



Visit the **Jarvis Family's** SCREENED PORCH

living spaces By Cedar Creek resident **Marty Jarvis**

What inspired your renovation?

My husband, Terry, and I downsized from our home in Hallbrook two years ago when we moved to Cedar Glen. My dream when we bought this house was to add a big, screened-in porch to enjoy all the nature around us. The renovation was completed this past Christmas, and the space has been such a joy.

Tell us about your new space.

This porch is my 13'x16' treehouse dream! It is built off our breakfast room over our workout basement, so it is truly "up in the trees." I've spent time reading

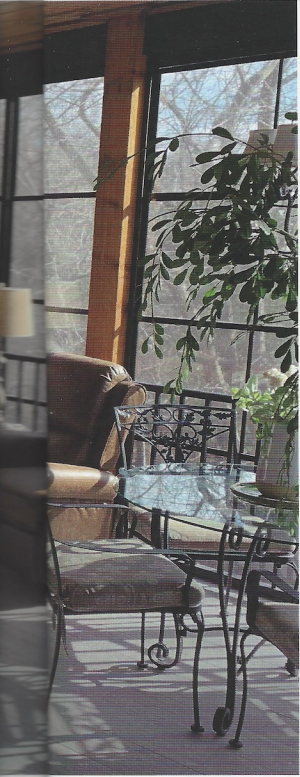
and dining in it – alone, with Terry, and with friends. It's my little slice of heaven in our neck of the woods.

We installed a mini-split for both heat and air conditioning, which is generally enough to keep the space comfortable. My sweet husband went a little overboard and installed two more heating units so we could turn on each or all heating tube elements. On very cold days, I turn it all on for 20 minutes and then turn the additional heating units off because the space is warm and toasty. I can even leave the breakfast room door open.

It's a true pleasure to use on snowy days or even during thunderstorms. Since we are now heading into spring, my papillon, Gracie, loves to sit out there in the sun. I open one of the windows at floor level, and she watches over her yard like a hawk! When we moved in, we made other changes to the house, such as paint, new floors, and stone on walls, but nothing makes me as happy as my treehouse.

Who helped complete the work?

We hired local contractor **Dan Milford** with DW Elite Decks (www.dwdecks.com). Dan was a dream to work with. I



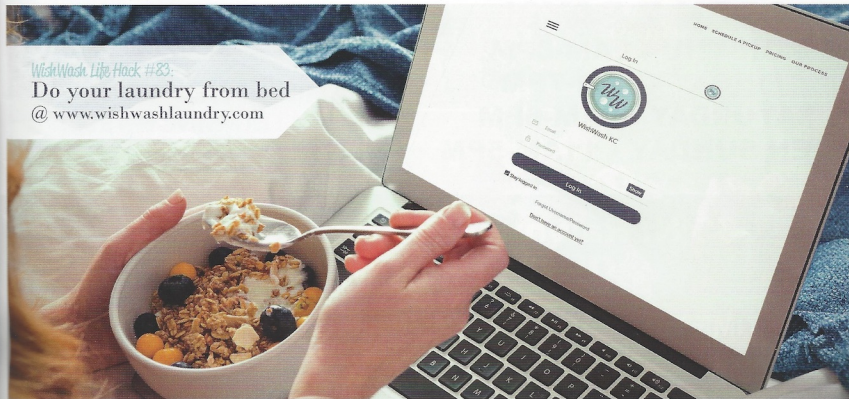
owned my own design business at one time, so I have a lot of experience with contractors, and Dan is probably the most professional one I've ever met.

I insisted on total open views, and my husband searched the web until he found our windows. Dan had never seen them before and now features them in his showroom.

The beauty of this system is the window size can be customized to cover almost any space. Each section has a floor-to-ceiling 4-part window which collapses to any desired level – including all to the bottom or top, or even in the middle, or the windows can be totally removed, leaving just the screens. The system includes a metal frame with heavy, clear, vinyl windows instead of glass, making it a year-round porch, which was my husband's goal.



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