



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

May 1, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“If people did not sometimes do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.” – Ludwig Wittgenstein

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” – Benjamin Franklin

“He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger.” – Confucius

“The best that most of us can hope to achieve in physics is simply to misunderstand at a deeper level.” – Wolfgang Pauli

“It is well known that a vital ingredient of success is not knowing that what you're attempting can't be done.” – Terry Pratchett

“A scientist worthy of the name, above all a mathematician, experiences in his work the same impression as an artist; his pleasure is as great and of the same nature.” – Henri Poincaré

“The only interesting answers are those which destroy the questions.” – Susan Sontag

“If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary.” – Jim Rohn

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Virtual Choir Live | Eric Whitacre
TED2013

What We Learned About Creativity (After 52 Episodes)

The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

7 Artists Discuss the Power and Urgency of Textiles

Colossal

Exploring the Role of AI in Education and the Workplace

STEMconnector + Utah STEM Action Center

Thought doesn't just happen in the brain | Barbara Tversky

The Institute of Art and Ideas

Turn Data Into Direction: Human-Centered Research with AI

IDEO U | Creative Confidence Podcast

Building a park in the sky | Robert Hammond

TED2011

Mayo Clinic's carillon combining music and medicine for nearly 100 years

CBS News Minnesota

The most transformative thing you can do for your brain isn't mental

Big Think

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

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

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

May 16 – January 10

NEW The Math Bottleneck: Addressing a Key Barrier to Meeting our Nation's STEM Talent Needs

STEMconnector

May 21

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

NEW 2026 Science Events Summit

Science Events

May 31 - June 2 | Jackson, MS

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

Can a Placebo Make You More Creative—or Smarter?

How Beliefs Shape Reality | Psychology Today

What Is Money?

Freakonomics Radio

22 breathtaking Nat Geo pictures that will spark your curiosity

Photography | Photo of the Day | National Geographic

When it comes to creativity, Darwin, Tchaikovsky, and Maya Angelou all saw the importance of this habit

Work Life | Fast Company

Updated statistical database on the Creative Economy

UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Rocket propulsion expert, SpaceX founding member Tom Mueller to present at Engineering Design EXPO

U of I Newsroom | University of Idaho

May 1

Begin with the End in Mind Lecture Series Explores How Arts and Humanities Support Caregiver Well-Being

College of Public Affairs and Community Service | University of Nebraska at Omaha

Unlocking mysteries of the universe through math

MIT News

Brain scans offer clues to why math is harder for some kids

Science News Explores

Tracking the turning point in Alzheimer's disease

Science

Dance of the Butter Cows - And The Devil Takes a Lick

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Yale Students Raise \$5.1 Million In Pre-Seed Round For AI Social Network

People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

Two Athletes Smashed a Marathon Milestone, Running 26.2 Miles in Under Two Hours. Here's the Science Behind Their Achievements

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

AI Just Beat Doctors at Diagnosing ER Patients. Don't Get All Excited

Health | Gizmodo

OpenAI's New Image Generator Is Trying to Take Your 6-Year-Old's Job

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Why Would I Do That to Jennifer Lopez? | The Mistakes Series

Revisionist History | Malcolm Gladwell

Brain scans reveal 3 ADHD subtypes, including a more extreme form

The Washington Post

Dean Tavoularis, 93, Oscar-Winning Production Designer for Coppola, Dies

The New York Times

David Allan Coe, Singer Who Personified Outlaw Country, Dies at 86
The New York Times

As Wildfire Risks Rise, Forest Service Shuttters Labs That Study Them
The New York Times

Design's next era is about making people feel seen
Design | Fast Company

AI is turning every story into raw material
Tech | Fast Company

Why your favorite artists have a green check on their Spotify profiles
Design | Fast Company

For years, employers treated degrees as a proxy for competence. Technology just called their bluff
Leadership | Fast Company

How does language shape and change culture?
Power of the Word | Mellon Foundation

Out of Our Minds: 25th Anniversary Edition is out now!
Sir Ken Robinson Foundation

Will.i.am wants to future-proof a new generation
All Things Considered | NPR

The smelly baby problem
The Works in Progress Newsletter

A Tiny Bit of Uninterrupted Work Goes a Long Way
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

"The most exciting mobile trend is full Qwerty keyboards"
Seth's Blog

One of the hardest colors to make is not just blue—it's actually cerulean
Science | National Geographic

Mayor Wu's Cut to FY 2027 Arts Budget Reveals Broader History of Underinvestment in the Arts and Leaves Programs in Limbo
Boston Art Review

The Guardian's U.S. push - It's now bigger than The Washington Post
The Rebooting | Brian Morrissey

Opinion | We have too much information. We need more art
The Seattle Times

Debunking disinformation

3 Quarks Daily

Public art has changed San Antonio in big ways and small

MSN, San Antonio Express News

Idaho Lawmakers Amend State Code as Book Ban Case Continues

Publishers Weekly

Staying Rooted, Moving Forward

Wallace Foundation

Spell Your Name with NASA's Earthly Alphabet of Aerial Images

Colossal

The Cult Music Documentary 'Heavy Metal Parking Lot' Turns Middle-Age

The New York Times

Humanity on the Page - Writing in the Age of AI

Commonweal

UNESCO International Jazz Day highlights the power of creativity to unlock sustainable urban future

UNESCO

April 30

J. Craig Venter, Scientist Who Decoded the Human Genome, Dies at 79

The New York Times

Scientists Unveil 'Long Lost' Map for Smell

The New York Times

Mapping the Brain's Hidden Hub for Creative Thought

Neuroscience News

Podcast | Igniting the spark with Salk Innovation and Collaboration Grants

Salk Institute for Biological Studies

Miró helped shape modern art. The U.S. helped shape Miró.

The Washington Post

Through July 5

OECD Business Innovation Statistics: Unpacking key trends and findings

OECD

Commentary: Artists are at the core of so much human progress

Crain's Chicago Business

Scorpions Are So Metal—Literally. New Images Reveal Patterns in How Their Weaponry Is Fortified With Iron, Zinc and Manganese

Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

A.I. Bots Told Scientists How to Make Biological Weapons

The New York Times

The Split Between China and Silicon Valley Just Got Wider

The New York Times

MIT engineers' virtual violin produces realistic sounds

MIT News

'The biggest game Nike is ever going to play': The anti-white discrimination case that could change DEI forever

Work Life | Fast Company

AI in healthcare is no longer experimental

Fast Company Executive Board

I built an AI poem generator. I wasn't prepared for how people would use it

Tech | Fast Company

2 years ago, incoming Apple CEO John Ternus gave a commencement speech at his alma mater. His advice is still relevant today

Work Life | Fast Company

One thing at a time

Seth's Blog

Reconnecting to the Muse

Out of the Darkness | Psychology Today

The Humor of Miscommunication

Laughter and Humor | Psychology Today

Lawmakers Tweak School and Library Policies to Allow for Nuance

Publishers Weekly

What Has Gone Wrong With Architecture

TIME

Portland's annual arts tax would increase, fewer people would pay under new proposal

Oregon Public Broadcasting

Sickle Cell Patients Turn to Art to Process Their Pain

Arts Midwest

Peter Raven, groundbreaking botanist, dies at 89

Environment | National Geographic

Also

How Peter Raven transformed what we know about plants

Environment | From the Vault | National Geographic

Disney Stands Its Ground in the Face of Trump's Jimmy Kimmel Temper Tantrum and FCC Harassment

Variety

Also

Donald Trump Says Jimmy Kimmel Better Get Fired 'Soon' by ABC After Melania Widow Joke: 'People Are Angry'

Variety

FCC orders early license renewal for ABC stations following Kimmel's first lady joke

All Things Considered | NPR

Jimmy Kimmel responds to Trump's call for him to be fired over joke about first lady

Television | NPR

The technical legal term for this: batsh-t crazy

MSN, Vulture

For America's High Schools, Is College The Problem?

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

How AI Could Help Combat Antibiotic Resistance

WIRED

President of NAE Is Changing the Conversation on Engineering

Stony Brook University

MLS Innovation Lab Unveils Third Cohort Driving the Future of the Game

PR Newswire

Technology Convergence: The New Logic for Competitive Advantage

The World Economic Forum

We may be born with 2 complex cognitive functions already established

Ohio State News

Upstart Co-Lab backs Bindery Books to bring overlooked authors to bigger audiences

Upstart Co-Lab

The \$4.4 Trillion Opportunity: Why Closing California's Education Gap is the Ultimate Investment

The EDU Ledger

The Federal Investments Reshaping STEM — What It Means for our STEM Workforce Community of Practice

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

These Young Innovators Have Created a 'Fitbit' to Predict Epileptic Seizures

Innovation | Smithsonian Magazine

Alexander Calder Thought 'It Would Be Fun' to Set Abstract Art in Motion. His Mesmerizing Mobiles Transformed the Definition of Sculpture

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Butterflies Are in Dramatic Decline Across North America. A Close Look at the Western Monarch Shows Why

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

There Will be No Taylor Swift, AI Version... if She Has Anything to Say About It

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Google Signs Pentagon AI Deal Despite Employee Backlash

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

L.A. Production Report: Karen Bass Says Hollywood Is 'Turning a Corner' as Subsidies Kick In

Variety

The Taylor Swift Interview

The New York Times Magazine

Could At-Home Brain Stimulation Reduce Psychiatry's Reliance on S.S.R.I.s?

The New York Times

Maria Sharapova's second act is all business

Fast Company

IBM CEO Arvind Krishna on his first job and the lessons he learned from it

My First Job | Fast Company

Why the hardest part of building the future is letting go of the past

Work Life | Fast Company

How AI can transform primary care

Fast Company Executive Board

Photoshopping the package

Seth's Blog

What my favorite chart leaves out

Gates Notes

Lost New Testament Pages Recovered After 1,500 Years

Artnet News

For a Dance Battle on a New Stage, She Decided to Be 'Fearless'
The New York Times

Google DeepMind Paper Argues LLMs Will Never Be Conscious
404 Media

Sora's downfall signals broader problems with AI's creative utility
The Conversation

Why it's so hard to agree on what counts as true
Psyche

Tim Heidecker and Onion Chief Ben Collins on Their Infowars Takeover — and Bringing Down Alex Jones: "The Final Gasps of a Beached Whale"
The Hollywood Reporter

Book Manufacturing Could Soon See Major Changes
Publishers Weekly

Does reading do us any good? Stripped of easy moralising, literature makes us relish the search for truth in an age when many believe truth to be dead
Aeon Essays

The Biggest Lessons About Creativity (Season 1 Finale)
The Science of Creativity | Dr. Keith Sawyer

Innovation, Tech, and Policy Leaders Focus on Rebuilding America and Outcompeting China
Council on Foreign Relations

New 3D device harnesses living brain cells for computing
Princeton Engineering | Princeton University

BMG and Concord to Merge, Creating the World's Fourth Major Music Company
Variety

She Went From Community College Dropout To Cognitive Neuroscience Master's Student
Graduate Center | The City University of New York

Can AI do neuroscience without understanding?
The Transmitter

Trump fires independent board overseeing National Science Foundation
PBS News Hour

Also

Board Ouster Raises Further Concerns About NSF's Future
Inside Higher Ed

Trump's War on Science Continues
Nautilus

Reauthorizing the Small Business Innovation Research Program Isn't Enough
Foundation for American Innovation

Colorless, Shapeless Orb
Gapingvoid

U-M launches comprehensive social prescribing initiatives
The University Record | University of Michigan

Attention Must Be Paid - How Scott Rudin turned Laurie Metcalf into the First Lady of American Theatre.
The New Yorker

Did Neanderthals Have Language? New Research Suggests They Had the Genetic Hardware for It, Like Humans
History | Smithsonian Magazine

Walt Disney Visited a Ford Factory in 1948. What He Witnessed There Laid the Groundwork for What Would Become Disneyland
History | Smithsonian Magazine

The World's First Museum of A.I. Art Will Open in Los Angeles as the Art World Ponders Questions of Ethics and Sustainability
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Geospatial AI is reinventing the rainforest beat
Nieman Lab

Sirius XM and iHeartMedia reportedly in merger talks
Axios

An Invitation to Build the Civic Information Economy
News Futures

The 30 Greatest Living American Songwriters
The New York Times Magazine

Also

How We Made the List of the 30 Greatest Living American Songwriters
The New York Times Magazine

Cast Your Vote for the Greatest Living American Songwriters
The New York Times Magazine

Who Wrote Your Favorite Songs?
The New York Times Magazine

'They Said A.I. Saved Me': How South Korea Is Checking on Its Seniors
The New York Times

How to build a team that runs itself
Leadership | Fast Company

Why reshoring is harder than it appears
Fast Company Executive Board

'We are very nerdy': An exclusive interview with Ikea's top designer
Design | Fast Company

Spotify is morphing into a one-stop-shop. Why its latest move makes a lot of sense
Fast Company

Gen Z is suddenly spending more time in one place they used to ignore
Fast Company

Time's Arrow and the Drive to Matter
Virginia's Newsletter | Virginia Postrel

Why the AI Data Centers of 2030 Will Be Sovereign Fortresses
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Puddles
Seth's Blog

How science is finally making real progress in treating allergies—and what it means for you
Health | National Geographic

Is A Random Unknown Artist More Valuable Than Picasso? AI Thinks So.
ARTnews

How Short-Form Clips Took Over the Internet
The Atlantic

How Long Can Martha Graham's Dance Revolution Last?
The New Yorker

The Best Gardening Shows for People Who Actually Want to Get Their Hands Dirty
Slate

Why Lego is our most powerful art medium
Commentary | Salon

The Social Edge of Intelligence
The Ideas Letter

National Science Board members told by Trump administration they were terminated: Report

The Hill

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Trump Fires Board Members of Group That Oversees U.S. Science Funding

The New York Times

APLU Statement on The Dismissal of National Science Board Members

Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities

Journalists champion Wayback Machine after news publishers limit article archiving

Nieman Lab

\$100 Million Award Made in Suit Over Unlicensed Robert Indiana Art

The New York Times

Combining Opposites in Creativity: Van Gogh's Contrasts

Identity and Creativity | Psychology Today

World Press Photo Contest winners cast a lens on resilience, pain and bliss

Photography | NPR

The Chief of Chicago's Science Museum Is Doing Some Experiments

The New York Times

Former MIT president says the US is losing the innovation race to China

Short Wave | All Things Considered | NPR

Campus transforms into innovation showcase at 2026 Imagine RIT

Rochester Institute of Technology

Do AI models 'understand' the real world?

Futurity

Taylor Swift Files to Trademark Her Voice and Likeness, Apparently to Protect Against AI Misuse

Variety

Self-organizing "pencil beam" laser could help scientists design brain-targeted therapies

MIT News

AI is frying our brains — here's what leaders need to do about it

Fortune

Grace Against Gravity and the Physics of Vulnerability: How Birds Fly and Why They Flock in a V Formation

The Marginalian

Largest 3D Map of the Universe Is Adding Serious Fuel to the Cosmology Crisis
Space & Spaceflight

Examining Interactions between Creativity and Professional Identity Development in Undergraduate Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Women
ASCE Library

Rehabilitating the Active Imagination: Samantha Harvey on How to Be a Reader in the Age of Fractured Attention
The Marginalian

AIDS Creeps Back in Parts of Zambia, a Year After U.S. Cuts to H.I.V. Assistance
The New York Times

5 Tall Tasks for Apple's Next C.E.O.
The New York Times

NASA's chief explains why the U.S. is in a race with China to build a moon base
Tech | Fast Company

AI State of the Union
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Warm pistachios
Seth's Blog

Why do we make robots look like ourselves?
Science | National Geographic

Billie Eilish on inventing a greener kind of concert: 'I have to try to make a change'
Environment | National Geographic

12 years ago, Kenan Thompson told 'SNL' he'd never perform in drag again. It launched careers.
Upworthy

Book bans and culture wars came for libraries. They're still standing strong
Salon

Writers Guild Ratifies Four-Year Contract Deal With Studios
The Hollywood Reporter

Jerry Saltz's '90s Art World
Vulture

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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.

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