



THE ERA OF THE SCREENED PORCH RETURNS

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Screened porches and New England homes complement one another both aesthetically and pragmatically. They are a perfect way to enjoy the outdoors while escaping the heat and bugs New England summers bring. Whether you own a Cape, Colonial, Victorian - whatever the design - a screened porch, if built properly, will enhance its beauty. It will also allow you to enjoy the outside while reducing the threat of "EEE" mosquitoes or other annoying insects.

Bob Adam, of Adam's Screen Enclosures in Salem, has specialized in screen porches since 1989.

He has also worked closely on several homes with Charlie Silva (Silva Brothers Construction), including the Cabot home (pictured) in Beverly. He retrofits existing decks and additions or custom builds screened porches from scratch on the job site.

"In the 1920s, '30s and '40s, homes were built with screened porches," Adam says, "but around the 70s and 80s, builders were trying to make homes more affordable and streamlined the process."

