

Creating Adaptable Rooms For Ever-Changing Lifestyles

(NAPSA)—Today's families are balancing more interests than ever, and space to handle them all is becoming a big consideration. Adaptable rooms that change with family needs is a must for the modern family. Needs can range from an in-home office to a guest room for extended family; from a computer room for the kids, to a quiet get-away for adults. Flexibility is key.

For many homeowners the answer has been a sunroom—a room with plenty of design versatility. Surrounded by glass, with nature as the primary décor, sunrooms can serve just about any family purpose—from a kids' activities room, to an in-home office, exercise room or place for relaxation.

Often built off the back of a home or created by enclosing an existing porch or deck, sunrooms are comprised of large sliding glass doors and windows and open ceilings that capture natural sunlight. The look and feel of these rooms change from sunrise to sunset and from season to season.

"We've hosted large dinner parties in our sunroom but our grandchildren also like to camp out in it, and we like to exercise and relax there, too," says Dori Smedley of Wooster, Ohio. "Ours is insulated so we use our room year round. We never imagined we would enjoy it so much."

New features and modern conveniences make sunrooms more practical than ever for different lifestyles, according to Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures, Inc., the largest custom manufacturer of sunrooms in North America.



Night latching systems make them secure even if the doors are left slightly ajar so you can enjoy a nighttime breeze. Three-point locking systems keep locks out of reach of young children who may be tempted to run outside. Hidden electrical raceways are built into the walls to provide computer and electronic hookups throughout the room. Vinyl options match many vinyl-sided homes or existing vinyl windows. New handle designs, including brass, give the sunroom doors the same quality look as the rest of your home.

"No matter how many different kinds of activities take place in your home, from elegant parties to extra room for the kids at the holidays, a sunroom can provide the additional space you need. They are very flexible, and very economical. And when all is said and done, they make an excellent room from which to watch a sunset," said Jones.

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