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today, he correctly points out, comes from humility.

- Make sense

Beauty and order in a home lie in the way it makes sense to you, said Leaman, who finds beauty in the relationship of objects. Why did you place this here, next to this? he wonders. "I put my dog-treat jar next to the tea kettle," he said, "because, when I'm making hot tea, a treat for me, as I stand there, I give the dogs a treat for them. That's intentional. It makes sense to me."

- Create room for what you care about

Look around and ask what matters, what makes you feel at home

in your home, what defines you? Maybe it's your books, your tie collection, your vintage record albums, your artwork, your car, or your assorted sunhats. Note this distinction: When you look at an item or collection do you say, "That's mine," or, more deeply, "That's me"? Those belongings you most closely identify with are often the ones that tell your story. Create a beautiful space for them.

- Note where you feel most at home in your home

For some it's the bath, for others it's the kitchen or their studio. Figure where and when you feel most connected with your home, where it fills you with the most meaning, figure out why and try make more places in your home conjure that feeling.

- Just show up.

"Home is where we celebrate love, and where we celebrate the journey of our lives," Leaman said, speaking more fortune cookie. "The secret of parenting is to just show up every day. Isn't having a long-term relationship with another human being most important? What means more than saying 'I love you' and 'I won't turn my back'?" That, I learned, is standing in love.

That's all.

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Creating a space for what's important, as the owner of this music collection has done, is one of the secrets to creating a feeling of belonging at home, says Edward Leaman, the man behind the brand at California Closets. Photo courtesy of California Closets

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Open HOUSES

Open Houses Sunday, April 30, 2023



5309 Ohio St, South Charleston
\$140,000
 2:00-4:00 PM

2 Bedroom, 2 Bath ranch-style home located in South Charleston. The living room has natural light and opens to the dining room. A partial basement that has laundry/storage on one side and finished space on the other. Outside features include a fenced-in yard, 2 car garage, and small cozy porch on the front and back. DIRECTIONS: I-64 take MacCorkle Ave SW exit (#54). L onto MacCorkle Ave. L on Rock Lake Dr. R on Kentucky St. L on West Ave. L on Ohio. Home on the right.

Ashley Roberts
 304-547-2208



32 First Ave, Hometown
\$250,000
 2:00-4:00 PM

Beautiful riverfront brick rancher with walkout basement. This lovely home has an open floor plan that affords great entertaining opportunities. There are 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths on the main floor, and one bedroom and half bath in the basement. Gorgeous house-length covered deck overlooking the Kanawha River. An attached 1 car garage and parking for up to 10 vehicles make this a very desirable home.

Kellen McClure
 304.550.0447



14 Lakeview Drive, Nitro
\$369,000
 2:00-4:00 PM

Stately & spacious two-story nestled on 2+ acres in Lakeview Estates! Features include light-filled family room with soaring ceilings, kitchen with tons of cabinet space & walk-in pantry, & expansive primary with en-suite & multiple closets! Plentiful storage throughout, including large storage area off the two-car attached garage. For the outdoor enthusiast, there's a large front & side yard with the perfect setup for fire pit or playground, or the popular Ridenour Lake is just down the street!

Kresta Hill
 304-687-8582



457 Inez Road, Ravenswood
\$304,900
 2:00-4:00 PM

Enjoy a possible five bedroom home, massive rec room with possible bar area! New flooring on the main floor! Generac generator! Seven-stall horse barn with very large tack room!... and all on a 4.6 acre lot! DIRECTIONS: From Ripley exit, Turn right, 4th stop light turn left on Rt. 21 N, .6 miles make slight left onto Ravenswood Pike, Go 6 miles turn left onto Crooked Run Rd., Go 2 miles make sharp right onto Inez Rd.

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