



Cushman Design Group

CELEBRATES VERMONT SUMMERS

Summer in Vermont is verdant and lush, warm and fragrant, with long, sunlight-filled days and luxurious nights. We love to design rooms that completely connect us from our cozy winter sanctuaries to the sweetness of summer. These rooms and spaces give us the opportunity to glide effortlessly from fully indoors to totally outdoors. While they offer us shelter from the summer rainstorm, the hot midday

sun, and the mosquitoes of dusk, they enhance our senses with the soft acoustics and delightful aromas of the green earth, of hayfields, of fresh water, or of the deep forest. They provide places for family gathering or private meditation. In the middle of our long winters, these spaces offer us the reminder that there will be a time when we will once again revel in and embrace our precious Vermont summer.



Opposite: This screen porch, which connects directly to the home's living room via wide sliding doors, features polycarbonate roof panels for additional year-round light. The lightweight, composite member timber framing creates strength and visual interest. On Sunday afternoons, you might find the owners napping on the two-person chaise.

Above left: Situated on a northern Vermont lake, this master bedroom opens up to a classic sleeping porch with enough room for a lounge chair, perfect for catnapping on a lazy summer afternoon.

Above right: The relationship between the living room and screen porch of this Lake Champlain cottage is very transparent. The family gathers nightly for summer dinners under the conical roof of the screened porch. Roll-down clear vinyl shades provide protection from the wind.

Left: Overlooking both Mt. Mansfield and Camel's Hump, this generous, timber-framed screen porch connects directly to the home's kitchen. The porch features an eight-person dining table, a wonderful conversation seating area, and a gas stove to cozy up to when the air is still a bit chilly.

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