

News Release

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Garden Windows Offer Year-Round Appeal

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. – Even when the snow is piled up high outside her Michigan home, Holly Fanjoy has fresh basil for her homemade spaghetti sauce. She grows it, along with other herbs, in her garden window.

“I’ve got a mini-garden blooming twelve months a year in my kitchen window,” says Fanjoy, who had the garden window added during a home renovation last year. “During the warm months I open the side casement windows to get a breeze inside and during the cooler weather I grow flowers and herbs. I enjoy every season through the garden window, plus the extra space it gives me in the kitchen.”

Engineered to resist moisture and air infiltration, the garden window from Simonton Windows® features fusion-welded frame and sash, snap-in sill cover to resist water penetration and one-inch double-strength insulating glass. Available as a one-piece unit for easy installation, the garden window includes an adjustable polished-edge tempered glass shelf and a 1-1/4” birch veneer seat board.

Optional enhancements to the garden window can be ordered to customize the unit for the needs of a specific homeowner. Options include Colonial flat grids on the glass, oak veneer or white pionite laminate seat boards, additional glass shelf and/or a glass package that meets ENERGY STAR® qualifications.

“We’ve had a great time changing out the items in the garden window for the different seasons,” says Fanjoy. “The glass shelf is adjustable to any height, so we place a small live Christmas tree in there during the holidays and starter plants on the glass shelf during the Spring months. Most importantly, it’s become a favorite place for our cat, Chester, to relax in the sun for most of the day!”

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