

Window boosts home's life

The appeal of skylights isn't difficult to understand. Skylights add depth and dimension to rooms. They break up the monotony of large ceiling areas.

They open rooms to views of changing sites. They help sawe energy, and they are inexpensive.

Their popularity has grown to the point where, within the ranks of prospective newhome boyers, they number among the most preferred options.

APC Corp., a leading skylight manufacturer, cites a recent survey showing that

skylights are as popular as microwave ovens as optional extras among first-time home buyers.

Among move-up home buyers, skylights are preferred over microwaves.

Though the popularity of skylights is growing because of their aesthetic appeal, their ability to conserve energy is another reason for the resurgence in their use. By providing lost of balanced, natural daylight, skylights reduce the need for artificial lighting during the daylight hours.

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Eh, voila — an extra room

That wonderful French Import, the chalse longue, lan't exclusively bedroom turniture. It can be an Important part of many different settings. Cynthia O'Hanian (German's Southfeld) used en Art Decochalse in a small study area she created for the Magdevski family of Farmington Hills. O'Hanian mirrored and extended a

family room wall. Volts — useless space became a study off the dinette and family room. The floor is peach ceramic tile. The chaise is upholstered in off-white in sharp contrast to the dark subergine (French for eggplant) table/desk. The chair's abrole is an off-white background with shades of peach and subergine.



Recreating a legacy

Winterthur, the Maryland home of Henry Francis duPont, is now a public museum. The Winterthur collection of American antiques is one of the finest in the country. Kindel Co. of Grand Rapids is now reproducing many of them with a high level of craftemenship. Kindel employs 20 tull-time handcarvers. The mahogany Rhode Island desk and bookcase is one example of the workmanship. The Winterthur Museum Collection is at the Baker, Knapp & Tubbs showroom at Michigan Design Center of Troy. Open only to the trade.









