



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

World Creativity and Innovation Week
World Creativity and Innovation
April 15 – 21

April 17, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." – Theodore Roosevelt

"If you are curious, you'll find the puzzles around you. If you are determined, you will solve them." - Erno Rubik

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." – George Bernard Shaw

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination." – John Lennon

"The acquisition of any knowledge is always of use to the intellect, because it may thus drive out useless things and retain the good. For nothing can be loved or hated unless it is first known." – Leonardo da Vinci

"Imagination means nothing without doing." – Charlie Chaplin

"The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction." – Rachel Carson

"What one man can do himself directly is but little. If however he can stir up ten others to take up the task he has accomplished much." – Wilbur Wright

"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly." – R. Buckminster Fuller

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

A lesson on looking | Amy Herman

TED@BCG Toronto

Teacher creates 'Circle of Fifths' song for his kids to sing on the spot. The solos are everything.

Upworthy

The ripple effect of an idea

Live from TED2026 | TED Blog

16 Things Everybody Should Know How to Do

Daniel Pink

How your pictures can help reclaim lost history | Chance Coughenour

TEDxHamburg

A Delightful Short Film Highlights the Remarkable Self-Taught Art of George Voronovsky

Colossal

Buildings that blend nature and city | Jeanne Gang

TEDWomen 2016

Innovation highlights Missouri's first-ever Show-Me Science competition

FOX 2 St. Louis

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

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ENCATC Academy

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April 21 – 24 | Bilbao, Spain

Building Bridges: Connecting Communities with Culture and Commerce

2026 South & Appalachian Creative Placemaking Summit

April 21 – 24 | Memphis, TN

Open Call for the Creativity Pioneers Fund 2026

Moleskine Foundation

Deadline: April 24

Open invitation to policy brief launch: The role of the arts in addressing the health impacts of climate change

World Health Organization

April 29

DoSomething, 3M and Amazon MGM Studios to launch Project STEM Heroes

3M

Submission Deadline: April 30

Have a bold idea to strengthen your community? The Knight Cities Challenge is here.

Knight Foundation

Deadline: April 30

Book now: The Future Skills Agenda of the Creative Industries

Creative Industries and Evidence Centre, UK

May 12

Fundamental Discovery Week

University of Alberta Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute

May 12 – 18

2026 U.S. ASPIRE Competition

US Department of State

Deadline: May 15

American Black Film Festival Unveils 2026 Lineup Featuring Jamie Foxx, Marsai Martin, Courtney B. Vance, Jesse Williams and Coco Jones (EXCLUSIVE)

Variety

May 27 – 31

Creative Problem Solving Institute | 2026 Theme: Elevate

Creative Education Foundation

June 14 – 18 | Buffalo, NY

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

Inside Saudi Arabia's Billion-Dollar Bet on Hollywood

The Hollywood Reporter

Why Has There Been So Little Progress on Alzheimer's Disease?

Freakonomics Radio

What We Lose When Everything Is '-Coded'

On Language | The New York Times

After 100 Years, Engineers Finally Discover Why Rubber Is So Tough

Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

Andy Beard: Learning by Watching

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Cross-department collaboration brings art and science to The Bridge

Inside WFU | Wake Forest University

Through Spring 2027

Pinckney holds a day of STEAM-powered learning

US Army

Physics Intelligence: A Blueprint For The Future Of Engineering

Forbes

How GM's designers use AI to accelerate their creative vision

GM News | General Motors

Engineering graduate students transform hackathon idea into AI tool with startup potential

Santa Clara University

How your brain builds and edits your identity

Big Think

**Researchers May Have Found the Antidote to Social Media Brain Rot:
Experimental Film**

The Hollywood Reporter

Chef J. Kenji López-Alt Talks Science Communication

IFT | Institute of Food Technologists

**Ten Early-Career Neuroscientists Selected as 2026 Leon Levy Scholars Across
New York City**

The New York Academy of Sciences

'Overdue' debate unfurls over neuroimaging method

The Transmitter

This New Image of Mars Is Not the Same Thing NASA Saw in 1976

Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

NASA Wants to Put Nuclear Reactors on the Moon

WIRED

**NAE Awards The Grainger Foundation Frontiers of Engineering Grants for
Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research**

National Academy of Engineering

AI is not replacing engineers: It is empowering them

PNAS Nexus

**In the 1990s, a Dog Taught Kids About Shakespeare and Homer. A New
Documentary Tells the Tale of 'Wishbone'—From His Backflips to His Historical
Hats**

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

**Medieval Writings and Tree Rings Helped Researchers Track a Solar Storm From
800 Years Ago and Reconstruct Past Solar Cycles**

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

AI And The Gender Gap: The New Broken Rung Most Women Don't Know Exists

Forbes

Heart and Sole: How 2 Wausau friends built a sneaker empire

Marshfield Hub City Times

USC Has Just Launched an AI "Institute" for Actors

The Hollywood Reporter

After Artemis II, Astronauts and NASA Look Toward Moon Landing

The New York Times

Georgia legislature first in nation to link arts and mental health

Saporta Report

Proving Our Worth: HBCUs, STEM Partnerships, and the Marginalization of Black Women in Industry Settings

Ed_PERC Insights: BIG ideas. Small bites | Krystal L. Williams, PhD

Mapping Our Shared History: Introducing the National Preservation Atlas

Voices | Mellon Foundation

The most powerful form of disruption isn't technology

Fast Company Executive Board

18 tips for executing a brand refresh

Fast Company Executive Board

This Lego-like playground kit is designed for children displaced by war

Design | Fast Company

Humans are at the heart of large-scale creative work

Fast Company Executive Board

Why AI is the ultimate accelerator for creativity

Tech | Fast Company

AI graduation requirements will soon be here

Fast Company Executive Board

6 mindset shifts to improve your risk and failure tolerance

Work Life | Fast Company

A time capsule of human civilization, bound for the Moon

UNESCO

Minerals and Myths - A recent book explores geology through the lenses of science, history, and culture.

American Scientist

Trees That Changed a Nation - A recent book examines the trees that have shaped history, as well as our lives.

American Scientist

Malala Yousafzai on what she's learned about changing the world

Live from TED2026 | TED Blog

Entrepreneurial Efforts Must Fit with the Brand

Human-centered Change and Innovation

The second circle

Seth's Blog

Why warblers face an increasingly treacherous spring migration

Animals | National Geographic

2 local TV giants merged. Then a court stepped in

Media | NPR

San Diego arts leaders blast proposed massive funding cuts as 'catastrophic' and 'devastating'

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Disney's 1,000-person layoffs claim entire PR teams, specialty divisions | Exclusive

MSN, The Wrap

15 Artists Explore the Potentiality of Fabric and Fiber in 'Textile Art Redefined'

Colossal

Why AI Needs A Sense Of Smell

Noēma

The Real Cost of Making Art (And Why It's Worth It)

Next Big Idea Club Magazine

Creativity connection: The power of the arts in Tallahassee | Opinion

Tallahassee Democrat | tallahassee.com

How innovation evolves when an engineer gets tired of chasing his kids downhill

Engineering.com

How a student competition has been building GM's engineering bench for decades

GM News | General Motors

Bill authorizing \$23 billion bond to fund California scientific research clears key Senate committee

University of California

Google.org commits \$4.6 million to AI education rollout across Latin America

EdTech Innovation Hub

Canada launches national initiative to build large-scale AI supercomputing capacity

Canada.ca

Canada cannot afford to lose international research talent — here's what needs to change

The Conversation

Steven Spielberg Warns Hollywood Must Invest in Original Stories or Movies Will 'Run Out of Gas,' Debuts Eerie New 'Disclosure Day' Trailer at CinemaCon

Variety

18 Prompts to Spark Purposeful Teen Writing

Critical Thinking | Edutopia

4 Questions That Help Math Students Explain Their Answers

Critical Thinking | Edutopia

What If All U.S. Students Had to Pass the Citizenship Test to Graduate?

Carnegie Corporation of New York

Why do dogs tilt their heads? It isn't just cute.

Popular Science

EU Is Rolling Out an Online Age Verification App That Could Become the Global Blueprint

Privacy & Security | Gizmodo

Berklee College of Music Offers AI Course, Students Are Pissed

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Printed neurons communicate with living brain cells

Northwestern Now | Northwestern University

Yale Report Finds Colleges Deserve Blame for Higher Education's Problems

New York Times

Google DeepMind's Demis Hassabis on the long game of AI

Tech | Fast Company

AI isn't built for all languages and cultures. There's a push to fix that

Tech | Fast Company

The future of AI in schools isn't personalized learning - It's personalized teaching.

Impact Council | Fast Company

The idea that the internet is built for people is crumbling. That has huge implications for your business

Tech | Fast Company

Whiting Foundation names its 10 emerging authors of 2026

Book News & Features | NPR

Bold ideas, big stakes: Day 2 of TED2026

Live from TED2026 | TED Blog

The definitive study of seed oil and health

Seth's Blog

Why theater owners are balking at Hollywood's latest mega deal

Los Angeles Times

6 Songs You Might Not Know Were Written By Bruce Springsteen

Mental Floss

7 things we learned at day 1 of TED2026

Live from TED2026 | TED Blog

TED, Khan Academy and ETS announce new institute to reimagine higher education for the AI age

Live from TED2026 | TED Blog

30 Under 30 Art & Culture 2026: Meet The Artists, Founders And Designers Defining A New Creative Standard

Forbes

Opening up about farmers' mental health

University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

The Tech High Ground – What It Will Take to Gain the Advantage Over China

Foreign Affairs

New Guides From Smithsonian Science Empower Youth To Explore Community Challenges

Smithsonian Science Education Center

Spotify and NIVA Partner to Support Independent Music Venues

Variety

Senators Call for Court to Scrutinize DOJ's Live Nation-Ticketmaster Settlement

Variety

AI Is Coming for Your Tasks, Not Your Job. Here's What to Do About It.

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Frameworks of the Mind

American Scientist

The Deepfake Nudes Crisis in Schools Is Much Worse Than You Thought

WIRED

One of the American West's Most Iconic Birds Is Attempting to Mate Near a Dangerous Airport. Could Robo-Birds Help Save Them?

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

This Experimental Drug Could Be a Game Changer for Pancreatic Cancer

Health | Gizmodo

AI in Education: From Policy Focus to Classroom and Workforce Realities

Connect | Catalyze | Change - STEMconnector

From Kingston roots to global reach, The Sock Project marks nine years

The Kingston Whig Standard

Inertia moves to commercialize one of the world's most elaborate science experiments

TechCrunch

Attention spans have dropped by two-thirds in the past 20 years. Here's how to reclaim yours

Tech | Fast Company

How Trump's federal architecture renovations go against 'republican simplicity'

Design | Fast Company

Pittsburgh wants to be the next tech hub. This time, it has a real shot

Tech | Fast Company

TED podcast "WorkLife" returns with new host, Molly Graham

TED Blog

Aesthetics – Part One

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

We're one step closer to understanding the sperm whale 'alphabet'

Animals | National Geographic

How Storytelling Informs Relationships

A Wider Lens | Psychology Today

Finding Order in Disorder, a Bipolar Memoir

Beyond Mental Health | Psychology Today

The Baltimore Banner's parent nonprofit acquires the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nieman Lab

Also

A nonprofit lifeline for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as more papers seek nonprofit sector help

Associated Press

How AI Is Threatening Platforms' Revenue Streams

Harvard Business Review

Mad About the Mandolin

The Weekend Essay | The New Yorker

What Does Brain Science Tell Us About Adolescence? How adolescent brain development shapes risk-taking and learning—and why relationships, exploration, and access to out-of-school-time opportunities matter

Wallace Foundation

Who Gets Guggenheims?

Public Books

Flow: The Most Misunderstood Idea in Psychology

The Science of Creativity | Dr. Keith Sawyer

Dyslexia doesn't disqualify leaders—it creates them

Impact Council | Fast Company

Sid Krofft, 96, Dies; Created Zany TV Shows for Children of All Ages

Obituaries | The New York Times

Why you never forget how to ride a bike

Popular Science

Motion Picture Association Boss Charles Rivkin Says AI Can 'Bolster the Art of Storytelling' and 'Improve the Fan Experience'

Variety

The National Gallery of Art Holds an Artistic Mirror Up to the United States for Its Big 250th Birthday

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Think Fast and Build Things: How to Innovate for Sustainability

USC Viterbi School of Engineering | University of Southern California

Creativity will grasp our generation

The Observer

In the brain, objects seen and imagined follow the same neural path

Short Wave Science | NPR

What Skills Do Humans Need to Become Robot Proof in the Age of AI?

UC San Diego Today

Why Community Colleges are the New Frontier for Older Adult Learners

The EDU Ledger

America's Founding Mother

Gapingvoid

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence Was Breaking News. Here's How the Founding Document Reached the American Public

History | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Discover Potential Path to Treating Down Syndrome

Health | Gizmodo

Astronomers Just Nailed Down the Universe's Expansion Rate... and Now They Have More Questions

Space and Spaceflight | Gizmodo

In Minneapolis, Following Prince's 'Purple Trail'

The New York Times

Forbes 250 | The Greatest Self-Made Americans

Forbes

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's 2026 Inductees: Oasis, Phil Collins, Iron Maiden, Sade, Billy Idol, Wu-Tang Clan and More

Variety

The antidote to 'greenhushing'

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Why Big Tech companies got quiet on climate change

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This one shift in Gen Alpha's habits could reshape the entire snack industry

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Paramount Responds To Letter From Hollywood Figures, Says WBD Merger Will Ensure Creatives Have "More Avenues For Their Work, Not Fewer"

Deadline

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Hollywood stars blast the Paramount-Warner merger in an open letter

Fast Company

AI is rewriting the rules of biological experiments, but safety regulations aren't keeping up

Tech | Fast Company

Issa Rae has a trick for pushing diverse projects in an anti-DEI industry. Her advice is going viral

Fast Company

Chase Sapphire's newest perk isn't points or lounge access. It's dinner on stage at the Grand Ole Opry

Experience Economy | Fast Company

The latest Gallup poll reveals these 3 findings on AI in the American workplace

Tech | Fast Company

The Agentic Paradox - Why Giving AI More Autonomy Requires Us to Give Humans More Agency

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Beeconomics 101

Freakonomics Radio

Behind the Curtain of "The Outsiders" Musical

Un-Numb | Psychology Today

Do You See Yourself in a Story?

Un-Numb | Psychology Today

The Secret to Poetry

The Empowerment Diary | Psychology Today

€1m Picasso painting to be won for €100 in charity raffle

The Guardian

A Wellness Center for Young Ballet Students (Snacks Included)

The New York Times

The Looming College-Enrollment Death Spiral

The Atlantic

Want to talk comics? Today, that often means going online

The Conversation

Is Canada's 'Netflix tax' worth the hassle it's getting from the U.S.?

CBC News

How Not to Save the Planet

The Hedgehog Review

Is AI the greatest art heist in history?

The Big Idea | The Guardian

Maria E. Beasley: Invading Men's Work

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Creativity born out of frustration - What do we think we know, but actually...

Creativity Decision | Zorana Ivcevic Pringle

Think Inside the Box - The carbon and consciousness problem in America's creative industries.

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

El Paso artist Hal Marcus turned his final days into a public work of art – and a lesson

El Paso Matters

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Obituary | Halfon Wayne Marcus

Sunset Funeral Homes

Kim Kardashian Producing Broadway Prison Drama 'The Fear of 13' to Draw Attention to Criminal Justice Reform

Variety

David Byrne's 'Theater of the Mind' Turns Neuroscience Into an Immersive Experience

Better Magazine

Why neural foundation models work, and what they might—and might not—teach us about the brain

The Transmitter

Think big: Canada should be open to risks as it invests in space, professor says

Calgary Journal

Bridging Indigenous and scientific knowledge systems is key to water innovation

Nature Water

Top 20 graphic designers of 2026, as voted for by creatives

Creative Boom

New study shows how the brain weighs evidence to make decisions

Scientific American

Here's How Making Life Just a Bit Harder Can Give You a Lifetime of Better Brain Function

Inc.com

Your brain uses the same cells to see and imagine

Earth.com

Art films boost creative thinking in nearly 500 viewers, experiment suggests

Medical Xpress, UC Santa Barbara

1 colorful thing to go: Art meets advocacy

Axios Des Moines

Joaquin Phoenix, Ben Stiller, Kristen Stewart and 1,000-Plus Hollywood Names Oppose Paramount-Warner Deal in Open Letter: 'Block the Merger'

Variety

Meet the 2026 Nominees

Music City Events

Brian Eno's Remedy for Burnout and Despair

The Marginalian

The First Rule of Fight Club

Gapingvoid

Researchers discover record-setting heat-conducting material

Argonne National Laboratory

RAWtools South Turns Guns Into Garden Tools in the Mountain South

The Daily Yonder

Why women still aren't reaching the top

The New Way We Work | Fast Company

The productivity question AI forces us to ask

Impact Council | Fast Company

Prepare now for quantum computing

Fast Company Executive Board

New uses for traditional crops are increasing value per acre

Impact Council | Fast Company

These Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired ties are based on a legendary building demolished a century ago

Design | Fast Company

The brand tightrope of the summer: How to make a patriotic sales pitch for America250 that won't make anyone mad

Design | Fast Company

Rebuilding trust with AI - How personalization can change the game for financial services and health insurers.

IDEO Journal

The Profound Comedy of Outer Space

The Atlantic

Are Netflix and Apple TV Fighting?

Vulture | New York Magazine

'It has your name on it, but I don't think it's you': how AI is impersonating musicians on Spotify

Reworked Artificial Intelligence | The Guardian

Your article about AI doesn't need AI art

The Verge

Obama Presidential Center Announces Final Cohort of Commissions Ahead of June Opening, Including María Magdalena Campos-Pons, Jeffrey Gibson, Lorna Simpson

ARTnews

Novels of the Future

The New York Review

The Profession That Does Not Exist

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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