National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

October 23, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” – Walt Disney

“Nothing is unthinkable, nothing impossible to the balanced person, provided it comes out of the needs of life and is dedicated to life's further development.” – Lewis Mumford

“There are two worlds: the world that we can measure with line and rule, and the world we feel with our hearts and imagination.” – Leigh Hunt

“We sometimes talk as if "original research" were a peculiar prerogative of scientists or at least of advanced students. But all thinking is research, and all research is native, original, with him who carries it on, even if everybody else in the world already is sure of what he is still looking for.” – John Dewey

“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.” – Alvin Toffler

“Education doesn’t transform the world. Education changes people. People change the world.” – Paulo Freire

“In the end, science offers us the only way out of politics. And if we allow science to become politicized, then we are lost. We will enter the Internet version of the dark ages, an era of shifting fears and wild prejudices, transmitted to people who don't know any better.” – Michael Crichton

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Toward depth
Seth’s Blog

How Learning Happens Through Interaction: A Conversation with Rogers Hall
The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer

Writing Books in the Age of AI with Barbara Kingsolver, Min Jin Lee, and Ann Patchett
On with Kara Swisher

Jan Tumlir, 2026 Rabkin Prize winner
The Rabkin Foundation

Announcing the Inaugural Recipients of the 2026 Spector Craft Prize
Spector Craft Prize

Adam Savage Meets the Stop-Motion Puppets of LAIKA Studios!
Adam Savage's Tested and LAIKA Studios

What can a fruit fly teach us about human brain?
West Virginia E News

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 We're inviting schools worldwide to join us as Crayola Creativity Week Global Ambassadors!
Crayola
Deadline: November 30

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

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A Creative State of Mind Starts with Curiosity and Pronoia
3 Quarks Daily

What Will A.I. Do to (and for) Human Creativity?
Freakonomics Radio

MLB's most clever logo was created by an Eau Claire art major
UpNorthNews

More Than an Art Teacher: How One Brooklyn Educator Is Using Creativity to Transform His School
Brooklyn Paper

The Ford Foundation will throw more weight behind democracy
Foundation Giving | The Chronicle of Philanthropy

Danny McBride and Beeple talk AI, jobs, and the business of creativity
CHS Today

2026 Engineering, Science & Technology Emmys Honor More Than a Century of Innovation
Television Academy

Why Place Matters More Than Ever In An Age of Innovation
British Land

Astronomers challenge dating of Van Gogh's Starry Night
The Guardian

The Creativity Con Ate the Middle Class
Jacobin

Q&A: How AI came to model the "messy" human mind
MIT News

Remixing the Future: Co-designing an AI Tool to Support Creativity and Literacy with Teachers and Students
Joan Ganz Cooney Center | Sesame Workshop

Michael Preston on Why Children Should Help Design the Technology They Use
All Tech Is Human

Screens Ubiquitous in Classrooms; Teachers Split on Efficacy
Gallup

Art at the Extremes of Exploration
Issues in Science and Technology

Robert Rauschenberg: Reinventing the Art of Flight
Issues in Science and Technology

A Tradition of Federal Innovation
Issues in Science and Technology

Stone Age Rock & Roll
Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Microsoft Says Its New AI Is More Than Twice as Good at Diagnosing Diseases as Doctors
Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Elon Musk Just Invested $1 Billion in the Company Set to Air a Documentary About Him: Report
Culture | Gizmodo

The New Age of Reading
The New Yorker

Nearly All of the World's Shallow Coral Reefs Are Now Critically Endangered
The New York Times

Scientists trap and tame a single particle of antimatter for months
Northwestern Now | Northwestern University

Now Is the Time for National Service
Carnegie Reporter | Andrew Carnegie Foundation

These 'everywhere millionaires' reveal a hidden engine of American wealth
Work Life | Fast Company

AI companies say they want to give billions away. Will they actually do it?
Tech | Fast Company

The old-fashioned paycheck fails the modern workforce
Fast Company Executive Board

Young people are using AI for mental health support
Impact Council | Fast Company

The sonic emotional anchors of our lives
Impact Council | Fast Company

Gen Z's mental health is declining—but baby boomers are only getting happier
Fast Company

Americans are abandoning a weekly habit that's been part of everyday life for decades
Fast Company

Electronic Arts lays off 400 in latest blow to beleaguered gaming industry
Work Life | Fast Company

MIT researchers stranded an AI agent on a desert island. What happened could change how robots are trained
Fast Company

He left Chile on foot to England 28 years ago. He's almost finally home
Morning Edition | NPR

Watching Wolves, Watching Ourselves
American Scientist

A Triple-Threat Strategy for Making Progress
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

The relentless math of bandwagoning
Seth's Blog

Hundreds Sue Meta for Copyright Infringement, Rejecting Class Action Payouts
Publishers Weekly

AI creates art in seconds, but creative growth still matters, paper argues
Tech Xplore

Supreme Court recusals stop music case in its tracks, strike warning note
All Things Considered | NPR

One Season in, Is the International Dance League's Quest to "Sportify" Dance Working?
Dance Magazine

The Man Who Taught Us How to Pay Attention
The New York Times Magazine

Total Historian
The Ideas Letter

Hallucination & Understanding in the Age of AI
Arts Management and Technology Laboratory

The age of initiative
Seth's Blog

'America's Hometown Movie Theaters' Preserves 400 Historic Cinemas Before Their Stories Disappear
That Eric Alper

This Poem Will Hit You Where You Live
The New York Times

GM wants to turn your car into a personal AI assistant on wheels
Fast Company

To 'change the perception of materials,' this museum started with its own annex
Design | Fast Company

Why the NFL is painting a giant mural on the end zones of this football field
Design | Fast Company

From Ideas to Impact: College of Engineering Launches Innovation & Impact Initiative
Arkansas News | University of Arkansas College of Engineering

Why AI Cannot Replace the Transformative Power of Human Creativity
Neuroscience News

Could thoughtful 'AI art' counter the rise of 'AI slop'? Why creatives today face a paradox
The Conversation

Do people become less creative as they get older? Research makes surprising discovery
Psychology | The Guardian

will.i.am, Michael Crow and others discuss AI's future and purposes for student creativity
The State Press

This Moment Calls for Wisdom -- But What Kind?
Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

She Painted the First Known Self-Portrait of an Artist at Work—and Signed It—Nearly 500 Years Ago. Who Was Catharina van Hemessen?
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Where Exactly Were the First Humans to Be Captured in a Photograph Standing? Three Obsessed Filmmakers Solved the Nearly 200-Year-Old Mystery
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

The World is Not A Beta Test
Gapingvoid

5 Ways to Cultivate Deep Curiosity in Science Class
Inquiry-Based Learning | Edutopia

California Tried to Jumpstart the Film Economy. Production Keeps Falling.
Variety

Do Gorillas Laugh? Grieve? Could They Fight a Hippopotamus? An Expert Answers Questions About the Impressive Primates
Animals | Ask the Experts | National Geographic

The dramatic race to discover Insulin
Throughline | NPR

Sentenced to death at 17, at 68, quilt artist receives solo museum exhibition
All Things Considered | NPR

Eight scientists advancing astronomy, health and new materials in Mexico receive the national For Women in Science award
UNESCO

How to Save the World's Largest Lemurs? Listen to Their Songs.
Animals | National Geographic

Guy finds long-forgotten album in a thrift shop, reunites the band, and is sharing their music with the world
Upworthy

Edward Berger Says Movie Biz "Needed Netflix To Wake Up" The Industry But Studios Can Now "Inspire" The Streamer
Deadline

Wikipedia's Pyrrhic Victory
The New Yorker

Adaptive Guitars for Every Body Get Custom-Built in Iowa
Arts Midwest

NAM Elects 100 New Members for 2026
National Academy of Medicine

The Copyright Act Turns 50: An Inside View from the Copyright Office
Copyright: Creativity at Work | Library of Congress Blog

5 Ways to Use AI Without Losing Your Edge
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Why One of the World's Greatest Mathematicians Is on a 'War Footing'
The New York Times

America's Independent Schools Have a Growing Access Problem
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The Dark Side of Devotion
Gapingvoid

The Right Words in the Right Order - Notes on the Literacy Crisis
The Ideas Letter

Embrace the Genius of the Obvious
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

How New Ideas Actually Happen — The Making of the New Part 3
Medium

America's new era of private science
The Economist

What happens to innovation after Big Tech buys a startup
Centre for Economic Policy Research

Experienced researchers 'disrupt' less than rookie scientists — but their ideas last
Nature

Ideas Made to Matter Innovation - How to level up systematic innovation with AI
MIT Sloan School of Management

A Tradition of Federal Innovation
Issues in Science and Technology

When AI can create anything, what makes human creativity matter?
EurekAlert! | AAAS

How AI And Quantum Are Helping Clarify Humanity's Biggest Enigmas
Forbes

Critical minerals: The elements of innovation
U.S. National Science Foundation

The brain doesn't process emotion the way we thought
Scientific American

Symposium highlights MIT's wide range of innovations for aging brain health
MIT News

Art's Role in Connecting Communities - Students collaborated with pop art icon and CMU alumnus Burton Morris on a Fence design to commemorate the launch of CMU Miami
Carnegie Mellon University

Inspiring and Preserving Creativity
Nebraska Public Media

Handwashing changed medicine. AI could too, if hospitals stop treating it like traditional software
Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Why Live Nation is going all-in on designing its own concert venues
Design | Fast Company

Curiosity is a competitive advantage
Leadership | Fast Company

This audio system combines vinyl, tape, and CDs with a sprinkle of Dieter Rams
Design | Fast Company

Nonfiction Is Struggling. Publishers Are Making It Worse
The Walrus

Wonder-Centered Education Begins With Educators
Tracking Wonder | Psychology Today

Lead Like a Follower, Follow Like a Leader
Connect to Creativity | Psychology Today

The NSF's Strategy for Developing American Talent
Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

When Winning Becomes Losing
Gapingvoid

The Race for Hydrogen Fuel Has Taken These Scientists to the Arctic Seafloor. But Can They Unlock Its Secrets Before It's Too Late?
Science and Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Don't Know How Mars Acquired Its Two Moons. Japan Just Launched a Historic Space Mission That Will Fetch Samples to Find Out
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

This Dog Learned to Sniff Out a Slimy Marine Invader Called 'Sea Vomit'—a Skill That Earned Her the Animal of the Year Award
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

The Danger of Getting Too Close to a Source
The New Yorker

What It Took for Nikole Hannah-Jones to Write About Her Daughter's Distress
The New York Times

In Her Own Words: Sabrina Kemeny helped change the way the world takes pictures
Bizwomen

The Rabkin Prize Turns 10. Now, Let's Get Together
The Rabkin Reader | The Rabkin Foundation

Peter Jackson Just Got an Ultra-Rare Extinct Moa Egg Back to New Zealand With the Help of De-Extinction Startup
Conservation | Gizmodo

Netflix Is Great at Making Money. Its Problem Is Keeping Viewers Hooked.
The New York Times

Felicity Green, British Tabloid Editor Who Championed the Mini, Dies at 100
The New York Times

Scientists Just Revived Pig Kidneys Frozen for a Year. It Could Rewrite the Future of Organ Transplants
Health | Gizmodo

New AI tool can predict cancer survival by a single patient selfie, study suggests
AI | The Guardian

COMIC: Backpacking teaches artist lessons in patience, trust and friendship
The Picture Show | NPR

6 things you should know on World Polio Day
Gates Notes

Are Private Equity Firms Plundering the U.S. Economy? (Update)
Freakonomics Radio

Good Design Speaks For Itself, And These A' Design Award Winners Say It Best
DesignTAXI

Why Real Paintings Can Look AI-Generated
The Pursuit of Fun | Psychology Today

Evaluating the Impact of Environmental Art
Resilient Humanity | Psychology Today

UWM Battery Researcher Uses Creative Chemistry to Solve Environmental Problems
Newswise, UWM

YouTube is looking to expand into audiobooks
MSN, The Wall Street Journal

Zombie Copyright: déjà vu all over again
Lawrence Lessig

Why the Internet Needs a Memory
Artificial Intelligence | The Atlantic

Netflix, America's Dominant Streaming Service, Has Hit a Wall
The Wall Street Journal

Revisit Claes Oldenburg's Seminal 'Six Themes' 50 Years After Its Debut
Colossal

Apocalypse Now and Then
Equator

Get to know the 29 projects shaping the future of Knight communities – Meet the recipients of the 2026 Knight Cities Challenge.
Knight Foundation

Christiane Amanpour announces she will leave CNN next June
CNN

Audio | 50 Years In, What's the Point of U2? Bono and the Edge Have Answers.
The New York Times

10 Black scientists whose groundbreaking contributions deserve more recognition
The Grio

From Scientist to Innovator: Learning What It Takes to Bring Technology to Market
Purdue Research Foundation

UNESCO Creative Cities Design Forum explores human-centred AI and design practices in Shanghai
UNESCO

Why Artificial Intelligence Could Threaten The Future Of Science
Forbes

How A Rockefeller Is Changing The Art World For Women
Forbes

Love After Life: Nobel-Winning Physicist Richard Feynman's Extraordinary Letter to His Departed Wife
The Marginalian

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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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