

What Oral Histories Reveal About Women's Pursuit of Economic Independence

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

The AI 'Actress' Tilly Norwood Is Getting a Whole 'Tillyverse'

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

This New Cancer Breakthrough Sounds Impossible—Until You Hear How It Works

Inc.com

AI won't replace strategy: It will expose it

Tech | Fast Company

HP is mining its own e-waste to build its latest laptops

Tech | Fast Company

For a Lesbian Twist on 'Cyrano,' They Enlisted an Indigo Girl

The New York Times

The gap between "I" and "no one"

Seth's Blog

How Creativity Helps the Brain Make Meaning After Disruption

The Architecture of Identity | Psychology Today

Paramount and Warner Bros' deal is about merging studios, and a whole lot more

Analysis | NPR

Antitrust Trial to Challenge Live Nation's Grip on the Music Industry

The New York Times

Actually, Doug Ford, basket-weaving is innovative and in-demand

The Conversation

AI=B+

Public Books

Meet the Researchers Who Can Engineer Your Dreams

The Walrus

Neil Sedaka, Singing Craftsman of Memorable Pop Songs, Dies at 86

The New York Times

Also

Neil Sedaka, Legendary Singer-Songwriter Behind 'Breaking Up Is Hard to Do,' 'Bad Blood' and 'Love Will Keep Us Together,' Dies at 86

Variety

Neil Sedaka, Legendary Singer-Songwriter of 'Bad Blood' & More, Dead at 86

Billboard

Is Pretend Play the Missing Ingredient in Raising Creative Kids?

Adolescent Development | Psychology Today

The Recipe for Innovation? An Alliance Between Art and Science.

Kellogg Insight | Kellogg School of Management | Northwestern University

IEEE President's Note: Engineering a Modern Renaissance - Today's members can collaborate on the next leap forward

IEEE Spectrum

VCU researchers partnering with public schools on math education

Virginia Commonwealth University

Balancing Innovation and Risk in the Age of AI

MIT Sloan Management Review

AI vs 100,000 humans: Which wins the creativity contest?

Tech & Science | Digital Journal

Give To Gain: The Neuroscience Of Generous Leadership

Forbes

TEACHER VOICE: We don't have a math problem in Arkansas or in the United States. We have a culture problem

Opinion | The Hechinger Report

Tilly Norwood Creator Plans 'Rapid Expansion' With the 'Tillyverse,' Where Norwood and Other AI Actors 'Will Live, Collaborate and Build Careers'

Variety

The Thrill of Science in 2042

Nautilus

Why Change Doesn't Have to Start at the Top

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Has AI Killed Design Thinking? Or Just Removed Its Excuses?

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Opinion | Music, at Least, Doesn't Lie

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Can Nations Agree How to Mine the Sea? This Is the Year, She Says.

The New York Times

10-Minute Challenge: Klimt's Woman in Gold

The New York Times

Accessibility and usability belong at the center of design

Fast Company Executive Board

Google's new Minnesota data center comes with the world's largest battery—and won't raise electric bills

Tech | Fast Company

This genius contraption catches water while you're warming up your shower

Design | Fast Company

How to apply an abundance mentality to your work

Work Life | Fast Company

Mattel has a new custom font, and it's full of playful hidden details

Design | Fast Company

Henrietta Lacks's Family Settles Suit With Novartis Over Use of Her Cells

The New York Times

NASA Shakes Up Artemis Schedule, Aiming for 2 Moon Landings in 2028

The New York Times

Mamdani Appoints New York's Next Culture Czar

The New York Times

These filmmakers know exactly how to get you hooked on bizarre one-minute dramas

BBC News

The Enemy of the Good - Against optimization

The Point Magazine

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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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