



National Creativity Network

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

October 16, 2026

### QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable." – Christopher Reeve

"Everything abstract is ultimately part of the concrete. Everything inanimate finally serves the living. That is why every activity dealing in abstraction stands in ultimate service to a living whole." – Edith Stein

"If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?" – John Wooden

"No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." – Helen Keller

"We don't have to save the world. The world is big enough to look after itself. What we have to be concerned about is whether or not the world we live in will be capable of sustaining us in it." – Douglas Adams

"The way to combat noxious ideas is with other ideas. The way to combat falsehoods is with truth." – William O. Douglas

"When creativity melds together with global issues, I believe you can bring the world together." – Virgil Abloh

"If you wish to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first invent the universe." – Carl Sagan

### VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

**250 Years of NAE Innovators Timeline**  
*National Academy of Engineering*

Also

**National Academy of Engineering Annual Meeting Celebrates 250 Years of Engineering Innovation**

*National Academy of Engineering*

**More Than 18,000 Wildlife Species Populate Joel Sartore's Ambitious 'Photo Ark' (So Far!)**

*Colossal*

**Touring Laika Studios: The Heart of Wildwood's Stop-Motion Animation**

*The World of Interiors*

**Opinion | We Had Questions About A.I. Joseph Gordon-Levitt Had Answers.**

*The New York Times*

**My Big Idea (Ep. 3): The monthly miracle packed with scientific potential**

*TED | Karli Büchling | My Big Idea*

**LeBron James' Secrets to Staying Healthy for Philadelphia 76ers!**

*MayNERD's Wild World of Science*

**Why Students Learn More When They Fail: Manu Kapur on Productive Failure**

*The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer*

**Miss America, Nuclear Engineer | Always Lifting Ep. 18**

*Always Lifting*

**Disney Imagineering Artist Says Talent is a Myth**

*Portraits of Another Life*

**Billy Crystal on finding humor in the darkest of times**

*CBS Sunday Morning*

**How important ideas get reawakened, with David Byrne**

*Science Friday*

**CRISPR is capable of more than we initially expected | Jennifer Doudna**

*The Well and 2 more*

**Alicia Inez Guzmán, 2026 Rabkin prize winner**

*Rabkin Interviews | The Rabkin Foundation*

**How poetry unlocked my superpowers | Keenan Scott II**

*TED@BCG*

**The real story behind Winnie the Pooh, born in the shadow of WWI**

*CBS Evening News*

**How a typeface helped launch Apollo | Douglas Thomas**

*TEDxSanFrancisco*

**What can you do with a math degree?**

*Forbes*

**Why Ice Is a Telescope — IceCube & the 2026 Nobel Prize**

*Science Illuminates*

## **FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES**

**Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold**

*BloomingtonMN.gov*

**Through October 27 | Tuesdays**

**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**

**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**

**Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series**

*Creating Abundance Collaborative*

**November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems**

**NEW Applications Open for 2027 Fellows-to-Faculty Award Program**

*Simons Foundation*

**Deadline: January 13**

**Crayola Creativity Week 2027**

*Crayola*

**January 25 – 31**

**Sound Development**

*Sound Diplomacy*

**February 9 | Los Angeles, CA**

**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 2026/2027**  
*Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity*  
**Series**

## **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

**High School Kid's Idea Worth \$172 million**  
*Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**Q&A: The “collision” between AI, your brain, and society**  
*MIT News*

**On Being a Scientist in a Disrupted Research Landscape**  
*Issues in Science and Technology*

**Neurobiologists Trigger Learned Movements by Activating Just 20 Brain Cells**  
*UC San Diego Today | University of California San Diego*

**Harvard Announces New Licensing Model to Help Startups Launch Faster**  
*Harvard Office of Technology Development | Harvard University*

**Simons Foundation Launches \$15M Effort To Help Mathematicians Navigate AI Era**  
*Simons Foundation*

**AI Claims Progress for 372 Hard Math Problems. The Competitive Impact**  
*Forbes*

**Neuroscience Confirmed Steve Jobs's 10-Minute Rule Really Does Make You More Creative**  
*Inc. Magazine*

**The Sixty-Year Mission Brings Star Trek's Legacy to a New Generation**  
*WIRED*

**A Detailed Martian Rover Photograph Highlights Mysterious Cliffs on the Edge of One of Mars' Mountains**  
*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**In the 1970s, the U.S. Commissioned Photographers to Document the Country's People and Places. You Can Now See More Than 200 of the Powerful Images**  
*Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine*

**The Data Center Workforce Development Challenge - A Multi-tiered Ownership and Operation Structure Clouds Responsibilities, Workforce Development Impact Fee Offers a Solution**  
*STEMconnector and Drew Glassford*

**NASA Images Reveal 10,000 Young Faults on the Moon. That's a Problem**  
*Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo*

**The U.S. eliminated measles 26 years ago. Now it could lose that status in a matter of weeks**  
*Fast Company*

**What Are Data Centers Doing? A Mind-Boggling Amount of Math.**  
*The Upshot | The New York Times*

**Researchers improve weather forecasts looking two to six weeks out**  
*MIT News*

**AI is changing women's health**  
*IDEO Journal*

**U.S. historic preservation law faces the most serious threat in its 60-year history**  
*NPR*

**A good worker**  
*Seth's Blog*

**It Took 20,000 Shots to Capture This Extraordinary Moment in Nature**  
*Photography | National Geographic*

**Is This What a "Good Billionaire" Looks Like?**  
*Freakonomics Radio*

**Why Real Paintings Can Look AI-Generated**

*The Pursuit of Fun | Psychology Today*

**Losing the Thread - Can our culture survive without books?**

*The American Scholar*

**‘All They’re Going to Hear Is Capitulation’ - The Trump administration’s ideological attacks on public media and education converge at university-based radio stations. Some are breaking free.**

*Columbia Journalism Review*

**The Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2026 Winners Showcase Nature’s Power and Vulnerability**

*Colossal*

**The six strategy roles a CEO must not delegate**

*McKinsey Quarterly*

**Women Trust AI Less Than Men—But No One’s Asking Them**

*Mother Jones*

**13-Year-Old Raji Doshi named America’s Top Young Scientist for inventing natural system to reduce CO2-driven ocean acidification**

*3M News Center | 3M Stories*

**When LLMs enable personalized learning, they might enhance students' creativity, particularly by boosting analyzing and creating abilities, per observational study of 533 Indonesian students**

*EurekAlert! | AAAS*

**How to Use AI Without Eroding Critical Thinking**

*INSEAD Knowledge*

**Motivated engineering students bring Wisconsin Humanoid Robotics org to life**

*College of Engineering | University of Wisconsin - Madison*

**Art & AI: The End of Creativity or A New Era of Artistic Expression?**

*The Elephant - African analysis, opinion and investigation*

**AI Came for Math. Now It’s Chasing the Rest of Science**

*WIRED*

**CAA, WME and UTA Lead Coalition Pushing for Law to Force Streamers to Spend Half Their Budgets on Indie Productions**

*Variety*

**Pricing (and selling) creativity**

*Creativity & Education | Felipe Zamana*

**Can AI Pass as Shakespeare? Let Students Be the Judge**

*AI in Education | Edutopia*

**Setting Up the Conditions for Productive Math Conversations**

*Collaborative Learning | Edutopia*

**Probability Theory Pioneer Mark Kac on the Unpredictability of Creativity and the Two Types of Geniuses**

*The Marginalian*

**Without The Meaning Chain, There Is No Kill Chain**

*Gapingvoid*

**Pentagon Names One of Its Own Public Affairs Officials to Run Stars and Stripes**

*Military.com*

**Martina Arroyo, Luminous Soprano Who Broke Barriers, Dies at 90**

*The New York Times*

**To Heal These Bleached Corals, All It Took Was a Little Touch**

*The New York Times*

**They Created a Cell That's Almost Alive. What to Do With It Now?**

*The New York Times*

**Colossal has take another big step toward bringing back the dodo**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**This startup is turning fallen leaves into biodegradable plastic**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Move Over Einstein - A Poet Was the First to Suggest That Space and Time Are One**

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

**Reaching for the Wilderness**

*American Scientist*

**Addressing fear**

*Seth's Blog*

**100 years ago, a rogue Washington geologist faced ridicule for his 'catastrophic' theory. He was right.**

*Upworthy*

**Google cracks the internet up by revealing what the back of an emoji looks like**

*DesignTAXI*

**Gromit finally gets a voice after 37 years to 'break his silence'—and he sounds like Martin Freeman**

*DesignTAXI*

**The Wild Unpredictability of Your Dreams**

*Dreaming in the Digital Age | Psychology Today*

**Sculptors Panic as Specialty Plaster Used in Artworks to Be Discontinued**

*The New York Times*

**All 80 books banned in Minnesota last year came from one school - Parents objected, a new library assistant was fired and books that included 'Charlotte's Web' and a kids' cookbook were gone from a public school near Lake Vermilion.**

*The Minnesota Star Tribune*

**A Home for Lapsed Ballet Dancers. Pro Dreams Beside the Point.**

*The New York Times*

**Deskilling the body - We are, moment by moment, doing less sensing, navigating, remembering, walking, choosing, and attending**

*Aeon Essays*

**The Muppets Turn 50 This Year but They Nearly Didn't Get Made at All: 'It Was a Real Study in Perseverance'**

*Variety*

**In Praise of Ignorance**

*James Miller*

**Book Bans Hit Unprecedented High in 2025–26 School Year, PEN Report Shows**

*Publishers Weekly*

**Worlds More Habitable Than Earth? They're Out There.**

*The New York Times*

**What The Grace Hopper Celebration Cancellation Means For Women In AI**

*Forbes*

**How artificial neural networks build their own learning machinery**

*MIT News | Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

**AI + Humanity Advantage: Winning With AI**

*Forbes*

**'Art is essential to the human experience:' John Green's book tour comes to Utah**

*KSL*

**Creative West Invests in WAA's Next 60**

*Creative West*

**Welcome to the U.S. Arts in Health Census**

*US Arts in Health Research Team*

**Embedding Creative Aging into Healthy Aging Policy**

*Lifetime Arts*

## **Arts & Health Resources**

*CA for the Arts*

### **Art as medicine: Social prescribing takes patients from clinics to connection**

*WFAE | Charlotte, NC*

### **Agree On How To Disagree**

*Gapingvoid*

### **How Emma Hayes Is Changing The USWNT And Transforming The Women's Game**

*Fox Sports*

### **One of the World's Largest Chinstrap Penguin Colonies Is Shrinking Fast**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

### **Open to AI: Hollywood Is Embracing Artificial Intelligence Tools Despite Doomsday Fears**

*Variety*

### **Young People and the Future of Free Expression**

*Knight Foundation*

### **P.C. Vey, Cartoonist Who Would Have Made This Headline Funny, Has Died**

*The New York Times*

### **Sterlin Harjo's Oklahoma Is a 'Land of Secrets.' He's Revealing Them One by One.**

*The New York Times Magazine*

### **Anthropic warns AI models could soon copy themselves across home devices**

*Tech | CNBC*

### **'We built a brain roadmap for each person': New AI-driven tools help decode Alzheimer's disease at the cellular level**

*UW-Madison News*

### **University of Wisconsin–Madison Professor Francis Halzen named 2026 Nobel laureate in physics**

*UW-Madison News*

### **Here's how much Trump's Iran war is boosting EV sales around the world**

*Tech | Fast Company*

### **Patagonia just made a brilliant change to its website—and it could change the way we shop**

*Design | Fast Company*

### **This cool interactive visual argues that generative art began in a cave**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Maria Bamford is ambivalent about being your favorite comic's favorite comic**  
*Bullseye with Jesse Thorn | NPR*

**Things people don't say**  
*Seth's Blog*

**16 Striking Photos From This Year's Best Wildlife Photographers**  
*Photography | National Geographic*

**In 1864, a photographer captured haunting photos of the last living soldiers from the Revolutionary War.**  
*Upworthy*

**Apple's new CEO John Ternus makes design a 'major priority' in his leadership strategy**  
*DesignTAXI*

**Who Are the Most Faked Artists in History?**  
*ARTnews*

**Readers Think They Can Spot AI Writing. They're Wrong**  
*The Walrus*

**Nonfiction Is Struggling. Publishers Are Making It Worse**  
*The Walrus*

**Why King Arthur Still Shapes Pop Culture**  
*JSTOR Daily*

**Seattle Artists Want the Arts Funded as Public Safety. What Would Make That Investment Stick?**  
*Return on Art | Angela Meleca*

**Getty Images to File for Bankruptcy, Go Private In Restructuring Deal**  
*The Hollywood Reporter*

Also  
**Getty Images was worth \$4.8 billion just 4 years ago. Now it's filing for bankruptcy**  
*Fast Company*

**221 Camera Obscuras Fill Pneuhaus' Immersive, Inflatable, Image-Capturing Installation**  
*Colossal*

**Ritz-Carlton Was Right. Karl Marx Was Wrong.**  
*Gapingvoid*

**Is 'Attention' the Essence of Intelligence?**  
*Quanta Magazine*

**USC Professor Azad Madni Awarded 2026 John Fritz Medal**

*USC Viterbi School of Engineering*

**The Immense Value of North America**

*Americas Quarterly*

**Our minds did not evolve for AI**

*Cognitive Resonance | Benjamin Riley*

**Creative drawing ability is linked to the brain's white matter wiring, study finds**

*PsyPost*

**Why brain-healthy thinking can prevent AI burn-out**

*Wellbeing and Mental Health | World Economic Forum*

**Book Publishers Are Quietly Using More AI. Staff Are Revolting**

*WIRED*

**Vance Announces J-1 Visa Probe of Harvard, Stanford and Seven Other Universities**

*The EDU Ledger*

**A Diver Volunteered to Clean Up Trash From a Wisconsin Lake. He Discovered a 1,000-Year-Old Dugout Canoe at the Bottom Instead**

*Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine*

**The Man Who Created a Written Language for the Cherokee Did It So Efficiently and Elegantly, His Peers Thought It Was Magic**

*America at 250: The Revolutionary Spark | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Margaret Hamilton Led the NASA Software Team That Landed Astronauts on the Moon**

*Women Who Shaped History | Smithsonian Magazine*

**Meta Unveils New Series of Advanced A.I. Models**

*The New York Times*

**28 Miles and Counting: NASA's Perseverance Rover Sets a Mars Driving Record**

*The New York Times*

**He Helped Discover Ebola 50 Years Ago. He's Still Worried.**

*The New York Times*

**This cool interactive visual argues that generative art began in a cave**

*Design | Fast Company*

**Graphic design isn't dying. It's expanding**

*Design | Fast Company*

**5 leadership lessons from public service**

*Fast Company Executive Board*

**Spredges, glitter, and lots of gold foil: Penguin is betting on deluxe book design to win over kids**

*Design | Fast Company*

**The unreliable witness**

*Seth's Blog*

**Tourist Trash Has Done Weird Things to Yellowstone's Thermal Pools**

*Environment | National Geographic*

**His grandmother made 6,000 sketches around the world. He's tracking down every spot to repaint the same view.**

*Upworthy*

**Reading Is Not Dying**

*The New Republic*

**Americans Aren't Spending Their Retirement Savings**

*The Atlantic*

**Netflix layoffs loom as stock performance struggles, growth slows, and investors cool in 2026: reports**

*Fast Company*

**Netflix Has Used AI on About 300 Titles, but "Human Touch Is Critical," Exec Says in Busan**

*The Hollywood Reporter*

**An Invisible Industry Operates in the Shadows of the Art World**

*The New York Times*

**Six of the Best First Lines in Modern Literature**

*The Atlantic*

**90 years ago, an Oregon man brought Bozo the Clown to life**

*Oregon Public Broadcasting*

**How the CIA Smuggled Liberal Arts Behind the Iron Curtain**

*The MIT Press Reader*

**Education Needs Impact Engineering**

*Stanford Social Innovation Review*

**Mathematician Who Waited 50 Years for Proper Credit for Her Work Has Died**

*The New York Times*

**Cancer Vaccines Are the N.I.H.'s Next 'Big Bet'**

*The New York Times*

**David Byrne Awakens the Story of Dark Matter** - In an excerpt from his new book, "Sleeping Beauties," the musician and writer revisits the brilliant discoveries by astronomer Vera Rubin

*Nautilus*

Also

**Sleeping Beauties: David Byrne on Why Transformative Ideas Fall Dormant and How They Awaken to Change the World**

*The Marginalian*

**California used to play the world. Now, 'East of Eden' gets shot in New Zealand**

*Los Angeles Times*

**The Lost Art of Not Knowing**

*Beyond Mental Health | Psychology Today*

**The Trump administration wants to take greater control of scientific grants. Here's why that's a terrible idea**

*Tech | Fast Company*

**In-N-Out does \$2 billion in annual sales. It breaks one rule other fast-food chains follow**

*Design | Fast Company*

**The proposal to know less about America**

*It's Been A Minute | NPR*

**The Met puts a modern artist front and center (and there's some Jackson Pollock, too)**

*Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR*

**Creativizing the Self**

*Innovation You | Psychology Today*

**The Crucial Link Between Anxiety, Anger, and Creativity**

*Evil Deeds | Psychology Today*

**From Sinatra to Swift: The Long Arc of Groove and Entrainment**

*Resonant Minds | Psychology Today*

**It's Show Business, Baby!**

*Freakonomics Radio*

**For an affordable climate win, look to the sky**

*Gates Notes*

**Take a Closer Look at Bears, Birds, and Blooms From Nat Geo's Photo Editors**

*Photography | Photo of the Day | National Geographic*

**Justice for Neanderthals!**

*Stones and Bones | National Geographic*

**The Big Swing Series (Episode One): The Great Balance Wheel - Reflecting back on the biggest innovations in the history of American education**  
*Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain*

**Talent becomes media**  
*Seth's Blog*

**Why the Incredible GE Turnaround Could be a Sign of the Times**  
*Human-Centered Change and Innovation*

**Virginia teachers balance AI innovation with student creativity amid rising academic pressure**  
*Virginia Mercury*

**And the science Nobels for 2026 go to ...**  
*Science News Explores*

**Art of Science | 2026 Exhibition | Getting on my Nerves**  
*Walter and Elizabeth Hall Institute of Medical Research*

**Futurist Awards Ceremony Honors STEM Innovators and Pays Tribute to Angela Stribling**  
*Black Engineer*

**Life Is Asymmetric. The Scientists Who Figured Out Why Won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry**  
*WIRED*

**The Audacity of Optimism**  
*Gapingvoid*

**The paradox at the core of the AI revolution: The faster we innovate, the slower we grow**  
*Commentary | Fortune*

**Self-Checkout Was Supposed to Cut Costs. Instead, It Created a Problem Retailers Didn't Anticipate**  
*Inc.com*

**As They Supposedly Battle AI Slop, Major Publishers Reportedly Cover Their Books in It**  
*Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo*

**Why "Zombie Cells" Build Up as We Age - And how to reverse it**  
*Nautilus*

**Wrong Way, Right Direction**  
*Gapingvoid*

**How Skydance Will Remake the Illustrious Culture of Warner Bros. Pictures More Than Any Owner Before**

*Variety*

**How Is Your Novel Coming?**

*Learning and Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter*

**Mike Ditka, Legendary Chicago Bears Coach and Football Analyst, Dies at 86**

*Variety*

Also

**'Da Bears' and the 'SNL' Sketch That Immortalized Mike Ditka**

*The New York Times*

**Bill Swerski's Superfans: Bears vs. Giants – SNL**

*Saturday Night Live*

**Patient expectations are evolving faster than ever**

*IDEO Journal*

**Skydance's David Ellison conquered Hollywood, but now the work begins**

*MSN, Los Angeles Times*

**The End of Articles About "The End of Reading"**

*Slate*

**Yet Another Literary Prizewinner Seems to Be AI**

*The Atlantic*

**Don't be scared: Being afraid is outright fun, and maybe useful**

*Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR*

**Lost generation: the AI threat to Britain's next great directors**

*The Guardian*

**YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW: Milwaukee Bucks Assistant GM Milt Newton on Faith, Perseverance, and Building the Future**

*HYFIN*

**Mencken Agonistes**

*Boston 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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