



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

September 11, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"September 11, 2001, revealed heroism in ordinary people who might have gone through their lives never called upon to demonstrate the extent of their courage." – Geraldine Brooks

"Dare to be naïve." – Buckminster Fuller

"The younger brain may be quicker at finding the dots. The older brain has accumulated enough dots to recognize the constellation." – Chip Conley

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – Les Brown

"Why not be oneself? That is the whole secret of a successful appearance. If one is a greyhound, why try to look like a Pekingese?" – Edith Sitwell

"The chief enemy of creativity is 'good' sense" – Pablo Picasso

"I'm not worried about AI giving computers the ability to think like humans. I'm more concerned about people thinking like computers without values or compassion, without concern for consequences." – Tim Cook

"Man's mind stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimensions." – Oliver Wendell Holmes

"The most regretful people on earth are those who felt the call to creative work, who felt their own creative power restive and uprising, and gave to it neither power nor time." – Mary Oliver

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Go Behind the Scenes of Blackwing Pencils' Ode to Analog Creativity
Colossal

Can an Entire Society Learn? | Paulo Blikstein and Deborah Fields
The Science of Learning | Dr. Keith Sawyer

Why I brought Pac-Man to MoMA | Paola Antonelli
TEDSalon NY2013

"The Peace of Wild Things" by Wendell Berry, A Poetry Film by Charlotte Ager & Katy Wang
The On Being Project

Emma Thompson shares how she gleans profound life lessons from old 'Peanuts' comics
Upworthy

The simple genius of a good graphic | Tommy McCall
TED2018

The NFL Lineman Who Became an MIT Math Professor | Better in Person
Freakonomics Radio Network

Count me in: how mathematics explains music - Sarah Hart
Oxford Mathematics

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

Mayor Bowser Kicks Off 2026 Creates Month, Marks a Decade of Showcasing DC as the Capital of Creativity
DC.gov
Through September

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026
The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain
Through December

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio
Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn
Through January 10

Crisis leadership 25 years after 9/11
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
September 14

The Nature of Health: A Science + Art Symposium
Denver Botanical Gardens
September 17 – 18

Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold

BloomingtonMN.gov

September 22 – October 27 | Tuesdays

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

ENCATC Congress 2026

September 23 - 25 | Nice, France

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

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

NEW Call for Story Pitches: Creative Activities in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois

Arts Midwest

Deadline: September 27

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

Crayola Creativity Week 2027

Crayola

January 25 – 31

TED 2027

TED

March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

Also

Join us at TED2027 in San Diego, March 1-4

TED Blog

March 1 – 4 | San Diego, CA

Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference

Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA

March 24 – 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

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

911 | The National Geographic Video Archive

National Geographic

Also

U.S. marks the 25th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks

Fast Company

Thirty-Seven Smithsonian Artifacts That Tell the Story of 9/11, From a Flight 93 Logbook to a Squeegee Handle Used While Escaping From the World Trade Center

Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

A Date That Will Live in Infamy | Reflections on the tragedy of 9/11.

Smithsonian Voices | National Air and Space Museum

The Twin Towers in Three Photographs

Smithsonian Voices | National Museum of American History

25 Years Later: My September 11th Story - We never know what we will do until we are confronted with tragedy

Bob Morrison

Opinion | This Tiny Canadian Town Took In Americans on 9/11. It Would Again.

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Inside the Megawatt Effort to Mount New York's Annual 9/11 'Tribute in Light'

Photography | National Geographic

Can the 9/11 Museum Tell Its Story for Another 25 Years?

The New York Times

Solace
Seth's Blog

Poetry Foundation honors Robert Pinsky with a \$100,000 lifetime achievement prize

AP News

The Einstein test: what happens when AI tries to rediscover relativity?

Nature

Unknown Geniuses vs. Bell Telephone

Leading & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

His curiosity led him to the heart of innovation

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

When AI Disruption Never Ends

MIT Sloan Management Review

How I See It: Intellectual Diversity (And Some Discontents)

School of Humanities | UC Irvine

Governor Hochul Announces First Phase of the SUNY Brain Institute to Fuel SUNY Excellence in Life-Saving Research

Office of Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State

Oxford Professor Named Winner of Andrew Carnegie Prize in Mind and Brain Sciences

Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences | Carnegie Mellon University

The Life of Agatha Christie, the World's Best-Selling Novelist, Goes Under the Microscope at the British Library

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Repairing Relations With Science

Issues in Science & Technology

The Trump administration killed Climate.gov. A new website is resurrecting it.

Nieman Lab

A.I. Could Possibly End Humanity. How Are Humans Supposed to Process That?

The New York Times

An N.Y.U. Mathematician Clashed With OpenAI Over a \$1 Million Proof

The New York Times

Glass Thinner Than a Human Hair: How the New iPhone Bends but Doesn't Break

The New York Times

Another big James Talarico interview is punted to YouTube due to FCC threats
The Verge

Anthropic catches scientists covertly using Claude for lethal bioweapons research
Interesting Engineering

NASA wants humans back on the Moon in 2028. IBM's new AI could help get them there
Fast Company

12 rules for innovation, according to Innovation Festival speakers
Fast Company

Building confidence for 2027
IDEO Journal

Adventurous STEM Reads for Kids and Adults
American Scientist

Technology, Technologists and Customers
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Can You Draw a T. Rex Correctly?
Newsletters | Stones & Bones | National Geographic

The Truth About Roadrunners and Coyotes, According to an Ecologist
Animals | National Geographic

Stevie Nicks wrote 'Landslide' in 5 minutes. Here's why it resonates with every generation.
Upworthy

Why Is It So Hard to Find an NFL Quarterback?
Freakonomics Radio

Call for Story Pitches: Creative Activities in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois
Arts Midwest
Deadline: September 27

The Beginning of the End of History | Francis Fukuyama
Persuasion

2026 Rabkin Prize winners announced
The Rabkin Reader | The Rabkin Foundation

The Imagination Advantage: A Conversation with Cassandra Vieten
UC San Diego Today

OpenAI's sly mathematical breakthrough sends a chill through academia
The Verge

Ford's early steps toward a strategy overhaul
Foundation Giving | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Government of Canada launches National AI Literacy Initiative
Government of Canada

Solving the Equation: Bill Newbery's Scientific Approach to Creativity
Little Black Book

A burst of "pink noise" may lead to more restorative sleep
MIT News

"Feature interference," and why your brain struggles with uncertain tasks
EurekAlert! | AAAS

Ella Langley Leads 2026 CMA Awards Nominations With Nine, as Miranda Lambert, Kacey Musgraves Also Score Big Tallies
Variety

The AI Researcher Who Just Quit Anthropic Says It's 'Crunch Time for Humanity'
WIRED

Building Students' Scientific Skills Through Observation
Critical Thinking | Edutopia

It's The Meaning, Not The Mascot
Gapingvoid

Journalist Accuses Ohio's Main Newspaper of Slapping Her Name on an AI "Express Desk" Article Without Her Knowledge, While She Was on Honeymoon
Futurism

At last, Apple joins the war against fake AI images
Design | Fast Company

Quantum as a metaphorical wonder drug
Fast Company Executive Board

We're talking less than ever. It's damaging our health—and how we work
Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Bill Gates has a dire warning about AI
Fast Company

Demographic and socio-economic variation in arts engagement across 22 countries: Individual- and country-level factors
iScience

“The Crossing” installation at UNESCO Headquarters is a stark reminder of the rising number of attacks on schools
UNESCO

The invention of the MMO
The Works in Progress Newsletter

How much extra for “not lazy”?
Seth's Blog

See How Much Corals Have Declined in Just 40 Years
Environment | National Geographic

Canadian Students Say AI Is Hurting Their Critical Thinking
Technology | The Walrus

Lonnie Bunch Protected the Smithsonian From More Than Trump
The Atlantic

Maestro of the human drama, playwright Samuel D. Hunter isn't afraid to peer into the future
Los Angeles Times

'Revolutionary in form and content': How the obscenity trial against 1950s poem Howl reshaped US free speech
MSN, BBC

South Park changes name to South America in response to Trump changes
The Guardian

Could a Kid Do It? The Wa Transforms Buildings into Childlike Drawings
Colossal

Diminutive Seahorses Top the 2026 Ocean Photographer of the Year Contest
Colossal

Your Perception Of Time Is, In Fact, Warped
Noēma

The Dark Side of Mindfulness
The Atlantic

The Dao of Dolly - The way to a new entrepreneurial consciousness.
Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

Building a Learning Society
Stanford Social Innovation Review

The Elegance of a Stupid Question - Are computers in mathematics rewriting the definitions of stupid and smart?
Nautilus

When art becomes medicine

Nature – NPJ | dementia

Engineering challenges put students' creativity to the test

Nevada Appeal

PISA 2025: Students' reading and mathematics performance declined sharply across the OECD

OECD

How Animated Short 'Flicker' Came to Life at the Crossroads of Art and Science

Prime Video | Amazon News

The Leaders AI Innovation Needs

TIME

Meet DC's 2026 Tech Titans

Washingtonian

Mexico, China to Expand Cooperation in AI and Supercomputing

Mexico Business News

Could a whale really swallow a human? We asked a biologist.

Popular Science

'This is colonialism for clicks': the influencers attempting to meet and film the world's most isolated tribes

Indigenous peoples | The Guardian

Identifying key outcomes for social prescribing research in the US: a Delphi method study

Frontiers in Public Health

OpenAI Says It Has Cracked One of Math's 'Millennium Problems'

The New York Times

Also

What Is Navier-Stokes?

The New York Times

Stealing Candy From Children, Splash-Proof Urinals and Buried Panties, Oh My! Here Are the Winners of the 2026 Ig Nobel Prizes

Smithsonian Magazine

Why Corning Is Hiring 3,000 Workers in the Middle of an AI Boom

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

When It Comes to Cities' Arts Recovery, Municipal Support Really Matters

New City

**Congress Begins Drafting 20% Federal Film Incentive With Trump's Blessing
(EXCLUSIVE)**

Variety

Rick Owens, Kelly Wearstler, and Playlab just redefined the chair

Design | Fast Company

How 'Star Trek' helped invent the future

Tech | Fast Company

How Americans are feeling about the quality of a U.S. education, according to this new Gallup poll

Fast Company

The Messy Middle of Science - A new book explores the ups, downs, and detours inherent in scientific research.

American Scientist

Compelling Narratives

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Two schools of thought about school

Seth's Blog

Letters from the Future (of Learning) is Going Back To School

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

23 Classic Nat Geo Images, From a Flamboyance of Flamingos to the Northern Lights

Photography | Photo of the Day | National Geographic

Tuning In to Joy and Finding the Spark

Resonant Minds | Psychology Today

What Does a Healthy Arts Ecosystem Really Look Like?

Culture OC

A \$4.76-billion summer put movie theaters back on track. Now comes the hard part

Hollywood, Inc. | Los Angeles Times

How Facts Are Made

3 Quarks Daily

Smithsonian chief to retire as Trump fights to reshape the institution

Y! Entertainment, The Washington Post

Upend the trickle-down

Aeon Essays

Authors push back as publishers and agents make claims on Anthropic settlement

TechCrunch

Ladies First: Blessing Jolie

HYFIN

A Grateful Goodbye to Art and Design “Contests”

Arts Midwest

Moby-Dick and the Indefinite Sublime - On facing the white page

The Yale Review

The Nonfiction Book Market is Collapsing

Dear Head of Mine | Sean Delone

AI Won't Kill Creativity – Our Laziness Might

Technology & Innovation | INSEAD Knowledge

Dame Judi Dench Makes the Case for Human Imagination for Royal Society of Arts

Little Black Book

Opinion | AI Should Help Researchers Be Even More Creative, Not Think Less

The Scientist

Authors Wrangle With Publishers Over \$1.5 Billion Anthropic A.I. Settlement

The New York Times

The 92-Year-Old Mathematician and the Teenage Apprentice

The New York Times

Hideki Shirakawa, Who Helped Turn a Lab Error Into a Nobel, Dies at 90

The New York Times

Commentary: Arlington: where creativity thrives

YourArlington

Summer Box Office Breaks All-Time Record With \$4.67 Billion

Variety

Also

Hollywood's Box Office Boom Comes With 248 Million Missing Tickets

The New York Times

Gloria Steinem Stayed Positive, Even as the Manosphere Took Hold

The New York Times

Also

How Gloria Steinem and Ms. Magazine Transformed the Publishing

Industry

The New York Times

How AI and Art Hold Each Other Accountable

Stanford University Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

Weirdly Fascinating Science Facts That Will 100% Break Your Brain

AOL | BuzzFeed

2026 SWE Awards Celebrate Achievements Across Engineering and STEM

All Together | Society of Women Engineers

Newly Discovered Stem Cell Reveals Potential Drug Target for Spinal Stenosis

Weill Cornell Medicine

Best Workplaces for Innovators 2026: North America category winners

Fast Company

Also

How we made the Best Workplaces for Innovators selections

Fast Company

It took 10 years to develop this \$300 toaster. Bread may never be the same

Design | Fast Company

This futuristic student village is now Europe's largest 3D-printed housing development

Design | Fast Company

How Human-Centered Leadership Can Reimagine the Aerospace Industry

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

"I don't know"

Seth's Blog

Ban on Students' AI Use and the Bigger Problem Facing Us All

Unlocking Language | Psychology Today

Inside the Belly of the Beast

The Digital Self | Psychology Today

Explore the globe in field recordings

The Verge

Opinion | What We Misunderstand About Kusama

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Tom Stoppard: Conservative, Liberal, Englishman

The American Conservative

Court Filings in A.I. Suit Invoke Copyright Law, Culture and Sports

The New York Times

Ambassador Who Removed Kehinde Wiley Work Described It as a Lesbian Picnic

The New York Times

Wendell Berry's Message to Readers: All We Need Is Here

An Appraisal | The New York Times

What Are You Laboring For?

Gapingvoid

Kermit the Frog Was Just Trying to Put on a Variety Show. Fifty Years Later, the Muppets Are Some of the Biggest Stars in Television History

Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

Commission to present long-awaited Innovation Act proposal

Science|Business

Let your mind wander, don't retire and stop worrying: surprising ways to help save your brain from the cognitive cliff

Health and Wellbeing | The Guardian

Opinion | The Research We Need to Understand AI Is Falling Apart

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Grandmaster Flash's Remix of Hip-Hop History

The New Yorker

xAI Loses Legal Battle Against Minnesota Nudification Law, War Rages on

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

The reality of sunk costs

Seth's Blog

The SAT Feels So Back. Skeptics Are Groaning.

College Matters | The Chronicle of Higher Education

These Cyborg Cockroaches Could Save Your Life

WIRED

Scientists Have Found the Most Convincing Evidence Yet of a Dark Matter Particle

WIRED

The Film Industry Is Worried About Survival. France Wants to Save the Day.

The New York Times

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France and Korea Launch \$1.16 Billion Screen Industry Financing Partnership at Lumiere Summit

Variety

Top Filmmakers Back French Government's Campaign to Champion Independent Theaters: Lumiere Summit
Variety

Humanizing Healthcare Through the Arts: Sarah Wilbur Leads a Conversation on Creative Care
Trinity College of Arts and Sciences | Duke University

Bad Bunny Wins Emmy for Super Bowl Halftime Show
Variety

Your Aging Brain Has a Few Tricks Up Its Sleeve
Wisdom Well | Chip Conley

What if you could have a conversation with a book?
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Week Newsletter

If Nobody's Pissed Off, Try Harder
Gapingvoid

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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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