



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

June 5, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“Our imagination is stretched to the utmost, not, as in fiction, to imagine things which are not really there, but just to comprehend those things which are there.” – Richard P. Feynman

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” – T. S. Eliot

“A time is marked not so much by ideas that are argued about as by ideas that are taken for granted. The character of an era hangs upon what needs no defense. Power runs with ideas that only the crazy would draw into doubt. The "taken for granted" is the test of sanity... In these times, the hardest task for social or political activists is to find a way to get people to wonder again about what we all believe is true. The challenge is to sow doubt.” – Lawrence Lessig

“You can start late, look different, be uncertain, and still succeed.” – Misty Copeland

“Where there is no vision, there is no hope.” – George Washington Carver

“Love the battle between chaos and imagination.” – Robert Fulghum

“There are two kinds of fools: one says, "This is old, therefore it is good"; the other says, "This is new, therefore it is better.” – William Ralph Inge

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

OK Go Sandbox - A Good Plan

OK Go

How light and code can transform a city | Leo Villareal
TEDNext 2024

Daniel Pink Commencement Address
Columbus College of Art & Design

Pirates, nurses and other rebel designers | Alice Rawsthorn
TED2016

AI is blowing up music. How should the Grammys handle it?
The Verge

Mark Rober's \$60 Million Science Experiment
TED and Mark Rober

Don't Feed the Ducks! A Zany Animation Predicts the Absurd Outcomes of Ignoring the Rules
Colossal

Watch: Concrete Cosmos, a Short Film on the Shared Frequencies of the Universe and the Human Experience
Simons Foundation

The Decisiveness Crisis: Why Senior Leadership Teams Are Most Vulnerable to Uncertainty: Sam Conniff
IDEO U

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

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

Creative Problem Solving Institute | 2026 Theme: Elevate
Creative Education Foundation
June 14 – 18 | Buffalo, NY

Two Federal Agencies Just Joined Forces on AI Education and Workforce Training — And There's \$224 Million on the Table
STEMconnector
Deadline: July 16

TED 2027
TED
March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

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

In a First, Scientists Precisely Edit Human Embryo Genes

The New York Times

Secretary Lonnie Bunch Says the Smithsonian Keeps ‘The Nation’s Memory’ in an Exclusive Essay for America’s 250th Birthday

Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

The Hidden Cost of Not Connecting - Science says the conversations you're avoiding might be the ones you need most.

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

The Candy Couple

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

A science powerhouse bets on genetic therapy to beat brain disorders

All Things Considered | NPR

The Art of Being Human June: Ritual

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore

Melinda French Gates: Women, We Deserve Better Than This

Opinion | Guest Essay | The New York Times

Also
French Gates Puts Another \$50M Into Women's Health — and Calls for More
The Chronicle of Philanthropy

The Race to Make the Fastest Running Shoe
The New York Times

Arts and Culture Improve Health and Equity
Mass Cultural Council

Listening to a Consonant Chord Progression during Live Face-to-Face Gaze Enhances Neural Activity in Social Systems
The Journal of Neuroscience

Igniting the Spark for Pre-Teens and Early Teens: Why High-Quality Arts Matter More than Ever
Research for Action

Here's everything 'Infinite Jest' got right 30 years ago about life in 2026
Tech | Fast Company

Prediction markets are fueling a new era of political graft
Tech | Fast Company

A look at the biggest AI players barreling toward huge Wall Street debuts
Tech | Fast Company

The next era of entertainment is sub-fandom
Impact Council | Fast Company

18 leaders on how they actually disconnect on vacation
Fast Company Executive Board

It's time to tame the monsters of healthcare
IDEO Journal

'The ship of my life': Sting talks the comeback of his musical
Morning Edition | NPR

Choosing the Best Idea
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

What if Your Hobby Was Better for You Than Your Phone?
College Mental Health | Psychology Today

The Pros and Cons of Using Music Therapy in Higher Education
The Kaleidoscope | Psychology Today

Hollywood's AI appetite has sped up – here's what's on the menu | Analysis
MSN, The Wrap

YouTube overtakes Netflix in average daily viewing around the world

The Guardian

Jared Polis signs bill giving Colorado artists creative control with new business structure

The Colorado Sun

Has America Lost the Plot?

Freakonomics Radio

EU Prize for Women Innovators 2026: the winners

European Innovation Council

From Lab to Launch: How Vanessa Chan Is Training Ph.D. Engineers for Real-World Impact

Penn Engineering | University of Pennsylvania

Trump Signs Executive Order Seeking Oversight of A.I. Models

The New York Times

Also

Trump's AI order is a blow against laissez-faire

Politico

Americans Have Grown Dramatically Anti-Data Center in Just Months, Survey Finds

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Rare Meteorite May Be Evidence of a Lost Planet That Never Fully Formed

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

Goldman Sachs CEO Says It's Time for Artists to Seize the Means of Production

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

'It's so wow!' - Young people team up with top neuroscientists on brain science breakthroughs

Science News | Frontiers

We finally know enough about how the brain breaks to focus on fixing it, experts say

Morning Edition | NPR

Habits form far faster than science previously thought, research shows

HUB | Johns Hopkins University

Encouraging Students to Demonstrate Learning Creatively

Creativity | Edutopia

Increasing Engagement With Improv Games

Student Engagement | Edutopia

Using Radio Theater as a Teaching Tool

Collaborative Learning | Edutopia

3 Visual Thinking Exercises to Try in English Class

Edutopia

Mathematicians Puzzled Over a Famous Problem for 80 Years. Now, They've Used A.I. to Identify a Clever Solution

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Europe Wants to Be Less Reliant on American Tech. Here's Its Plan.

The New York Times

NASA Says Goodbye to Its Longtime Mars Orbiter

The New York Times

E.U. Steps Up Ocean Monitoring as Trump Administration Backs Away

The New York Times

We Made a List of the 30 Greatest Songwriters. Now, Readers Have Their Say.

The New York Times Magazine

This startup is trying to make peace between AI companies and creatives

Work Life | Fast Company

Curing 10,000 diseases in our lifetime

Fast Company Executive Board

What AI nationalization could really look like

Tech | Fast Company

This Iowa bioenergy startup is turning almond shells, old wood floors, and grass clippings into aviation fuel

Smartland | Fast Company

Creative talent is America's greatest asset in the AI era

Impact Council | Fast Company

Firings at CBS' '60 Minutes' reflect the fight for media control in the age of Trump

Analysis | NPR

Transparency and trust

Seth's Blog

The outdoorsman who made wildlife photography a big deal for National Geographic

History & Culture | From the Vault | National Geographic

Scientists unearth a 'petrified aquarium' of 62-million-year-old fish fossils

Science | National Geographic

Artist suing FIFA over destruction of Dallas whale mural before World Cup

AP News

Broadway Shows Backed by Disney, Billionaires Nab NY Tax Credits

Bloomberg Law

Higher-Ed Groups Decry Proposed Federal ‘Earnings Test’ That Could Decimate Arts Education

ARTnews

Also

New Federal Guidelines Threaten Almost Half of Graduate Arts Programs

The New York Times

The Uncertain Future of the Smithsonian’s Smallest Museum

The Atlantic

‘Masters of the Stitch: Threaded Stories’ Spotlights Narrative Quilts by Black Americans

Colossal

The Creative Potential of Grandma’s 632 Wool Skirts

Arts Midwest

Rutgers Brain Health Institute Launches the Women’s Brain Health Initiative

Rutgers Today | Rutgers University

Turbulence: A Nexus of Creative Possibilities

Simons Foundation

George Mason engineering students turn personal experience into accessibility innovation

George Mason University

When Numbers Become Art

Clemson World

The Apple Way: Creativity, Obsession, and a Little Insanity

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

The Brain Health Accelerator Seeks to Revolutionize Neuroscience Research

The Scientist

Supported by a \$40 million NIH grant, Yale brain shuttle technology raises questions

The Transmitter

Most Teachers Are Using AI Without Any Guidance, Potentially Worsening the Retention Crisis

Connect. Catalyze, Change. | STEMconnector

Martin Scorsese Backs AI Company and Says He's Using It to Storyboard Movies: 'We Have to Be Open to How' Cinema Can 'Evolve'

Variety

Why leading on AI innovation means thinking beyond 'market freedom' versus 'state funding'

Artificial Intelligence | World Economic Forum

The US is struggling with its adversaries over the future of AI. Here's how to win.

Atlantic Council

Our knowledge of the world drives innovation

EurekaAlert! | AAAS

Scientists Discover Surprising Similarities Between Freud's Ideas and Modern Neuroscience

SciTechDaily

The Trump Administration Is at War With Itself Over AI Regulation

WIRED

What Happens When A Legend Forgets Who It Is?

Gapingvoid

Out of the Audience, Into the Orchestra: Aspiring Musician Saves the Show

The New York Times

Scientists Find Way to Supercharge Dangerous Computer 'Worms' With A.I.

The New York Times

Trump Signs Executive Order Seeking Oversight of A.I. Models

The New York Times

Turn Your Insight Into Influence

Creating Possibilities | LinkedIn Guide to Creating

As Ebola Spreads, Scientists Race to Find Vaccines and Treatments

The New York Times

Trump Administration to Dismantle Ocean Monitoring System

The New York Times

5 powerful ways to reset your mindset when you're stuck

Work Life | Fast Company

Meet the new 'reuse' symbol, a spiraling cousin to the 'recycling' icon

Design | Fast Company

ChatGPT may be able to diagnose medical issues, but we still need actual doctors. Here's why

Tech | Fast Company

Why you're seeing dueling logos for America's 250th birthday

Design | Fast Company

The AI boom is colliding with America's aging power grid

Digital Edge | Fast Company

Why You Forget What You Learn — And the Science of Making Learning Stick | Henry Roediger

The Science of Learning with Keith Sawyer

Customer Service vs Customer Experience - What's the Difference and Why It Matters

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Stop ruining it

Seth's Blog

How a telescope on the far side of the moon could help us see the cosmic dark ages

Science | National Geographic

Can these chunky ground-dwelling parrots survive on their own?

Animals | National Geographic

Can these tiny insects stop the next wildlife pandemic?

Animals | National Geographic

We're entering a golden age of Alzheimer's research

Reasons for Hope | Gates Notes

Apple honors the outstanding apps & games that clinched its 2026 Design Awards

DesignTAXI

Reclaiming the True Meaning of 'Flow'

Beautiful Minds | Psychology Today

Accessing the Genius of Procrastination

On Emotions and Empathy | Psychology Today

Do You Have to Suffer to Be Creative?

The Bipolar Lens | Psychology Today

The Trump Administration Is Done With Social Science - The National Science Foundation division that covers social, behavioral, and economic sciences is in the crosshairs.

The Atlantic

The Feeling of Control Slipping Away - AI is causing a crisis of agency.
The Atlantic

New York Public Radio's new boss reorganizes the network
Semafor

AI won't decimate the arts. We must interrogate it, but we can collaborate with it
The Guardian

Semantic Knowledge Is Key to Human Innovation
Neuroscience News

Independent bookstores are multiplying, although many people still think they're dying out
AP News

How Publishing Actually Works - It's Not a Pretty Picture
The Republic of Letters and Nick Mamatas

Why your co-worker might be listening to music tuned to 432 hertz
AP News

Meticulously Detailed Natural Specimens by Marisa Aragón Ware Emerge from Paper
Colossal

My Students Can't Read - The generational collapse in literacy is measurable, persistent, and likely to get worse.
The Chronicle of Higher Education

Cloud Hoarders
Liberties

How Antihumanism Turned on Its Authors
The Hedgehog Review

Tennessee's attempt to whitewash "Roots" was stopped — for now
Salon

Marcia Lucas, Oscar-Winning Editor Behind 'Star Wars,' Dies at 80
The Hollywood Reporter

Also

Marcia Lucas, Oscar-Winning 'Star Wars' Editor, Dies at 80
The New York Times

Lucasfilm Pays Tribute to 'Star Wars' Editor Marcia Lucas: 'Deeply Saddened'
Variety

The Five C's of Creativity

Resilient Humanity | Psychology Today

Maslow never drew a pyramid

Scott Barry Kaufman's Post | Facebook

An OpenAI Model 'Disproved' a Famous Math Conjecture. This Mathematician Couldn't Leave It Alone

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

The Benefits of an Afternoon at the Art Museum

Real Clear Education

Why I Believe the Future Still Belongs to Human Beings

US Black Engineers

Claude Lemieux's brain is being donated to Boston University's CTE Center, his family says

AP News

3 Reasons why AI solved a math problem humans could not for 80 years

The American Bazaar

Marilyn Monroe at 100: Reckoning With Her Legend and Legacy

Variety

\$100 Billion in AI Philanthropy Sounds Great! Think Again.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Gaming's next growth era: Unlocking the value of attention

McKinsey & Company

Chip stocks shakeup: Arm soars, Intel falls as Nvidia and Microsoft announce new AI superchip for Windows PCs

Fast Company

Diversity and inclusion by design

Fast Company Executive Board

How Austin's sandlot baseball scene became a magnet for indie rockers, filmmakers, designers, and brands

Design | Fast Company

China just gave humanoids a national ID. What could go wrong?

POV | Fast Company

Why cultural intelligence is important, according to a business anthropologist

Work Life | Fast Company

The Quadrivium: Music as Mathematical Science - Article IV of The Founding Disciplines

Bob Morrison

Zadie Smith on the Courage to Be More Than Yourself

The Marginalian

Everybody Loves Grogu: How 'Star Wars' Artisans Brought the 'Rascally' Baby Yoda To Life

Variety

Make America Read Again

The New York Times

I Profile Celebrities for a Living. Nothing Prepared Me for Tilly Norwood.

The New York Times

'Partying With a Purpose': The Dance Party Making Millions for Parks

The New York Times

China's Rise in Drug Development Looms Over U.S.

The New York Times

UNESCO Pays Tribute to the Legacy of Edgar Morin

UNESCO

Rethinking famous college admissions

Seth's Blog

3 Cultural Shifts That Will Reignite Change in Your Organization

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Suboptimal events

Seth's Blog

How chess became medieval Europe's favorite pastime

History & Culture | National Geographic

Summer heatwaves are changing travel—here's what you need to know

Travel | National Geographic

Building Resilience Against Alzheimer's Disease

Explorations of the Mind | Psychology Today

Diversity and More Diversity Strengthen Long-Term Well-Being

Where Women Govern | Psychology Today

The Biggest Tell That Something Was Written by AI

Technology | The Atlantic

'I am very serious about being silly': children's illustrators on the art of storytelling

Children & Teenagers | The Guardian

Amazon Is Making an AI-Animated Good Advice Cupcake TV Show. Its Original Creator Is Furious

WIRED

Literary events around the world celebrate the poet Allen Ginsberg's 100th birthday

Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

Universal rejects billionaire Bill Ackman's takeover bid

BBC News

The Loneliness of the Competitive Quizzer

The Baffler

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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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