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We Have *a* Winner

Deep in the rolling green hills of Virginia is the small town of Altavista, home to Carolyn Burgess, the winner of the 2006 "Get Decked Out with Southern Pine!" deck contest from the Southern Pine Awareness Network (SPAN). A faithful *Southern Living* reader who lives in a charming bungalow with her family, Carolyn was thrilled with her win: "We've wanted to add on a deck for years...this is truly a dream come true and we're so grateful to everyone involved."

THE DECK

The 582-square foot deck was constructed using pressure-treated Southern Pine from Wolmanized Outdoor Wood, which combines the natural beauty of real wood with a next-generation, patented new preservative and a lifetime limited warranty against termites and fungal decay. Wolmanized Outdoor Wood recently earned the *Good Housekeeping* Seal and costs less than redwood, cedar or plastic composites, plus offers many environmental benefits.

Southern Pine lumber has been considered the building material of choice for any number of home improvement applications, both inside and outside the home. Using pressure-treated Southern Pine for this deck ensures that it will stand up to the elements, it won't conduct heat in the summer and it will be around for decades of enjoyment.

Stainless steel hidden deck fasteners from Tiger Claw mean no unsightly nails to ruin the natural beauty of the deck. Made in the United States, Tiger Claw hidden deck fasteners are attractive, secure and simple to use. Think about it: a nail-free deck surface practically sells itself!

The Southern Pine deck is stained with F&P (finish and preservative) Redwood from Wolman Wood Care, a product guaranteed for three years to beautify and protect wood from rot, decay, premature graying and water damage. Prior to staining, the deck builder used DeckBrite from Wolman Wood Care to clean and prepare the deck.

Beautiful furniture from Hampton Bay (available exclusively at The Home Depot) allows for easy entertaining with style. The Lasserre 7-piece set includes six sling-back chairs and a smoked, tempered-glass tabletop. A rust-free aluminum frame maintains a like-new appearance even after prolonged weather exposure. Easy-to-install Hampton Bay lighting completes the package.

Carolyn's husband Titus, a Virginia state trooper and confessed grillaholic, loves his new Big Green Egg. The World's Best Smoker and Grill is a ceramic charcoal grill/smoker/outdoor oven. The company also offers a complete line of grilling/smoking supplies as well as other products like chimineas.

Both the Big Green Egg and the chiminea rest comfortably on Original Grill Pads, constructed from flexible, durable and lightweight fiber cement. Available in a wide range of shapes and colors (including sports team logos), the Original Grill Pads protect the deck from sparks, spills and grease stains that are a part of outdoor living.

Adding color and panache to our deck are freshly grown flowers from Viva! (available exclusively at The Home Depot). The gorgeous, vibrant plants are easy to grow and maintain. Custom-grown large pots frame out the corners of our deck and provide a sweet-smelling, colorful background for any event.

Our tabletop accessories—including plates, glassware, decorative bowls and more—are from www.homedepot.com. Homeowners can find a wealth of decorative items at their fingertips; with a simple click, their choices will be delivered to their doorstep within a week!

The Southern Pine deck was designed by the North American Decking and Railing Association (NADRA). When creating the deck, our designer took into consideration the style of the Burgess home as well as backyard dimensions and elevations. Congratulations to Carolyn Burgess and her family on their new Southern Pine deck!

Final plans are available at www.spanpine.com.

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