



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

April 24, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.” – Robin Williams

“The man who has no imagination has no wings.” – Muhammad Ali

“The power of imagination makes us infinite.” – John Muir

“It is impossible to care for each other more or differently than we care for the earth.” – Wendell Berry

“There is a beauty in discovery. There is mathematics in music, a kinship of science and poetry in the description of nature, and exquisite form in a molecule. Attempts to place different disciplines in different camps are revealed as artificial in the face of the unity of knowledge. All literate men are sustained by the philosopher, the historian, the political analyst, the economist, the scientist, the poet, the artisan and the musician.” – Glenn T. Seaborg

“The most effective way to do it, is to do it.” – Amelia Earhart

“Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.” – Elbert Hubbard

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

The Power of Community: Key Takeaways from Our Live Chat with Kate Robinson
Sir Ken Robinson Foundation

Rock legend, naturalist team up to turn field recordings of animals into music
60 Minutes

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

May 16 – January 10

'Our Neighbors, the Peacocks' Paints a Portrait of an Unusual Convergence of Populations

Colossal

Mom turns texts from teenage son into an emo ballad, and it has no right to be this good

Upworthy

The Company That Owns the Language of Color

Design Docs

How urban spaces can preserve history and build community | Walter Hood

TED2018

Why the Best Ideas Don't Come From Individuals

The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

What are solutions? - MayNERD's Magnifier

MayNERD's Wild World of Science

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

ENCATC Academy

ENCATC

Through April 24 | Bilbao, Spain

Building Bridges: Connecting Communities with Culture and Commerce

2026 South & Appalachian Creative Placemaking Summit

Through April 24 | Memphis, TN

Open Call for the Creativity Pioneers Fund 2026

Moleskine Foundation

Deadline: April 24

Open invitation to policy brief launch: The role of the arts in addressing the health impacts of climate change

World Health Organization

April 29

DoSomething, 3M and Amazon MGM Studios to launch Project STEM Heroes

3M

Submission Deadline: April 30

Have a bold idea to strengthen your community? The Knight Cities Challenge is here.

Knight Foundation

Deadline: April 30

NEW At the front lines of global health messaging: A conversation with WHO's retired communications director

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

April 30

Book now: The Future Skills Agenda of the Creative Industries

Creative Industries and Evidence Centre, UK

May 12

Fundamental Discovery Week

University of Alberta Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute

May 12 – 18

2026 U.S. ASPIRE Competition

US Department of State

Deadline: May 15

NEW Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

May 16 – January 10

American Black Film Festival Unveils 2026 Lineup Featuring Jamie Foxx, Marsai Martin, Courtney B. Vance, Jesse Williams and Coco Jones (EXCLUSIVE)

Variety

May 27 – 31

Creative Problem Solving Institute | 2026 Theme: Elevate

Creative Education Foundation

June 14 – 18 | Buffalo, NY

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

What Makes Judy Falkner Run?

Freakonomics Radio

The AI dividend - The case for investing in the creative frontier.

IDEO Journal

The Nautilus Reading List of Science Biographies

Nautilus

Imagination is not just replaying what we see and hear

Science News

New Members Elected in 2026: Fitting Recognition of America's 250th

American Academy of Arts & Sciences

How does imagination really work in the brain? New explanation upends what we knew

Medical Xpress

The synthetic transformation of the art world: ethical tensions

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications | Nature

She spent 2 years finding the perfect fabric. Now she wants you to wear it forever

Design | Fast Company

The brain in the machine: How AI could help explain how we think

IBM

The Brain's Hidden Switch That Helps You Learn from Mistakes

Duke Today | Duke University

Neuroscientists identify brain regions that drive curiosity for what might have been

PsyPost

How to Access the Subconscious and Unlock Creativity Through Dreamwork

Sundance Institute

New Arts and Humanities AI Institute expands how AI is studied on campus

The Lantern

A Mars Rover Found Building Blocks of Life Never Seen on the Red Planet Before, Boosting the Case for Ancient Habitability

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

The National Gallery of Art Embraces New Role as Lending Library, Thanks to a Big Gift That Sends Artwork to Other Museums

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Physicist Bends Light With Gravity to Make New Mobile Sensing Device

Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

A Startup Says It Grew Human Sperm in a Lab—and Used It to Make Embryos

WIRED

A Simple Game to Teach Effective Storytelling

Literacy | Edutopia

Igniting Student Curiosity in Math and Science Lessons

Student Engagement | Edutopia

Where did our moon come from?

Short Wave | NPR

Diamonds Get a Little Squishy at the Nanoscale. Here's Why

Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

New Gene Therapy Enables Children With a Rare Form of Deafness to Hear

The New York Times

China Publishes Maps Detailing Minerals on the Ocean Floor

The New York Times

AI is replacing creativity with 'average'

Work Life | Fast Company

Google CEO Sundar Pichai says 75% of the company's code is AI-generated

Work Life | Fast Company

This wooden 10-story office building wiggles to withstand earthquakes

Design | Fast Company

Courage vs. excuses

Seth's Blog

How Nat Geo filmmakers documented a 5,000-year-old ancient city from above

History & Culture | National Geographic

Apple's Tim Cook shares his 'first really big mistake' when becoming CEO
DesignTAXI

Earth Day is more important than ever in 2026: Here's a list of notable events happening around the world
Fast Company

Does Perfectionism Help or Hinder Your Creativity?
Creative Insights | Psychology Today

How to Develop Creative Potential
Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

What Creativity Costs - On the United Nations World Creativity and Innovation Day, an honest look at the friction that makes human discovery work.
Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

How does imagination really work in the brain? New theory upends what we knew
The Conversation

How to expand the US economy
MIT Technology News

Michael and Susan Dell Surpass \$1 Billion in Giving to UT Austin
UT News

Meet the Emmy-winning engineer whose algorithms are behind your Netflix binge
Electrical, Computer & Energy Engineering | University of Colorado Boulder

The physics of brain development: How cells pull together to form the neural tube
Phys.org

Innovation sovereignty needs ecosystems, not isolation
Commentary | Policy Options

Why Your Doctor Gets It Wrong—and a Simple Shift That Would Fix It
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Why Two-Year Schools Are Higher Education's Fastest-Growing Sector
The EDU Ledger

The Urgent Workforce Challenge No Sector Can Solve Alone
Connect. Catalyze. Change | STEMconnector

So How Did Artemis 2's Heat Shield Hold Up? The First Results Are In
Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

CinemaCon 2026 Takeaways: David Ellison Quashed a Rebellion, Tom Rothman Ticked Off Theater Owners and Steven Spielberg Issued an Urgent Warning
Variety

With \$116 Million Gift, National Gallery Will Send Its Art Around Nation
The New York Times

This triangle-shaped stamp has an unusual purpose
Design | Fast Company

Samsung's design chief wants tech to feel more human
Rapid Response | Fast Company

No zippers, lots of magnets: How the North Face designed camping gear that doesn't leave anyone behind
Design | Fast Company

AI is eliminating one of the biggest bottlenecks of car design
Design | Fast Company

People and nature: UNESCO safeguarding life and heritage
UNESCO

Aesthetics – Part Two
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

William English Appointed Acting NEH Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities

The mystery of the universe's missing exploding stars
Science | National Geographic

Teacher reveals the 'really obvious' reason teens no longer read. It's not just the phones.
Upworthy

The 1960s Art School Experiment That Redefined Creativity
Reading the Mind | Psychology Today

America Is Anxious About Its 250th Birthday. So Are Historians.
The New York Times

U.S. Museums Reach Deep into America's Past
The New York Times

AI music is booming, and the player piano saw it coming
Scientific American

Did AI just solve the mystery of one of El Greco's most enigmatic paintings?
Scientific American

A complete rethinking of how our brains use categories to make sense of the world
Picower Institute for Learning and Memory

Thousands of authors seek share of Anthropic copyright settlement

Reuters

Seattle nonprofit to turn empty office building into artist housing

KNKX Public Radio

Japan's Cherry Blossom Database, 1,200 Years Old, Has a New Keeper

The New York Times

How Can Animated Storytelling be Enhanced by Immersive Technology

Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

The Man Who Invented the Future - Are we the conflicted heirs of the world according to Francis Bacon?

The Hedgehog Review

'Earthset' Is Captured on Video for First Time

The New York Times

Tim Cook Will Step Down as Apple C.E.O.

The New York Times

Also

John Ternus named new CEO of Apple, will replace Tim Cook in September

Fast Company

Apple C.E.O.s Through the Years: From Michael Scott (Not That One) to John Ternus

The New York Times

The Onion Has a New Plan to Take Over Infowars

The New York Times

There is no thinking without feeling - What we are missing about the emotional side of creativity

Creativity Decision | Zorana Ivcevic Pringle

Florida's young innovators gather at USF for statewide invention convention

EurekaAlert! | AAAS

Regulatory uncertainty is what actually holds back innovation

Commentary | Brookings

A Brief History of Warner Bros. Leadership Since 1970

Variety

Exploring the Possible

Felipe Zamana | Creativity & Education

Going Electric

Gapingvoid

Women invented whiskey. Now they're taking the industry back.

Los Angeles Times

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman Says AI in Hollywood Will Get People to 'Care More About Human Creators, Not Less'

Variety

Dragonberry Weed Could Help Scientists Extract Rare-Earth Metals From Polluted Soil

Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research announces changes to better support UW–Madison's research enterprise

UW-Madison News

Scientists map how HIV hijacks human cells—and how cells can fight back

Medical Xpress

Webby Awards 2026 Winners Revealed, Variety Among Honorees

Variety

Why corporate America should pay for women to freeze their eggs

POV | Fast Company

Your AI can't read an invoice. That should worry you more than whether it can pass a math exam

Applied AI | Fast Company

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang: 'Most people will lose their job to somebody who uses AI'—not to AI itself

Work Life | Fast Company

Want your voice preserved in the Library of Congress? Prego's weird new collab could get you in for just \$20

Fast Company

The 11 most challenged books of 2025, according to the American Library Association

Book News & Features | NPR

The price women pay for being online

It's Been a Minute | NPR

Why an AI Soft Landing Might Look Like Victorian England

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The right sort of friction

Seth's Blog

'Social prescribing' has doctors writing scripts for nature walks and art classes. It's working.

Upworthy

Disney reanimates films' musical moments with sign language to grip a wider audience

DesignTAXI

A Time of Growth for Museums for Children

Art & Design | The New York Times

AI Drafting My Stories? Over My Dead Body

WIRED

Faculty Defect From Texas Publics, Citing Censorship Concerns

Inside Higher Ed

Inside the Library Dance Party for Martha Graham

The New York Times

Is reading your favourite hobby? A new era of book clubs is reshaping how we read

The Conversation

The invention of the soul

Aeon Essays

Clay and Camaraderie: Supporting Veterans' Healing after Hurricane Helene

National Endowment for the Arts Blog

Announcing 10 Renée Fleming Neuroarts Investigator Awards

Aspen Institute

The Creative Genius of Procrastination

On Emotions and Empathy | Psychology Today

The Human Drive to Explore

The Stories of Our Lives | Psychology Today

Can the bees be saved? Are bugs and insects different? Will insect protein ever be a thing? A leading bug expert answers all your creepy-crawly questions.

Animals | Ask An Expert Anything | National Geographic

Infusing Creativity into a College Course: A Pilot Study

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pedagogy | Frontiers in Psychology

Researchers use statistics and math to understand how the brain works

Medical Xpress

Hollywood Jobs Crisis Becomes Focus of Governor's Race as Candidates Offer Incentive Hike

Variety

There's New Evidence for How Loneliness Affects Memory in Old Age

WIRED

Secrets of the Starving Artist

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

With Trump Novices, Can the U.S. Win the 'Art Olympics'?

The New York Times

Human attention is the bottleneck to AI in the workplace

Fast Company Executive Board

Samsung shares its thesis on the future of design and AI (exclusive)

Design | Fast Company

How to use AI to strengthen teams instead of destroying them

Leadership | Fast Company

How to navigate uncertainty in an increasingly uncertain world

The New Way We Work | Fast Company

Shuttered startups are selling old Slack chats and emails to AI companies

Work Life | Fast Company

'Bouncing back' is a myth. Here's what real resilience looks like

Work Life | Fast Company

'We don't want to be left behind': Reese Witherspoon says using AI is feminist and women need to catch up

Fast Company

Jim Farley on why Ford is doubling down on affordable EVs

Rapid Response | Fast Company

Au revoir: Day 5 of TED2026

Live from TED2026

Also

Wonder in a complex world: Day 4 of TED2026

Live from TED2026

Health, wealth and AI: Day 3 of TED2026

Live from TED2026

The Petrillo complications

Seth's Blog

Ideas Are Validated Forwards Not Backwards

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The book of concern

Seth's Blog

It's Getting Harder to Spot AI in Contemporary Publishing. And That's Very, Very Bad.

Literary Hub

Independent bookstores make quiet comeback as big chains dominate retail

Analysis | The Guardian

Netflix chair and co-founder Reed Hastings to leave streaming platform

CBC News

OffScript Spring Break Special!

OffScript with Ruth and Mitch

Liberated to Care – How AI Can Restore Humanity in Healthcare

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The Business of Sports and Copyright

The Copyright Alliance

April 23

Amazing Artists and Cultural Destinations in Seattle: the Transplant City

CreativeFuture

He Looked for Ways to Stop Mass Violence

The New York Times

13 Garments That Changed Fashion

T Magazine | The New York Times

The Help That Many Older Americans Need Most

The New York Times

Paul McCartney Goes Deep Inside 'The Boys of Dungeon Lane' at Secret L.A. Listening Session — Including Unveiling His First True Duet With Ringo Starr

Variety

Judge Issues Preliminary Injunction Against Nexstar's Tegna Takeover, Orders Nexstar to Halt Integration Plans

Variety

Scientists Say We've Been Thinking About Genetics Wrong for Over a Century

Popular Mechanics

The 12 Most Anticipated Nonfiction Books of Spring 2026

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Inspired by Artemis II? Start With These Unforgettable Space Reads

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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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