



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

January 31, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"It's always been inspiring to me how people can see the world so differently through the same eyes, through the same physical mechanism. That is how I get a lot of my research done. I try to see the world differently and it gives me ideas. So when I meet artists and when I talk to artists to see what they can do, to see the imagination that they have at their disposal, that I see nowhere else, you know, creativity — it's the best of humanity. What else is there?" – [Ben Zhao](#)

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." – J. R. R. Tolkien

"Mankind is composed of two sorts of men — those who love and create, and those who hate and destroy." – José Martí

"Trust that little voice in your head that says "Wouldn't it be interesting if..." And then do it." – Duane Michals

"If at first, the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it." – Albert Einstein

"Science is like literature, a continuing dialog among diverse and conflicting voices, no one ever wholly right or wholly wrong, but a steady conversation forever provisional and personal and living." – Gregory Benford

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing." – Emo Philips

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Everything wrong with the AI landscape in 2025, hilariously captured in this 'SNL' sketch

Tech | Fast Company

Watch a Mushroom Play a Keyboard Through Electronic Sensors

Mental Floss

Memphis teacher selected as winner of the 2025 Music Educator Award

CBS Mornings

For Schools, What's New? What's Not? What's Next? A keynote address from the Montessori Foundation's 28th Annual Conference

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Harvard Professor Daniel Schacter on How Memory is Related to Creativity

Harvard Magazine

Also

Can Memory Be Related to Creative Cognition?

Harvard Magazine

Mission Impossible | WILD HOPE

Nature | PBS Wisconsin

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Imagination in Action

Crayola Creativity Week

Through February 2

A hidden face of women in STEM - The Scientific Vision of Women

The Chronicle | Duke University

Through February 15

Now at Harvard Business School, "From Concept to Product: Meroë Morse and Polaroid's Culture of Art and Innovation, 1945–1969"

Harvard Business School Newsroom

Through Spring 2025

Animationland

National Children's Museum

Through May 11

Livestream Creative School Assembly Event

Crayola Learning

January 31

NSF Game Maker Awards

US National Science Foundation

Deadline: January 31

Renée Fleming Investigator Award Application Form

NeuroArts Blueprint

Deadline: February 1

Also

Renée Fleming's message on the transformative power of the Award to inspire critical research.

NeuroArts Blueprint

2025 Writing Contest: Innovating Smarter

Engineer Girl

Deadline: February 1

Open Call for Upstart Co-Lab's Inclusive Creative Economy

Upstart Co-Lab

Deadline: February 1 | Tell us about your fund

Deadline: February 1 | Tell us about your company

365: AIGA Year in Design

AIGA

Early Discount Deadline: February 3

Regular Deadline: March 10

Final Deadline: March 31

Fearless Femme Summit brings together women in STEM

Pacific Coast Business Times

February 3 – 6

50 Books | 50 Covers

AIGA

Regular Deadline: February 7

Final Deadline: March 3

Healing Arts in Medicine Conference: The Wave of Social Prescribing

Benjamin Goldberg Foundation

February 8

Empowering the Next Generation: Youth Engagement in STEM

STEMConnector

February 12

Simons Foundation invites applications from collaborative teams of artists, scientists, and arts organization representatives

Philanthropy News Digest

Deadline: February 20

Texas Science Festival-Goers to Enjoy Fusion of Curiosity and Discovery

College of Natural Sciences | The University of Texas at Austin

February 21 – March 6

Putting the “A” in Steam | Professional Development Workshop for Formal & Informal Educators

Science Friday

February 22

2025 Best Communities for Music Education Award

NAMM Foundation

Deadline: February 28

Social Prescribing Day USA

Social Prescribing USA

March 19

Call for Nominations: National Academy of Engineering Awards

National Academy of Engineering

Deadline: April 1

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY - South and Appalachian Creative Placemaking Conference

Creative Placemaking Communities and The King’s Canvas

April 1 – 3 | Montgomery, AL

Humanity Reimagined

TED 2025

April 7 –11, 2025

NEH Announces New Funding Opportunity to Support Research on the State and Impact of the Humanities

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: April 16

Culture and Creative Economy Foresight

International Training Centre of the International Labor Organization (ITCILO)

April 23 – 25

Rhiannon Giddens’ announces Biscuits & Banjos, a Black music & culture festival

Hyfin

April 25 – 27

Search Begins for 2025 America's Top Young Scientist

Discovery Education

Deadline: May 1

10th World Summit on Arts & Culture

International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA)

May 27 - 30 | Seoul, South Korea

2025 Science Events Summit

Science Events

June 8 - 10 | Philadelphia, PA

The 10th International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada, iCAN 2025
Toronto International Society of Innovation & Advanced Skills (TISIAS)
Registration Deadline: June 15

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference
Creativity Rising
July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD

Social Connection Conference
Foundation for Social Connection
October 28 - 30

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 2024/2025
Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity
Series

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series
CreativeMornings
Various

Nesta Talks to...
Nesta
Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals
Science Festival Alliance
Various

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Finding Creativity, is it just a catch phrase
Finding Creativity with Alexis Milligan | Atlantic Centre for Creativity

Where Do Original Ideas Come From?
Creativity: The Art and Science | Psychology Today

The Essential Element in Every Creative Endeavor
Creative Insights | Psychology Today

Artists can copyright works made with AI assistance: Agency
The Hill

Also
US Copyright Office Deems AI Works Need Human Creativity To Be Protected
Design TAXI

Encouraging Human Creativity in the AI-Powered Future
Stanford Social Innovation Review

How the U.S. began celebrating Black History Month
History & Culture | National Geographic

Lifecycle of Copyright: 1929 Works in the Public Domain
Copyright: Creativity at Work | Library of Congress Blogs

The Case Against AI-Generated Users
IDEO Journal

Groucho Marx & the Myth of Hemispheres
Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Always Anxious? Creativity's The Cure, According To Book 'Beyond Anxiety'
Forbes

Officials Are Offering \$1 Million to Anyone Who Can Decode This Ancient Script
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Hip-Hop Legend RAKIM Creates New Fintech Platform To Help Artists Gain Financial Stability
People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

What We Learn About Our World by Imagining Its End
The New Yorker

A Trump Card against Diversity?
The Chemical Engineer

Mining millions of genomes for the next powerful antibiotic
Morgridge Institute for Research

Ask Richard: What's your dream? (and how do you turn it into reality)
Richard Branson | LinkedIn

USPS Honors Iconic Jazz Musician with Black Heritage Stamp
USPS

Trump Dissolves Arts Committee Previously Restored by Biden
The New York Times

82,150 Gallons of Paint Later, a Blue Man Group Farewell
The New York Times

Innovation isn't magic — it's method. Here's how to master it
Smart Brief

Singer and actress Marianne Faithfull dies at 78
BBC News

Also
Marianne Faithfull, a Pop Star Turned Survivor, Is Dead at 78
The New York Times

Marianne Faithfull, 'As Tears Go By' Singer, Dies at 78
Variety

Marianne Faithfull's 10 Greatest Musical Moments
Variety

After a week of DeepSeek freakout, doubts and mysteries remain
AI Decoded | Fast Company

L.A. wildfires: how artists are banding together after losing their artwork
Design | Fast Company

Did DEI D.I.E.? Welcome to a new kind of 'civil rights' era
Analysis: It's Been a Minute | NPR

Podcasts
Seth's Blog

Teenager creates eye-opening videos that shatter stereotypes surrounding autism and girls
Upworthy

Barbershop pays kids \$3 to read books out loud while they get their haircut
Upworthy

Why Don't Running Backs Get Paid Anymore?
Freakonomics Radio

Mattel Dazzlingly Reimagines Black Barbie For Her 45th Anniversary
Design TAXI

Cultivating Fortitude, Harvesting Resolve
The Color of Wellness | Psychology Today

Van Gogh's Madness: A Modern Medical Investigation
Clinical and Forensic Dimensions of Psychiatry Alcoholism | Psychology Today

Happy Homebodies Day
Living Single | Psychology Today

Why Simon and Schuster's Flagship Imprint Won't Require Blurbs Anymore
Publishers Weekly

Chicago's shuttered Pitchfork Fest faced escalating costs, 'compromises' in bookings, co-founder says
Chicago Sun-Times

Are Cell Phones Really Destroying Kids' Mental Health?
The New Republic

The Shift to Vibes
Unpopular Front

Quentin Tarantino Pivots from Filmmaking to the Stage for Next Project: "I'm Writing a Play"
The Hollywood Reporter

New Color-Changing Guitar Can Update Its Look to Fit Your Music
Mental Floss

Christie Dashiell became a musician at school. Then, she became an artist
Hyfin

Country singer Charley Crockett is 'afraid of getting fenced in'
Hyfin

Departing the New York Times
The Contrarian

Theaster Gates: 'I'm an artist. It's my job to wake things up'
The Observer | The Guardian

Trump administration rescinds freeze on federal grants following confusion
Fast Company

Also

Lack of Detail in Funding Freeze Leaves State and Local Agencies at a Loss
The New York Times

George R.R. Martin has co-authored a physics paper
Ars Technica

Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, Trailblazing Native American Artist and Activist, Has Died
Artnet News

MoMA's Paola Antonelli on the groundbreaking designs that have changed humanity
Design | Fast Company

Meet the 'Godmother of the Future'

FIU News | Florida International University

Bet Big, Win Bigger: Career Lessons from Masayoshi Son's Playbook

Book of the Day from the Next Big Idea Club

S3 E1: How to Cultivate the Human-AI Sweet Spot for Innovation

Berkeley Haas | Berkeley Center for Workplace Culture and Innovation

MIT students' works redefine human-AI collaboration

MIT News

Harmonizing numbers: A day of music and math at FSU

Florida State University

Josh Bondy: Teaching With Innovation And Creativity

The Mexico Ledger

Evelina Fedorenko receives Troland Award from National Academy of Sciences

MIT News

Mind games: Discover the cognitive impact of puzzles

The Daily | Case Western Reserve University

Math Researcher Provides New Tool to Study the Brain

The Wesleyan Connection | Wesleyan University

Rhode Island Life Science Hub Convenes Neuroscience Symposium, Showcasing State's Growing Impact on Brain Science

Rhode Island Life Science

How group size affects cooperation: Insights from brain science

EurekAlert! | AAAS

Your legacy, today: How footprints inspire innovation.

Indisruptable | Leo Chan

Brain Monitoring Could Be the Dystopian Future of Work

Gizmodo, The Conversation

Leaders Need These 3 Qualities to Thrive in Uncertainty

IDEO U

How Teacher-Generated Videos Support Students in Science

Edutopia

Encouraging Exploration and Innovation in the Classroom

Edutopia

See 15 Winning Images From the Close-Up Photographer of the Year Competition

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

'Dark proteins' hiding in our cells could hold clues to cancer and other diseases
Nature

Can Trump Just Order New Names for Denali and the Gulf of Mexico?
Scientific American, The Conversation

American Children's Reading Skills Reach New Lows
The New York Times

The architecture industry may soon be unrecognizable
Impact Council | Fast Company

NASA's returned Bennu asteroid samples contain the building blocks for life
Fast Company

OpenAI sees the downside of 'fair use' now that DeepSeek may have used OpenAI's data
POV | Fast Company

Why, 25 years later, 'The Sims' is more popular than ever
Design | Fast Company

The Smithsonian will close its diversity office and freeze federal hiring
Culture | NPR

Mona Lisa's roommates may be glad she's moving out
All Things Considered | NPR

B.A. Parker is learning the banjo
Code Switch | NPR

The trouble with 'donating our dopamine' to our phones, not our friends
Fresh Air | NPR

Nordstrom Still Acting Like a Startup
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

What sort of progress?
Seth's Blog

Watch people make intense electronic music from, yes, barcode scanners
Upworthy

Neko Case: Saved By Song
Brainstorm | Psychology Today

What's the Fuss Over DeepSeek?
The Tao of Innovation | Psychology Today

Was That a Real Van Gogh at the Garage Sale?

MSN, The Wall Street Journal

Louvre's decision to move Mona Lisa is a misguided act of snobbery

The Guardian

Spotify paid out \$10 billion to the music industry in 2024 – a full \$1bn more than in 2023

Stat of the Week | Music Business Worldwide

Access Contemporary Music starts construction on North Side's first classical music venue

Chicago Sun-Times

Where the Wild Things Aren't | We tell our children that weirdness is a blessing in disguise. That's our fantasy, not theirs.

Asterisk Magazine

Scientists map the mathematics behind how we create and innovate

Phys.org

When art meets science

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences | Iowa State University

14 Scientific and Technical Achievements to Be Honored with Academy Awards®

Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences

New book on creativity aims to help arts and humanities teachers 'think outside the box'

FE News

Dolly Parton launches program at Belmont University

Bizwomen

Copyright Office Offers Assurances on AI Filmmaking Tools

Variety

Man Finds Rare Trove of Winnie-the-Pooh Drawings and Manuscripts in His Father's Attic

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

In Seattle, a Convergence of 5,444 Mathematical Minds

The New York Times

Oklahoma Moves to Require Schools to Ask Students' Immigration Status

The New York Times

5 ancient habits from Socrates to help you think more adaptively

Work Life | Fast Company

Why this interior design company is funding underground schools in Afghanistan
Design | Fast Company

Boom Supersonic's XB-1 breaks the sound barrier—the first private aircraft to do so
Tech | Fast Company

Close Reading Bad Poetry
3 Quarks Daily

Bookshop.org launches Kindle alternative, sends e-book sales to local bookstores
USA TODAY

Opinion | The Worst Page on the Internet
MSN, The Atlantic

Fine Arts Programs Are the Jewels of Our Public School System. It's Time We Finally Funded Them.
Texas Monthly

Innovation can come from anywhere, Tech Council panelists say
WisBusiness

Signature moves: are we losing the ability to write by hand?
The Guardian

Howard University Hosts National Convening to Advance Equity and Excellence in STEM Education
The Dig | Howard University

'Stamp out paper mills' — science sleuths on how to fight fake research
Nature

How designers re-created Anne Frank's secret annex in striking detail
Design | Fast Company

The sci-fi motor design that could help save the EV industry
Design | Fast Company

The unexpected tech that could help your EV battery in the cold
Impact | Fast Company

These 5 trends show where music and streaming is headed in 2025
Fast Company

The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Selected as U.S. Site for Neuralink Clinical Trial
News | Miller School of Medicine | University of Miami

Professor Emeritus Gerald Schneider, discoverer of the “two visual systems,” dies at 84

MIT News

Editorial: Psychology and art: exploring new ways of interaction

Frontiers in Psychology

Analysis = Facts + Interpretation

Seth's Blog

Education Dept. Ends Book Ban Investigations

The New York Times

The Less People Know About AI, the More They Like It

WIRED

Spotify and Universal Unveil Far-Reaching Deal That Improves ‘Bundling’ Payment Structure

Variety

The Story of Advice | Narrative Wisdom in a Fragmented World

The Hedgehog Review

TECH & INNOVATION: Innovation as a force of convergence
Historically, innovation has been a force of convergence, bringing together people from different fields and nations. It is certainly true today.

Berkshire Edge

How Bitcoin Powers Creativity In Art, Music, And Beyond

Forbes

The brain holds no exclusive rights on how to create intelligence

The Transmitter

Are Women Donors the Key to Unlocking More Giving?

Stanford Social Innovation Review

A Crone Manifesto

Creative Crones with Stella Fosse

Oyster ‘Blood’ May Be the Secret Weapon in Our Fight Against Antibiotic-Resistant Superbugs, Study Finds

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Researchers Identified a New ‘Supergiant’ Crustacean With 14 Legs—and They Named It After Darth Vader

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15 splashy and stunning underwater wildlife images

Popular Science

Nvidia stock plunges 14% as a big advance by China's DeepSeek rattles AI investors

Quartz

'Never seen anything like this': Trump's team halts NIH meetings and travel

Nature

10 Ways to Induce a 'Flow' State and Unlock Painless Productivity

Secrets of the Most Productive People | Fast Company

U.S. policymakers should close the AI education gender divide

Fast Company

Why we need to leverage AI to address global food insecurity

Impact | Fast Company

Inside the Wilson factory: Here's how Super Bowl footballs are made so quickly

Fast Company

'There's going to be more work than anybody can handle': How architects are banding together to help rebuild L.A.

Design | Fast Company

'The First State of Being' and 'Chooch Helped' win top children's book awards

All Things Considered | NPR

How a Literary Masterpiece Inspired an All-Women's Expedition to the Himalayas

UNESCO

Four Deadly Business Myths

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

A New US-UK Collaboration: Exploring the Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications of AI

Office of Digital Humanities, National Endowment for the Humanities

These animals evolved to be 'ultrablack'—here's why

National Geographic

Porta-Potties

The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

Creative Thinking and the Balanced Brain

Beautiful Minds | Psychology Today

Left-Handedness and Creativity: New Insights

The Asymmetric Brain | Psychology Today

[PHOTOS] Incredible Skills Showcased at 2025 Snow Sculpture World Championships at Breckenridge, CO

Snow Brains

What if the Attention Crisis Is All a Distraction?

The New Yorker

Men Have Bigger Problems Than Not Reading Novels

Literary Hub

Netflix won the streaming wars, and we're all about to pay for it

The Verge

Starbucks' Most Beloved Offering Is Disappearing

The Atlantic

Can Improv Comedians Make a Living? Yes, in Your Office.

The New York Times

Opinion | The Singular Tragedy of Anne Frank

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Scientists Recreate the Conditions That Sparked Complex Life

WIRED

Economic Fallout: The True Cost of a Hostile U.S.-Mexico Relationship

Marco Lopez

The Case for Social Prescribing

MacLean's

From DEI to dei

Gapingvoid

Researchers find a surprising link between breathing and memory

The Brighter Side of News

Harnessing Hallucinations to Make AI More Creative

The Digital Self | Psychology Today Canada

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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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