



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

***There will be no NCN Articles of Interest next week.
The next edition will be sent on May 22nd.***

May 8, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“The enemy of art is the absence of limitations.” – Orson Welles

“It ought to be remembered that there is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.” – Niccolò Machiavelli

“The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible.” – Arthur C. Clarke

“I was brought up to believe that there is no virtue in conforming meekly to the dominant opinion of the moment. I was encouraged to believe that simple conformity results in stagnation for a society, and that American progress has been largely owing to the opportunity for experimentation, the leeway given initiative, and to a gusto and a freedom for chewing over odd ideas.” – Jane Jacobs

“You cannot rely upon what you have been taught. All you have learned from history is old ways of making mistakes. There is nothing that history can tell you about what we must do tomorrow. Only what we must not do.” – Edwin H. Land

“People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.” – Isaac Asimov

“The chief function of the body is to carry the brain around.” – Thomas A. Edison

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Join us live May 14 on YouTube for Play@TED, an event to celebrate the power of play

TED Blog
May 14

To eliminate waste, we need to rediscover thrift | Andrew Dent
TEDNYC

A tool to help keep dementia in check
CBS Sunday Morning

Beyoncé and more share the art that changed their lives
The Washington Post

Bridges should be beautiful | Ian Firth
TED2018

Before you buy anything, ask these 5 questions.
The Pink Report | Daniel Pink

Make a Lava Lamp at Home! - Experiment Time!
MayNERD's Wild World of Science

Why Rockstar David Byrne Became a U.S. Citizen
Carnegie Corporation of New York

Also
Great Immigrant: David Byrne
Carnegie Corporation of New York

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

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

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

NEW Two Federal Agencies Just Joined Forces on AI Education and Workforce Training — And There's \$224 Million on the Table

STEMconnector

Deadline: July 16

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

11 actions for the cultural and creative industries in the age of AI

Global Creative Economy Council Blog | Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre

Creative Resilience in Times of Crisis

Global Creative Economy Council Blog | Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre

How Does a Composer Feel After the World Premiere?

Freakonomics Radio

Also

What Is Money?

Freakonomics Radio

2025 Report: Inclusive Creative Economy Strategy

Upstart Co-Lab

DOGE's Termination of Humanities Grants Is Ruled Unconstitutional

The New York Times

David Attenborough Has Inspired Countless Scientists. To Mark His 100th Birthday, Here Are Ten Living Things They've Named After Him

Science + Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

Earl L. Crabb & the Basement of Ideas

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Want to be More Creative? Constrain Yourself.

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

The 'nostalgia effect': Scientists produce less disruptive work as they age

EurekAlert! | AAAS

The Founding Disciplines - A New Series Begins May 11

Bob Morrison

Emotional Well-Being

Resources | Sesame Workshop

National Science Foundation grant strengthens research

Marquette Today | Marquette University

UCLA team awarded \$5 million DARPA contract to develop AI for math advancement

Samueli School of Engineering, UCLA

New booklet aims to transform early years maths through creativity and play

Durham University

Affordability Now and in the Future

Bipartisan Policy Center

AI Won't Replace Human Creativity. It Will Unleash It.

R Street Institute

Ice Age butcher's tools are a sign of ancient humans' creativity during hard times

Phys.org

Researchers discover advanced language processing in the unconscious human brain

Baylor College of Medicine | Baylor University

Pentagon Think Tank Tests Ingenious Plan to Protect Coasts From Hurricanes—and It's Working

Earth Science | Gizmodo

Fifteen HBCUs Form Nationwide Research Coalition to Drive Innovation and Broaden Impact

People of Color in Tech | POCIT

Celebrities are filing trademarks to combat AI clones. Should you?

The Washington Post

When Airlines Remembered What Really Fuels their Business

Gapingvoid

OpenAI unveils three audio models for real-time voice tasks

Yahoo! Tech, Reuters

This Nonprofit Whispers in Hollywood's Ear About Polarization. They Hope You Tune In.

The Commons | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Google used to be a search engine. Now it wants to be everything

Tech | Fast Company

26 leaders discuss the shifting attitude toward AI

Impact Council | Fast Company

"Building the last piece of software"

IDEO Journal

UNESCO publishes study on 200 educational practices in Latin America and the Caribbean that integrate living heritage

UNESCO

How to Test Your Business Model

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Kinds of fast

Seth's Blog

Is it dance? Is it art? Brendan Fernandes defies definition

WBEZ Chicago

Inside the Shady Gig Work Creating Almost Every Viral Clip on the Internet

Slate

Explore 25 Incredible Photos of the Milky Way Captured Around the World

Colossal

The Wrong Kind of Black Poet

Compact

There Is No ‘Hard Problem Of Consciousness’

Noēma

The Beauty of Discovery - A new UW–Madison museum highlights the relationship between art and science.

On Wisconsin

‘AI is just amplifying that weakness’: The dangers of having AI draft difficult conversations for you

Work Life | Fast Company

Salesforce says it will hire 1,000 ‘AI-native’ new grads

Work Life | Fast Company

What video games taught us

Fast Company Executive Board

Why China’s feverish use of AI tools could shape how the tech is used globally

Tech | Fast Company

Dream physics

Seth’s Blog

New Kind of CRISPR Could Treat Viral Infection and Cancer by Shredding Sick Cells’ DNA

Newsroom | UHealth | University of Utah

Mark Zuckerberg ‘personally authorized’ Meta’s copyright infringement, publishers allege

AP News

Yet Another Wasted Met Gala - The evening squandered an opportunity to really make the case for fashion as art.

The Atlantic

In the age of AI, human creative output is becoming a luxury

The Conversation

Hollywood May Soon Be Able to Smooth Out Financial Woes — And Hide Bad News

The Hollywood Reporter

Photographic memory is a myth – here’s what research really says about remembering

The Conversation

NASA Just Dropped More Than 12,000 Photos from the Artemis II Mission

Colossal

Resonating Care: Iowa Program Connects Students and Elders Through Chamber Music

Arts Midwest

'A trailblazer, a rabble-rouser, a do-gooder': CNN founder Ted Turner dies at 87

All Things Considered | NPR

Also

CNN founder Ted Turner, a pioneer of cable TV news, dies at 87

CNN

Ted Turner, Creator of CNN and the 24-Hour News Cycle, Dies at 87

The New York Times

Ted Turner, the founder of CNN, dies at 87

Fast Company

Ted Turner, TV Mogul and Philanthropist, Dies at 87

Variety

Ted Turner and Rupert Murdoch: A Media Feud for the Ages

Variety

Ted Turner, Who Dared Fellow Billionaires to Give, Dies at 87

The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Ted Turner Created the 24-Hour News Cycle, Keeping the World More Informed and More Stressed

The Hollywood Reporter

Imagination as Resistance: Kate Robinson on Honoring her Father’s Legacy and Protecting Creative Spaces

1515 Lincoln Gallery

The Creativity Syndrome - Creativity is not a trait... or an ability...

Creativity Decision | Zorana Ivcevic Pringle

What happens when a song survives but the living behind it becomes optional?

Theo Edmonds | Culture Futurist®

A Rare Glimpse into the Artistic World of Eminent Scientists

The Scientist

Philadelphia Orchestra work by Gabriela Lena Frank wins Pulitzer Prize

MSN, Philadelphia Inquirer

Here are the 2026 Pulitzer Prize winners.

Literary Hub

Liberation Wins the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for Drama

Playbill

Mark Lamster, architecture critic of The Dallas Morning News, wins Pulitzer Prize for criticism

MSN, Dallas Morning News

Western music is getting simpler and more repetitive by the day data show

Phys.org

General intelligence explains the link between math and music skills

PsyPost

2026 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program

Carnegie Corporation of New York

Reality emerges

Aeon Essays

May's theme for The Art of Being Human: remembering, witnessing, being present

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain

The future of healthcare is about giving back attention

Impact Council

The Polsky Center Announces 2026 Build and Launch Summer Accelerator Cohorts

Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation | The University of Chicago

'Think outside the bots': How to stop AI from turning your brain to mush

BBC

America's Math Crisis

TIME

Mark and Mary Stevens give \$200 million to power AI research across USC

USC Today | University of Southern California

America's Most Innovative Companies

Fortune

25 Tech Insiders on the Innovations Defining American Life Today
TIME

Brain Health honors J. Craig Venter (1946–2026), the genomicist whose earliest breakthroughs began at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
EurekaAlert! | AAAS

Encouraging Creativity and Deep Reflection Through Annotation
Critical Thinking | Edutopia

The simple genius of a good graphic | Tommy McCall
TED2018

Disney+ Will Become ‘Immersive, Interactive Digital Centerpiece’ of the Company, CEO Josh D’Amaro Says
Variety

Shrinkflation Is Quietly Making All Gadgets Worse
Gadgets | Gizmodo

The War on Iran Is Fueling an Energy Crisis. This Wasted Gas Could Help
Energy | Gizmodo

First, the F.B.I. Searched Her Home. Then, She Won a Pulitzer.
The New York Times

Opinion | Pablo Torre left the worldwide leader in sports to start a podcast. It just won a Pulitzer.
Poynter

Who is Peter Arnell, America’s new chief brand architect?
Design | Fast Company

The towering sets for Broadway’s ‘The Lost Boys’ have audiences gasping. Here’s how the designer pulled it off
Fast Company

TED2026: All of Us — in photos
Live from TED2026

Also
Experience the “Loop” at TED2026 — in photos
Live from TED2026

Scott Turow’s latest real-life legal thriller: Suing Meta for copyright infringement
Technology | NPR

We Must Think Less Like Engineers and More Like Gardeners
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Your work diary

Seth's Blog

But is it a business?

Seth's Blog

Meet the conservationist helping people live with wild animals

Animals | National Geographic

Was Adam Smith Really a Right-Winger? (Update)

Freakonomics Radio

F.D.A. Blocked Publication of Research Finding Covid and Shingles Vaccines Were Safe

The New York Times

Opinion | I'm a Doctor. Here's What A.I. Cannot Do.

Guest Essay | The New York Times

What Do We Lose When 'The Late Show' Goes Away?

The New York Times

'Point of no return': New Orleans relocation must start now due to sea level, study finds

The Guardian

AI-generated actors and scripts are now ineligible for Oscars

TechCrunch

The Old Guard - Confronting America's gerontocratic crisis

Harper's Magazine

AI Is Changing Creative Work, but the Arts Aren't Disappearing

Workplace | Gallup

Lauren Sánchez Bezos says the future of art needs investment ahead of Met Gala with Jeff Bezos

HOLA

Stanford Merges AI and Data Science Efforts Under Single Institute

Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence | Stanford University

The Workforce Is Aging. Here's Why That's Good News.

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

The Creator of 'Star Wars' Loves Art That Tells a Story. Peek at the Collection of George Lucas' New Museum Before It Opens This Fall

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

AI music is flooding streaming services — but who wants it?

The Verge

Tony Nominations 2026: 'The Lost Boys,' 'Schmigadoon!' Dominate With 12 Nods
Variety

The 2026 Met Gala dress code is "Fashion is Art". But is it?
The Conversation

So, About That AI Bubble - Thanks to the rise of Claude Code and other AI agents, revenues are finally catching up to the hype.
The Atlantic

MIT's virtual violin offers luthiers a new design tool
Ars Technica

Awe-some, Awe-filled April
The Art of Being Human | Sam Chaltain

Five Rules for Getting Out of Your Own Way
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Scientists Are Starting to Unlock the Nanoscale Secrets of the Immune System
WIRED

What if Dark Matter Doesn't Actually Exist?
Space & Spaceflight | Gizmodo

It's May! Here's the Month's Best Nonfiction
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Nicole Hollander, Acerbic Feminist Cartoonist, Dies at 86
The New York Times

How A.I. Is Transforming China's Entertainment Industry
The New York Times

Opinion | In a Small Iowa Town, a Solution to a National Crisis
The Opinions | The New York Times

The Super Shoe's Step-by-Step Evolution
The New York Times

Paul Allen's bioscience institute gets a refreshingly playful new brand
Design | Fast Company

This website takes the cacophony of NYC's subway and turns it into jazz music
Design | Fast Company

This NASA astronaut has spent years shaping the future of spaceflight. Now he's finally heading to orbit
Tech | Fast Company

Winning with Artificial Intelligence in 90 Days
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Trained equanimity and a bias toward action
Seth's Blog

Nostalgia can be fatal
Seth's Blog

Unlocking Better Mental Health Through Creativity
Logged In and Stressed Out | Psychology Today

The Future Is Fiction
Dear Life, Please Improve | Psychology Today

How Sylvester Stallone Rescued the First Rambo Film With a Radical Recut, Cutting It From 3½ Hours to 93 Minutes
Open Culture

Another Reason the White House Ballroom Is an Eyesore
Culture | The Atlantic

Consumers sue to block Paramount-Warner Bros. deal
MSN, Los Angeles Times

Trump's Vision for 'Garden of Heroes' Keeps Getting Bigger and Higher in Cost
The New York Times

What Is Authorship When Machines Can Write?
The MIT Press Reader

Harvard's 'Annoying Socratic Gadfly' Takes a Victory Lap
The Chronicle of Higher Education

How to Make the Impossible Possible: Cristina Campo on the Crucial Difference Between Hope and Trust
The Marginalian

Karen Bass Joins Mayoral Rival Nithya Raman in Supporting Unlimited Film Incentive
Variety

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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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