

Room to Breathe

A SUNROOM to Fit Your Lifestyle



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visiting from California and remembers that they were surprised it did not get really hot in the room in summer.

Since adding the room, they say that their 40-year-old home now seems more updated and open. Outside, the room does not look like an add-on but blends in with the existing architecture. Inside, there are no doors from their family room going into the sunroom for a more continuous feel.

Charlotte creates beaded jewelry and says she often works in the sunroom because the light is so good and helps her

in matching colors. Once or twice a year she has an open house where friends and family can purchase her jewelry. Many of the accessories are displayed in the sunroom for the occasion.

The next stop in our journey is Lancaster to visit the sunroom of Bruce and Laura. Their *230 Sun & Stars Straight Eave* has become a central hub of energy and activity for them and their three children. The room receives daily use as it features carpeted living space and an extension of their kitchen where family meals are shared.

Laura says she uses the room the most because the light from the glass ceiling is great for reading. As an active second-grade teacher, she uses the room to complete her schoolwork in the late afternoon or evening. The family has also found the light from the room has

been helpful in fighting Seasonal Affective Disorder (a type of depression that affects a person during the cold, bleak winter months). They all take turns sitting there when “down in the dumps.” When hosting parties and family gatherings, there is much more room for guests as the home has become more open.

After walking in the front door, relatives and visitors are drawn to the light of the sunroom. The family recently had 19 cheerleaders over to the home and their mothers asked “Can I bring my husband over to see this?”

Prior to adding the sunroom, they had an attached screened-in porch already connected to the house that they wanted to use year-round. Now from inside their sunroom, the family can watch the birds, squirrels, and chipmunks all year. In the spring and summer, the family enjoys the breeze from opening the windows. This summer, they plan on adding a water feature and landscaping outside to enhance the room.

Laura says that her decorating style is simple in furnishing the room. Two ficus trees, decorated with white lights, along with other plants help to create a relaxing atmosphere. The furniture colors are light and airy including blue, green, white, and tan. The walls are painted tan and finished with white trim. Outside, the family decorates the room with white lights.

The family often watches the flat-screen television in the room. Adding to the family-oriented function of the space is a digital picture frame that generates lots of conversation with friends and family as it features photos of family functions and parties and the kids’ homecoming parties.

The sunroom has been central in celebrating special occasions. After her homecoming dance, teenage daughter Abby brought her friends home for snacks and hanging out in the sunroom. Laura made the occasion extra special

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by lighting several tea light candles in the sunroom along with scented vanilla candles to add to the ambience. The reflection of the candles on the glass walls and ceiling against the night sky was breathtaking and even the teenagers were excited. The family also rung in the new year by candlelight.

Now, let us relax a bit from an active central gathering place of Bruce and

Laura’s to the serene atmosphere of Brian and Karen’s *230 Sun & Stars Cathedral* sunroom in Mount Holly Springs. The couple wanted to add their sunroom for some additional living space for themselves and their son, Cameron, who is in college.

According to Brian, their home now has a more open feeling due to the glass ceiling. The sunroom allows him



While a sunroom may seem like a simple expansion of living space, customers at Four Seasons Sunrooms report that the space has become their own unique retreat to relax and express themselves. In this feature, four customers have invited you to bask in the sunshine in their sunrooms and experience each of their distinct personalities.

Relaxation is a top priority for retirees David and Charlotte of Harrisburg, when escaping to their *System 8 Georgian* conservatory. Charlotte begins her day with the birds as she reads the newspaper there and often opens a book after the two eat dinner in the room. In the summertime, her Bible study group loves to gather in the room, and it is her grandchildren’s favorite place to have lunch. To ensure the space remains a soothing place to visit, they have ruled

against a television in the room.

The couple has invested great energy in making this a relaxing space in their home. The furnishings feature traditional earth tones with a creative, bold burnt orange paint on the walls. David stained the wood that is featured on the interior of the room. The couple lived in Japan for three years, so this important part of their life is highlighted with oriental pictures and accessories inhabiting the room. Lamps, tables, and an area rug also give the space a cozy feel.

David & Charlotte wanted to add a sunroom to their home because their old, brick patio’s extreme temperatures and insects prevented year-round enjoyment of the space. Now the couple appreciates their beautiful backyard and trees in the comfort of their relaxing sunroom. Charlotte shares the story of her cousins



Mary Kay takes a nap or reads daily in the room to get some exposure from the sun. She enjoys watching and hearing the birds. Mary Kay is not alone in enjoying the birds. Divot, their 4-year-old kitty, often joins her perching on the back of a chair.

Mary Kay admits that she has always been oriented towards nature and the outdoors and tends to have a free spirit. In keeping with her personality, she went to great lengths in decorating the room to match. She had two comfy club chairs recovered with lime-green material featuring dragonflies. The room also features a television over the fireplace, bistro chairs and table for dining in the evenings, two wicker loveseats, and an ottoman. Some floor lamps, plants, and a bookshelf add to the relaxing and at-home atmosphere of the room.

From our visits to the quintessential retirees' relaxation room to the bustling command central for a family with three teenagers, we hope you have seen that each sunroom Four Seasons Sunrooms builds is different. Let us help you to create some room to breathe that coincides with your personality and lifestyle.

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to enjoy nature and the nearby woods from inside his home. He says, "It's like camping without the inconvenience!" He added that when it rains he loves hearing it hit the glass roof also like camping. Ten minutes prior to speaking to us, he looked out of his sunroom and saw a few deer.

The sole purpose of the sunroom is relaxation. The atmosphere of the room is comfy and casual. It is practically decorated with a couch, television, table for snacking, chairs, and a larger table for three people.

After Four Seasons Sunrooms design consultant Ralph McKnight presented the family with his original design for the room, Cameron came up with the room's final design for Ralph and even placed the pieces of furniture on his

plan using his computer.

A central focal point of the room over the holidays was the 10-foot Christmas tree adorned with colored lights. The gorgeous reflections on the glass created much excitement among the family and visitors.

Brian, Karen, and Cameron are not the only family members who enjoy the sunroom. Two-year-old golden retriever Grace loves to lay in the sunroom ready to respond energetically to wildlife coming out of the woods.

Leave your stress at the door and step into Thomas and Mary Kay's 230 *Sun & Stars Straight Eave* sunroom in Carlisle. As a busy part-owner of several independent insurance agencies, Tom wanted a space for entertaining and

unwinding from a hectic day. The couple now enjoys the backyard of their property from the comforts of inside their home.

With the sunroom's light, Mary Kay says that winter has become so much more bearable even when it's cloudy! She also admits that rain and snow are very relaxing when experienced from the interior of the sunroom. During the summer, she loves the room because she puts screens in the windows to enjoy the fresh air.

The couple live on a golf course, and the wind blows very hard! Guests sit in the sunroom when it is windy, and they add that the room is so calm and stable that you can't hear the wind from the shelter of the room.

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