

Home & GARDEN

Solarium: Sunshine through the seasons

Do you enjoy gardening, an afternoon of farniente with your family, or dinner parties with friends? Just imagine a peaceful oasis bathed in natural sunlight where you can enjoy all these pleasures! Have you ever consid-

ered adding a solarium to your existing home or converting an existing room into a solarium? In 2002, the Appraisal Institute of Canada reported that further to offering the comforts of a living room, a solarium can add signifi-

cant resale value to a home.

Are you ready for your solarium experience? The installation of a skylight on a sloped ceiling is the most practical and probably the least expensive solution. VELUX offers an extensive assortment of skylights and roof windows in a variety of sizes, that can be put together to suit your needs. Are you looking for a solarium that provides light and ventilation? VELUX® has designed several models that allow the inflow of outside air – its top-of-the-line model is the VSETM skylight, which comes with a remote control that can open and close the skylight from a distance.

To maximize the performance of its skylights and roof windows, VELUX also offers a variety of manual or electric sunshading accessories (cellular, light-blocking or roller shades, or venetian blinds) that enable perfect control over incoming light and consequently over room temperature. These two factors were identified by author Larry Hodgson as essential criteria when designing a solarium for gardening purposes. This horticulturalist also emphasized that "There is no better way to chase away the winter blues than to revel in a sunny inside garden..." (Organic Gardening, Jan./Feb. 2001). Those who are familiar with the Canadian winter cannot help but agree with this statement.

Astronomy enthusiasts can also benefit from a solarium; point a telescope directly towards the firmament and admire the stary night from your favourite venue for relax-


ation... when you're not busy entertaining your friends or reading a favourite book, surrounded by flowering plants...

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- Avoid leaving outdoor cottage lights on in the evening. Sensor lights that respond to motion are best.
- If out on your boat, check

weather forecast for a breeze – mosquitoes prefer windless areas and still water.

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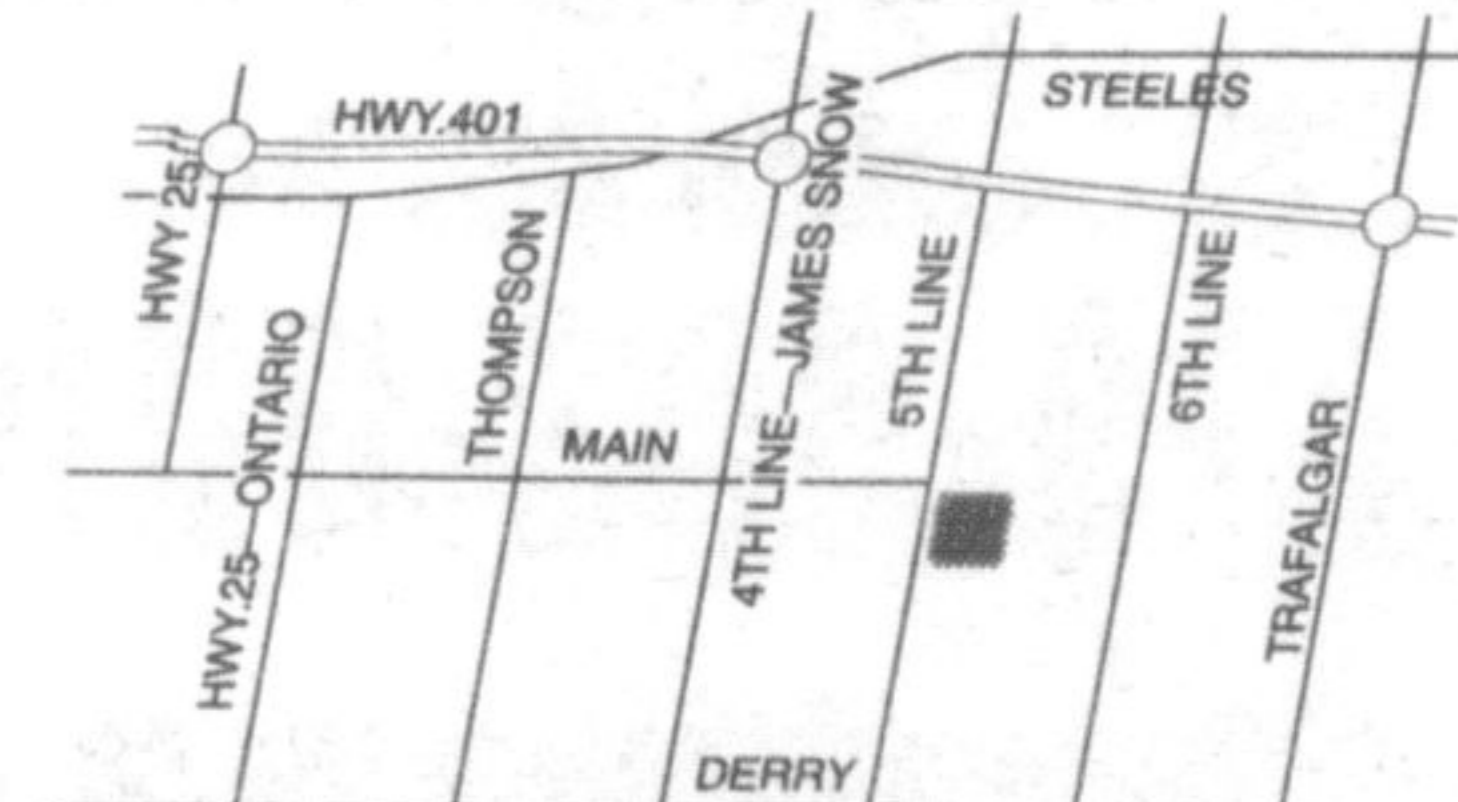
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