



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

June 20, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"By what strange law of mind is it that an idea long overlooked, and trodden under foot as a useless stone, suddenly sparkles out in new light, as a discovered diamond?" – Harriet Beecher Stowe

"'Creativity' is... thinking that is capable of continuously breaking the patterns of experience. A 'creative' mind is one... always asking questions; always discovering problems where others find satisfactory answers; completely comfortable in fluid situations where others sense danger; capable of making autonomous and independent judgements (even independent from parents, teachers, and society); and one that rejects everything that is codified, preferring to reshape objects and concepts without allowing itself to be hindered and inhibited by conformism." – [Gianni Rodari](#)

"A man of genius makes no mistakes. His errors are volitional and are the portals to discovery." – James Joyce

"A mistake is simply another way of doing things." – Katharine Graham

"Design is a plan for arranging elements in such a way as best to accomplish a particular purpose." – Charles Eames

"I do not envy people who think they have a complete explanation of the world, for the simple reason that they are obviously wrong." – Salman Rushdie

"I am always doing that which I can not do, in order that I may learn how to do it." – Pablo Picasso

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Micro-Moment of Creative Care #2

Little Caregiver's Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Morehead State's SpaceTrek program empowers young women

Spectrum News 1

Go inside the development of NASA's \$10 billion James Webb Space Telescope with new 'Cosmic Dawn' documentary

Space.com

Arts and Health Innovation Lab

The University of Utah

God Only Knows

BBC Music

10 of History's Greatest Flops

Mental Floss

How researchers in Florida are using gene editing to protect the state's orange groves

PBS News Hour Classroom

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

wild kratts: ocean adventure!

National Childrens Museum

Through September 7

"Sally's Night" at Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Will Celebrate Women in STEM

Smithsonian

June 21

2025 Creative Problem Solving Institute (CPSI)

Creative Education Foundation

June 22 - 26 | Buffalo, NY

NEW SWE Celebrates International Women in Engineering Day

All Together | Society of Women Engineers

June 23

NEW A Game-Changing Telescope Is About to Reveal Its First Images. Here's How to Watch

Gizmodo

June 23

NEW How art, AI and ecology will intersect at the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2025

The World Economic Forum

June 24 – 26

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference

Creativity Rising

July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD

NEH Announces New Grant Program for Cultural Organizations on the People, Events, and Legacy of 1776

National Endowment for the Humanities

Deadline: July 9

2025 Summit Features Inspiring Keynotes, Deep-Dive Sessions and Hands-On Workshops for Educators

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Education

July 15 – 17

National Air and Space Museum to reveal more renovated galleries on July 28

Space.com

July 28

NEW Creative Growth Grants

City of Charlotte

Deadline: August 4

ENCATC Congress 2025

ENCATC

September 15 – 17 | Barcelona, Spain

ArtPrize 2025 to Ignite Grand Rapids with 16 Days of Art & Creativity

KARK

September 18 - October 4

Imagine. Create. Activate! | Chicago 2025

Creative Placemaking Communities

September 22 - 24 | Chicago, IL

Unleashing Imagination: The Creative Brain and AI

The Dallas Morning News

October 9

2025 Prospectus

Wisconsin Science Festival

October 16 – 26

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

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

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Welcome to Pensacola, Florida, America's Book-Banning Capital

Literary Hub

Welcome to the next phase of the Alzheimer's fight

Gates Notes

Dr. Opal Lee - The Grandmother of Juneteenth

National Juneteenth Museum

Simulations reveal the secret to strengthening carbon fiber

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Six Hidden Forces That Kill Curiosity

Unexpected Breakthroughs | Psychology Today

Many students decide they're not a 'math person' by the end of elementary school, new study shows

eSchool News

Creative Forces—A Path Forward With Art

National Endowment for the Arts

Former Kickstarter CEO talks about forming new way for artists to profit from their work

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Dallas College Engineering Team Wins Third in U.S. Innovation Challenge With LiDAR-Based Aviation Safety Tech

Dallas Innovates

Coalition Files Suit Challenging DOGE Attacks on Congressionally-Approved STEM Programs

Democracy Forward

Moving from now to next: How 3M's technology is shaping tomorrow

3M News Center

Do AI tools undermine our sense of creativity? New study says yes

PsyPost

What Can AI Do for the Arts?

American Theatre

Canada through the power of art — exploring identity with a creative touch

Toronto Observer

LEGO Lessons Boost Kids' Math and Spatial Skills in 6 Weeks

Neuroscience News

Explaining the Brain - Scientist & Writer Grace Huckins Shares the Depth and Wonder of Our Minds

National Academies

ChatGPT use linked to cognitive decline: MIT research

The Hill

Anne Wojcicki on genetic privacy, data security and the money behind her bid for 23andMe

Bizwomen

How Steven Spielberg's 'Jaws' Endured a Hellish Production to Become Hollywood's First Summer Blockbuster

Variety

AI Meeting Assistant Gains Unicorn Status With \$1B Valuation

People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

Crowdfunding Platform Kickstarter Partners With Tubi To Support Independent Filmmakers Worldwide

People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

When Great Leaders Refuse to Say 'We,' Backed by Science

Inc.com

Tomorrow: Dinner with Grover Cleveland

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

The Universe's Darkest Mysteries Are Coming Into Focus

The New York Times

Can A.I. Quicken the Pace of Math Discovery?

The New York Times

Tyler, the Creator modernizes 2 shoes from the Converse archives

Design | Fast Company

What the Wright Brothers can teach science entrepreneurs about how to survive a funding pullback

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Why AI 'reanimations' of the dead may not be ethical

Tech | Fast Company

Ear wax may hold the key to early Parkinson's diagnosis

Fast Company

Why defunding research on misinformation and disinformation isn't what Americans want

Tech | Fast Company

Innovation is Unknowable Not Uncertain

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Elder Millennials discuss the major cultural differences they have with 'core' Millennials

Upworthy

What It's Like to Be Middle-Aged (in the Middle Ages)

Cradle to Grave | Freakonomics

Midjourney rolls out AI video generator, going cinematic & surreal with still images

DesignTAXI

Redditors challenge ChatGPT to restore world's oldest photograph... to baffling effect

DesignTAXI

The Entire Internet Is Reverting to Beta

The Atlantic

Authors Are Posting TikToks to Protest AI Use in Writing—and to Prove They Aren't Doing It

WIRED

What Culture Creates Actually Does: Building Public Metadata Infrastructure

LinkedIn

Netflix will start showing traditional broadcast channels next summer

Ars Technica

A Forgotten Surrealist's Paintings Return to New York

New Yorker

Honda Unexpectedly Enters the Space Race With First Successful Rocket Launch

Gizmodo

Could Mysterious Black Hole Burps Rewrite Physics?

Scientific American

Welcome to the zoo. That'll be \$47 today — ask again tomorrow.

NBC

The Heavy Lift of Creativity—Kate Gaston

The Rabbit Room

Teaching art to children: Opening a child's mind to the world of imagination

France24

Student Voice in Schools: Why Listening Is Essential (Even If You Can't Always Act)

George Couros

Robert Zatorre, neuroscientist: 'Music touches every cognitive function there is'

El Pais

Opinion | AI copyright anxiety will hold back creativity

MIT Technology Review

In Defense of 'Silly' Science - Basic research and the value of curiosity.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

What Does the Juneteenth Flag Symbolize?

Mental Floss

The Costs of Being Sally Ride

American Scientist

EngineerGirl 2025 Writing Contest Winners Announced

National Academy of Engineering

NAS President Says U.S. Science Is Facing 'Pessimistic' Future, Urges Changes to Regain Leadership in Science

National Academy of Sciences

When creativity meets power

Felipe Zamana | Creativity and Education

UNESCO launches new initiatives for creativity

UNESCO

Six Scientific Advances Made Possible by Berkeley Lab's Molecular Foundry

News from Berkeley Lab

Strategic design approach boosts rural innovation, researchers find

Penn State University

MIT uncovers the hidden playbook your brain uses to outsmart complicated problems

Science Daily

7 Nature Experiments to Spark Student Curiosity

Edutopia

Celebrating the Creative Process, Not Just the Final Product, With Journey Boards

Edutopia

Explore Art and Design in 1940s America Through These 250 Paintings, Photos, Posters and Artifacts

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

'Remarkable' new enzymes built by algorithm with physics know-how

Nature

These Sandhill Cranes Have Adopted a Canada Gosling, and Birders Have Flocked to Watch the Strange Family

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

Exclusive look at groundbreaking remote robotic surgery: Patient was in Africa; doctor was in Florida

ABC News

Why OpenAI and Microsoft's AI partnership might be headed for a breakup

Tech | Fast Company

National Academies Presidents Stress Importance of Science in Decision-Making About Vaccines

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

National Academies Launch Restructuring to Become a More Streamlined, Nimble Organization; Mission Remains Top Priority

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Throw Away the Scales

Gapingvoid

The Healing Potential of Creative Experiences

Cultural Neuroscience | Psychology Today

The Magic of Art Therapy

Beyond Mental Health | Psychology Today

How AI Could Help Breast Cancer Research

The Future Brain | Psychology Today

The Hidden Superpower of Making Something Out of Nothing

Innovation You | Psychology Today

Dyslexia Led Steven Spielberg to Make Movies

Joy and Pain | Psychology Today

It took 14 years and 380 global embroiders to make one stunningly meaningful dress

Upworthy

How Detroit reinvented itself as an unlikely star of the arts

National Geographic

“I made a mistake”

Seth's Blog

Overcoming the Fear of Innovation Failure

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Blog: Museums as lifelong learning spaces supporting connection and dialogue

UNESCO

Real Risk to Youth Mental Health Is ‘Addictive Use,’ Not Screen Time Alone, Study Finds

The New York Times

Physicists Discover Never-Before-Seen Particle In Back Of Old Cupboard

The Onion

The 2026 Winter Olympics just got 10 gorgeous posters

Fast Company

6 ways leaders can build a reinvention mindset

Workplace Evolution | Fast Company

What women's sports fans really want

Impact Council | Fast Company

Climate crisis could wipe out half of U.S. crops by 2100, scientists warn

Fast Company

‘Lord of the Rings’ director Peter Jackson on the storytelling potential of Colossal Biosciences

Design | Fast Company

“There’s a freedom of thought that doesn’t exist elsewhere”: How and why California became the heart of the synthesizer world

MusicRadar

AI Scraping Bots Are Breaking Open Libraries, Archives, and Museums

404 Media

What happens when you feed AI nothing

The Verge

Don’t Mourn the Death of Alt-Weeklies. They’re Alive and Well.

Columbia Journalism Review

‘Floating Ballerina Vibes’: The Hypnotic Allure of Indoor Skydiving

The New York Times

‘I have no fear’: L.A. Opera lovers attend shows in downtown L.A. despite protests”

Yahoo! News, Los Angeles Times

5 Artists Who Created Work While Recuperating From Illness or Injury

Mental Floss

Six Midwest Cities Among the ‘Most Arts-Vibrant’ in the US

Arts Midwest

Could the Semicolon Die Out? Recent Analysis Finds a Decline in Its Usage in British Literature and Confusion Among U.K. Students

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

A.I. Might Take Your Job. Here Are 22 New Ones It Could Give You.

The New York Times Magazine

A.I. Can Already See You in Ways You Can’t See Yourself

The New York Times Magazine

Why Midjourney Made the Perfect Target for Hollywood’s First AI Lawsuit

Variety

How Medieval Monks and Scribes Helped Preserve Classical Culture

Literary Hub

The Long Tail: Network Series That Keep Viewers Tuning in Days — and Weeks — Later

The Hollywood Reporter

What's Happening to Reading? For many people, A.I. may be bringing the age of traditional text to an end.

The New Yorker

Streaming Hits New High, Surpassing Broadcast & Cable TV Viewing In May For First Time, Nielsen Says

Deadline

Tapping Arts Research to Prepare for the Future

The Wallace Foundation

'The War of Art' Charts the Catalyzing History of Artists' Protests in the U.S.

Colossal

The 'Prosthetic Guy' Who Crafts Artful Appendages to Empower Patients

Arts Midwest

Meet the members of the Dull Men's Club: 'Some of them would bore the ears off you'

Health and wellbeing | The Guardian

Clearing out the clutter: how people retain important information from memories

Society for Neuroscience | EurekAlert! | AAAS

NIH cuts quash \$323 million for neuroscience research and training

The Transmitter

Everything, everywhere, all at once: Inside the chaos of Alzheimer's disease

The Transmitter

Three Priorities for Science Philanthropy

Stanford Social Innovation Review

Researchers warn U.S. is on the 'precipice' of brain drain as Trump cuts federal grants

PBS News Hour

Poetry Foundation launches \$3 million Sustainable Futures initiative

Philanthropy News Digest

Finding Peter Putnam | The forgotten janitor who discovered the logic of the mind

Neuroscience | Nautilus

Anantha Chandrakasan named MIT provost

MIT News

AI Forces Leaders To Rediscover The Missing Humanistic Component

Forbes

Developing resilience: the creative arts in nurse education

Blog | Evidence-Based Nursing | BMJ Journals

Simons Foundation Funds Research on Symmetries Between Art and Science at Mandeville Art Gallery
UC San Diego Today

Timbaland's AI music project is a ghost in a misguided machine
Analysis | Music | NPR

Could a novelty indicator improve science?
World View | Nature

AI literacy: What it is, what it isn't, who needs it and why it's hard to define
The Conversation

Scientists Discover the Key to Axolotls' Ability to Regenerate Limbs
WIRED

Archaeologists Are Recreating the Long-Lost Recipe for Egyptian Blue, the World's Oldest Known Synthetic Pigment
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Are Using Drones to Unleash Thousands of Mosquitoes in Hawaii in a Bid to Save Native Birds. Here's How It Works
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

For the first time, social media overtakes TV as Americans' top news source
Nieman Lab

Ron Clark Academy educator Dr. Valerie Camille Jones Ford to join National Teachers Hall of Fame this Friday
WABE

Interdisciplinary Magic: What the Humanities Can Reveal About Scientific Pursuits
Literary Hub

Introducing Fast Company's Queer Changemakers
Work Life | Fast Company

Toymakers Team Up With Artists for Tariff-Proof Toys
The New York Times

What the Golden Ratio Says About Your Bellybutton
The New York Times

A.I. Is Poised to Rewrite History. Literally.
The New York Times Magazine

Everyone Is Using A.I. for Everything. Is That Bad?
The New York Times Magazine

Opinion | Our Bridges Are Old, Our Grid Is on the Fritz, and Soon America Will Be Obsolete

Guest Essay | The New York Times

Terminated NIH grants must be restored, judge orders

Axios Boston

Louvre museum shuts down due to staff strike over mass tourism

Impact | Fast Company

Also

Louvre's Surprise Closure Sparks Tourist Outrage

Artnet News

Louvre Staff's Work Stoppage Shuttters Museum for Hours

The New York Times

Plague of Phone-Addicted Tourists Shuts Down the Louvre

Social Media | Gizmodo

How the Jeff Bezos wedding plans to highlight Venice's artisanal heritage

Design | Fast Company

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Seth's Blog

How photo overload might be warping our ability to remember

Health | National Geographic

Why we still need a women's prize for fiction

The Conversation

Almost all of the Fulbright board resigns, citing Trump administration interference

Politics | NPR

Urban living expands musical tastes but reduces shared preferences, study finds

Phys.org

Music is now UC Berkeley's fastest-growing major

The Daily Californian | University of California Berkeley

At National History Day, Students Get Competitive About the Past

The New York Times

Guest Essay | The Freedom Rides Museum Still Exists — For Now

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'Inside Information' Cutaway Diagrams by Dorothy Dig Into the Makings of Pop Culture Icons

Colossal

So You Want to Be a Genius

The New Yorker

Inside Pixar's weirdly effective strategy for boosting creativity at work

Fast Company

When Creativity Transmits

Out of the Darkness | Psychology Today

In Dallas, a Big Thought is Brewing About How Cities Can Help Their Children Grow

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

Rigor and curiosity

Seth's Blog

Want To Incorporate the Arts Into Other Classes? Let These 7 Art Books Inspire You

Mind/Shift | KQED

Hired-Hand Billionaires 2025: These 48 Executives Got Rich Working For Others

Forbes

Sure, You're Smart—But What Kind of Smart?

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Anne Wojcicki wins back 23andMe in bankruptcy court sale

Bizwomen

The Definitive Story of Tesla Takedown

WIRED

Scientists uncover surprisingly consistent pattern of scholarly curiosity throughout history

PsyPost

5 Crucial New Books on AI, Written By Humans

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Against the Pleasurable Luxury of Despair and the Aridity of Self-pity: Doris Lessing on the Artist's Task in Trying Times

The Marginalian

10 American Universities That Quietly Lead the World in CRISPR Research

Discover Wild Science

Can Social Activity Be Medicinal?

Goodnet | Gateway to doing good

Father's Day Nearly Didn't Exist

Gapingvoid

Brian Wilson's Genius Was the Surest Sign We'll Ever Have That Pop Music Is Religious

Variety

All That Multitasking Is Breaking Your Brain. Here's How to Stop

The Flow Space

Does the color purple really exist?

Live Science

Pianos, Matches & Torpedoes "The Most Beautiful Woman in the World

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

TED Countdown Summit 2025 kicks off in Nairobi, Kenya

TED Blog

Through June 18

Create Dilemmas Not Conflicts for Successful Change

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Making People Matter in AI Era

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Orange cars

Seth's Blog

Why Aren't We Having More Babies?

Freakonomics Radio

School Buses

The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics Radio

Scientists discover 'dragon prince' dinosaur, the T. Rex's missing ancestor

National Geographic

Crayola x Jones Soda reinvigorates long-lost colors as a pack of vibrant drinks

DesignTAXI

How to Boost Your Creativity

The Science of Self | Psychology Today

The True North of Talent Discovery and Development

Finding Your Voice | Psychology Today

The Unexpected Challenge of Writing About Yourself

The Dimensions of Creativity | Psychology Today

Meta Is Building a Superintelligence Lab. What Is That?

The New York Times

The Musical Mysteries Brian Wilson Left Behind

The New York Times

Arthur Hamilton, Who Wrote the Enduring ‘Cry Me a River,’ Dies at 98

The New York Times

We May Soon Be Telling a Very Different Kind of Story About Dementia

Opinion | The New York Times

At National History Day, Students Get Competitive About the Past

The New York Times

Why AI has a big branding problem

Marketing Innovation | Fast Company

Where all the design jobs are in 2025

Design | Fast Company

How smart leaders balance urgency with curiosity

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

AI is Bringing New Hope to the Undiagnosed

Impact Council | Fast Company

Who will build the next generation of digital products?

Impact Council | Fast Company

Why Hollywood studios are still downsizing

AOL, Los Angeles Times

The big idea: should we embrace boredom?

The Guardian

How the Disney-Midjourney Lawsuit Could Reshape the Battle Over AI and Copyright

TIME

Afrofuturistic video game ‘Relooted’ reclaims 70 African artifacts from Western museums

Hyfin

Can You Ever Really Know a Person? Biographers Keep Trying.

The New York Times Magazine

When Fact-Checking Meant Something - A new novel captures a bygone era in New York journalism

The Yale Review

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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.

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