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Tree House For Grown Ups

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That's the true measure of success for any addition – and it certainly applies to the elegant Potomac, MD sunroom that won **Kingston Custom Builders** (of Fairfax Station, VA) a grand for "best addition \$100,000.00-\$250,000". With its copper roof and 8-ft. casement windows, exposed beams and slate tile flooring, the room is a perfect transition to the home's wooded surroundings. Indeed, it's been referred to as a "tree house for grownups" – though no doubt the children love it too.

Unfortunately, a project that was "meant to be" doesn't just happen. Many hours were spent in design, reconciling the difficult angles of the original roofline with the vaulted copper of the sunroom. There was also the additional weight of the new roof to consider: custom-fabricated steel beams, hidden from view, support the upper structure.



Photo courtesy of Greg Hadley

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Before remodel

A small loft gives definition to expansive vertical sightlines. The lower ceiling below the loft creates a cozy breakfast nook beneath a breath-taking picture window.

To keep the sunroom sunny, there's a large skylight some 18 feet above. The heavenly breeze is provided by two dropped ceiling fans. Perhaps more important, the owners can barbeque year round, thanks to a custom-designed hood range and grill parked neatly in the corner.