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Real Outdoor Living Program Launches Destination: DECK Series *Free Inspirational, Customizable Deck Plans*

(Tyrone, GA) – Real Outdoor Living, a wood education and promotion program managed by the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (SLMA), recently launched a series of free, inspirational, customizable deck plans entitled Destination: DECK. The plans are available on the Real Outdoor Living Web site at (www.realoutdoorliving.com).

Featuring five deck plans ranging in size from a townhome to a two-story deck attached to a traditional home to a standalone gazebo, there's a deck size and style to fit everyone's taste. Each of the five plans – The Townhouse, The Stratford, The Colonial, The Islander and The Tranquility – have their own informational page that includes free downloadable plans and a complete materials list. Additional deck plans will be added to the site in the coming months.

Customizable Deck Plans

Love the decks – but your backyard has a different layout than in the pictures? Not a problem! While the deck plans, as pictured, are free downloads, each plan can be customized for a small fee. Simply choose a plan you like, then click through from the deck plan page to the designer, give your home dimensions, and the designer will return deck plans perfect for your home at a fraction of the cost.

Designed by Shawn Miller of Classic Designs Inc., in Denver, Colorado, and Bobby Parks of Peachtree Decks & Porches in Atlanta, Georgia, all of the deck designs offer interesting angles, bump-outs and unexpected features intended to inspire. Far from being typical rectangle decks on the back of a house, the Destination: DECK series of deck plans offer style, elegance, creativity and personal touches.

Build green? Choose real wood.

Each of the decks in the Destination: DECK series was constructed using real, natural, authentic pressure-treated wood. The number-one decking material in the market and a long-time favorite of DIYers, builders and remodelers everywhere, wood is strong, durable, beautiful and environmentally friendly.

Worried about trees, forests and the environment? A recent study concluded that pressure-treated wood is a better decking material choice for the environment than alternative decking materials. Why?

- Wood decking production uses 8.5 times less energy than alternative decking production.
- Wood decking production uses 14 times less fossil fuel than alternative decking production.
- Wood decking emits 3 times less greenhouse gas during production than alternative decking.
- Wood decking production creates 2 times less smog than alternative decking production.

Additionally, wood from sustainably managed forests means that trees and wood will be around for generations to come – after all, wood is a renewable resource. The forest industry plants more trees than are harvested each year and our forests are in better shape than they were a century ago.

Real Outdoor Living, a wood education and promotion program managed by the Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (SLMA), is dedicated to educating homeowners, deck builders and lumber dealers/retailers as to the benefits of choosing real, authentic wood for outdoor building projects. For more information, please visit us at www.realoutdoorliving.com, on Facebook at "Wood," on YouTube at www.youtube.com/WoodItsReal and on twitter at @woodaholics.

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Editor's Note: For color photos of the Destination: DECK decks, please e-mail Kim Drew.
For more information on a recent third-party environmental impact comparison of pressure-treated wood and alternative decking, please visit <http://www.realoutdoorliving.com/pressure-treated-wood-deck-comapison-to-alternative-decking-materials.shtml>.
