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## Kentucky lawmakers honor Sharonville painter Jim Hall

Lawmakers in Frankfort gave a standing ovation during their session Wednesday, honoring a late Kentucky-born artist who created a new art form.

Painter Jim Hall, who lived most of his life in Sharonville, developed his Lineism technique after a case of the Shingles virus temporarily marred his vision, causing him to see in all vertical lines.

Hall feared he was going blind but instead of panicking, he started painting what he was seeing. While the lines eventually faded from his vision, Hall continued to paint in the Lineism style, creating more than 100 works before he died in 2017 at the age of 84.

Hall's inspiring story was captured by filmmakers Steve Oldfield and Jim Hampton who created the award-winning documentary, "Lines of Sight," currently airing on KET.

"I know Jim (Hall) was with us in the House gallery," said Oldfield, who was recognized during the tribute along with his mother Jean, a friend of Hall's, and the artist's son Mike Hall and daughter-in-law, Dena.

"We were all tearing up thinking about Jim and seeing the respect lawmakers and visitors had for him after hearing his story," Oldfield said.

State Rep. Rick Rand, who represents Henry County where Hall grew up, drafted a resolution to honor the painter.

"When I saw the documentary on KET, I thought, 'What an inspiring story,'" Rand said. "Hall is a role model for all Kentuckians to follow when faced with adversity." Thanks to Rand, Hall's story is now part of the historical record in the House of Representatives.

"This all means so much to our family," said Mike Hall. "I know Dad was here with us, smiling from ear-to-ear."

The resolution will be featured in a traveling Art Exhibit about Hall created by Oldfield and Hampton called "Lineism Revealed." It premiered at the Behringer Crawford Museum in 2017 and is headed to Thomas More University later this year, where Oldfield lectures in the Communication Department.

Hall's son Mike is organizing the sale of a dozen of his father's paintings next month. They will be auctioned through Everything But The House, April 1-7.

Ryan Johnson



Jim Hall's son Mike (left) holds a resolution drafted by Rep. Rick Rand (center) honoring the late painter and filmmaker Steve Oldfield who chronicled Hall's story in the documentary "Lines of Sight." PROVIDED

## Wyoming Woman's Club to hear about BLINK 2019

Tamara Harkavy, CEO and Artistic Director of ArtWorks, will explain to the Wyoming Woman's Club what is needed to make BLINK 2019 happen.

The inaugural BLINK Cincinnati in October, 2017 was a free, four-day art and light festival that transformed the City's buildings and sidewalks from the Ohio River banks to Findlay Market.

Over one million people attended the 21 light projections in 2017 with estimates that 2019 will be bigger and brighter. Tamara Harkavy will shed light on what to expect in October, 2019.

The Club will meet on Monday, April 1 at 11:30 at the Wyoming Civic Center, 1 Worthington Ave. For membership information, call 931-9218.

Debby Gieseker

## Community collaborations concert

In celebration of Women's History month, differing communities are gathering in song in Lower Price Hill.

MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir, in collaboration with the Indianapolis Women's Chorus, will perform at The Sanctuary in Lower Price Hill on March 23 at 3 p.m.

In addition to powerful music, Community Matters and Over-the-Rhine Community Housing will present information on their collaboration project, LPH Thrives.

There will be opportunities to engage with each organization, including ticket deals for upcoming concerts. This concert is free to everyone who lives in Lower Price Hill and is

just a suggested donation of \$10 for those coming from outside of the neighborhood.

All proceeds go to Community Matters, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, MUSE, and Indianapolis Women's Chorus to help support their continued work in building strong and supportive communities. Come celebrate the diversity living within our community and these organizations.

Donations will be accepted through the link in this event before March 23 as well as at the event.

This concert will be interpreted in ASL for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Deanna Ashworth

## A year of horticultural therapy

Please join us for this program by Jan Doherty at Faith Lutheran Church, 8265 Winton Road (near Galbraith) on Thursday, March 28 at 1 p.m.

Jan is the author of "A Calendar Year of Horticultural Therapy", and has had nine years of experience in providing horticultural therapy to children and seniors in the Tri-state area.

Admission is free. Please contact Sally at (513) 541-2341 for reservations. Enter through rear of building.

Sally Veigel



Wyoming P&G alumnus Ben Chapman (left). PROVIDED

## Wyoming P&amp;G alum helps bring computers to Guatemalan schools

Four middle schools in rural Guatemala will receive computers for the first time thanks in part to Wyoming P&G alumnus Ben Chapman. Chapman helped nonprofit Cooperative for Education (CoEd) receive a \$20,000 grant for Computer Centers from the P&G Alumni Foundation Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

The \$20,000 Chapman helped obtain will help create four Computer Centers at Xajajac, Cerro de Oro, Serchil, and Chixajau middle schools in Guatemala's impoverished Western Highlands. Each center will house approximately 20 computers purchased from Guatemalan providers. Each year, the centers will provide roughly

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Muse, Cincinnati Women's Choir, directed by Jillian Harris-Jones. TRACY L. WILSON/PROVIDED



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425 youth with the skills and training necessary to compete for better jobs in Guatemala.

Students at Xajaxac are thrilled for the opportunity to receive computer classes in their very own school. Right now, if they want to learn these crucial job skills and have any hope of a life beyond poverty, they must travel 10 miles to the nearest computer lab in Sololá—an insurmountable obstacle for many.

The four new Computer Centers inaugurated thanks to the P&G Alumni Foundation Fund mark a milestone achievement: bringing the total number of CoEd Computer Centers to 50. The 50 centers serve more than 13,000 students in the indigenous Maya communities of Guatemala's Western Highlands. A recent study showed that 95% of Computer Centers graduates have found employment or furthered their education.

Chapman is deeply connected to both P&G and CoEd. Chapman retired from P&G in 2000 after spending 33 years in product development, research development, and packaging. He was awarded 32 U.S. and international patents during his tenure. Chapman first became a CoEd supporter in 2012 and has since joined the Board of Directors, served on the Finance and Development Committees, and spent numerous hours as an office volunteer.

The P&G Alumni Foundation Fund is part of the P&G Alumni Network's commitment to improving the quality of life by economically empowering individuals in need around the world. Cooperative for Education (CoEd)'s mission is to help Guatemalan schoolchildren break the cycle of poverty through education. CoEd was founded in 1996 by two Xavier University graduates and has offices in both Cincinnati and Guatemala City.

For more information about CoEd, please visit [www.cooperativeforeducation.org](http://www.cooperativeforeducation.org).

This project was funded in part by a grant from the P&G Alumni Foundation Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Elizabeth Ruwe

## Matt's 5k Pursuit

The 14th Annual Matt's 5k Pursuit benefits The Matt Haverkamp Foundation (non profit) whose mission is to help police agencies in greater Cincinnati & N. Kentucky.

As of this date, the Foundation has funded 63 K9's, heat alarms for their vehicles, training equipment & protective vests. The 5k is a beautiful walk or run through Spring Grove Cemetery, kids fun run, meet & greet with some of our K9's & their handlers, have a K9 demonstration, award ceremony. Can register through website [mattshaverkamp.com](http://mattshaverkamp.com). Pre-register until March 22 and can register day of the event.

Nancy Haverkamp

## Embellish Salon &amp; Spa grand opening, ribbon cutting

Delhi Township will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for Embellish Salon and Spa on March 27, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to join the elected officials and staff as they inaugurate the opening of the new business.

Embellish Salon and Spa owner, Amanda Becker, is happy to be back in Delhi where she began her career working in the beauty care industry twenty years ago. She is very excited to have working with her a very talented and experienced team of operators: Ally Lay (Hair Stylist), Rian Black (Hair Stylist), and Megan Steiner (Massage Therapist).

The new salon and spa, which officially opened on December 1, 2018, offers a wide range of basic and extended services for every member of the family.

Hours of operation: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (9 a.m. – 9 p.m.), Fridays (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and Saturdays (7 a.m. – 5 p.m.). Closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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Lori Studt

## Clothing giveaway

The Church of Christ at Groesbeck, 8209 Chesswood Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, is hosting a free clothing giveaway on March 23 from 9 a.m. until noon.

We have a variety of clothes for men, women and children. There are a lot of clothes for women and children. There is also shoes for women. Along with the clothing there is also some small appliances and some furniture.

These items are free, and no donations will not be accepted. As a congregation, according to their minister, Dr. Mark Phillips, "the congregation desires to be of benefit to the community."

There are no income stipulations and the only request is that people take what they can use and not for resale in a garage sale.

The church also offers free undenominational Bible study materials.

Mark Phillips

## Computer Cooperative helping community again with March Monitor Madness

All over the USA, millions are breathlessly awaiting March Madness, when teams take to the basketball court hoping to be in the Final



A trained volunteer refurbishes a computer. PROVIDED

Four. Brackets will be broken, snacks will be consumed, and bleary eyed fans will stay up way too late watching the action.

This year, the Cincinnati Computer Cooperative is playing along by sponsoring March Monitor Madness. During March, monitors that usually cost \$30 to \$80 are just \$5 with the purchase of a computer system. And nonprofits get their monitors for free.

"We really just wanted to help the community and have some fun at the same time," said Frank Adams, Executive Director. "In particular, we wanted to help nonprofits. Many of them are using this to set up mini computer labs for their clients, so the effect is multiplied."

The Cincinnati Computer Cooperative is a community nonprofit that refurbishes high quality donated computers, installs free, licensed Microsoft Office software and sells the computers at a very low cost to those in need. All of the Cooperative's computers always start at \$150 and always include free pre-installed Microsoft Office software and virus protection.

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