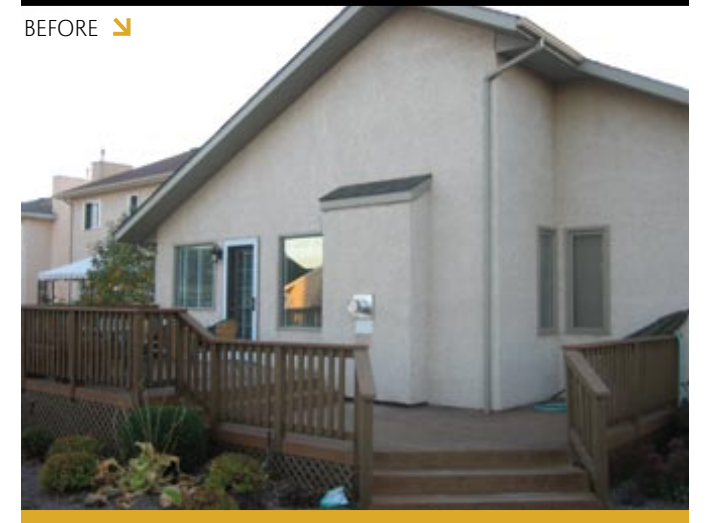


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Sunrooms are *in-season*

Island Lakes couple re-creates their gazebo experience

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SEASONS CHANGE BUT MEMORIES LINGER. FOR SHERI and Alvin, it was the gazebo they added to their previous home back in the late '70's that motivated their decision to add a 3-season sunroom on the back of their 18 year old Royalwood home this spring.

"Over the years as we changed homes and our family grew and lifestyles changed we always missed that gazebo, especially the summers when the mosquitoes were so bad. Most of the years that we have lived in our current home, we have spent the summers at the lake. Now, again lifestyles are changing and we are looking forward to enjoying the summers at home and to enjoy them to the fullest so we thought a 3 season sunroom would be perfect."

Last fall, the couple consulted with Glastar Sunroom Systems to plan for their sunroom choosing a spacious 14' by 15' design. The sunroom was manufactured to specifications over the winter

months and when the time came for assembly, the sunroom took shape in just 5 days.

Thanks to such a speedy set-up, the spring and summer of 2011 has seen Sheri and Alvin making maximum use of the new addition to their home. "We use the sunroom constantly, it truly is an extension of our home. My husband and I enjoy most meals in the sunroom. We read, relax, listen to nature. It's so peaceful and calming and also it is a great space for entertaining guests. It's enjoying the outdoors and fresh air without any insects or mosquitoes; what more could you ask for?"

Steve Sarens of Glastar Sunroom Systems says that Sheri and Alvin's sunroom was fairly straightforward for his seasoned crew. "Since it's a bungalow with an interior vaulted ceiling that gives it extra height, it meant we had to deal with an off-set gable roofline that required a little bit of a different design," says Steve.



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As for the glass panels, Steve informed us that they can be opened to provide 50% screen ventilation and

slide horizontally and will stack neatly. Also, half of the existing 2-tier deck was retained and provides a perfect segue into the backyard.

Steven says that all Glastar sunrooms, though custom designed, go together with kit-like precision once they are assembled on site. "It's been pre-built, pre-fit in the shop, so we know that all the connections are going to work and we do as much as we can in a controlled environment so that when we get on site, it's really a matter of assembly, so it speeds up the

construction time significantly."

Sheri and Alvin appreciate the fact that their sunroom went up so quickly allowing them to make the most of this summer season. "We really enjoyed working with Glastar very much," says Sheri. "Once we agreed on the floor plan for the sunroom, we really didn't have to do anything but choose our carpet, ceiling fan and sunshade roller blinds, all the fun stuff. They did all the rest."

"They were timely. They left no mess, and the work crew they sent to install the sunroom was awesome

and the price Glastar quoted was the price you paid. We also had a small refund because there were some materials they didn't use, something you rarely hear of these days. If we had it to do over again, we wouldn't change a thing. It truly was a great experience!"

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