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Function, Beauty Added To Pergolas

(NAPSA)—Pergolas have become an increasingly popular way to add a classic architectural touch to a home. Gracing patios, decks and gardens, pergolas add striking form and elegance to an outdoor room.

The beauty and functionality of pergolas have recently been expanded with the addition of retractable fabric canopy systems that fit into the spaces between the overhead beams. The shade canopies ride in tracks attached to the beams and glide smoothly from a closed to open position and come in a wide selection of colorful, weather-resistant fabrics.

Fabric canopy systems can be extended or retracted in seconds, so a homeowner can quickly choose between sun or shade. The canopies can also be easily removed and rolled up for compact winter storage or occasional cleaning.

The fabric canopies can be added to an existing pergola or you can start from scratch with a complete pergola or canopy kit. Pergolas are available in materials to fit any budget or taste, including teak, vinyl, mahogany, cedar, redwood and stucco.

One company offers a modular pergola structure that can be configured for any size, shape or application. Precision designs and detailed instructions make assembly easy enough that many homeowners choose to do the installation themselves. Or, professional installation is available in most markets.

“When you add a canopy to a pergola you are not only adding a



Fabric canopy systems offer shade and designer colors.

shade option, you are also adding a designer touch with durable, easy-to-clean Sunbrella® brand fabrics,” said Dwayne Williams, president of ShadeTree Systems, manufacturers of patented ShadeTree® Canopies shade and pergola systems.

“The pergola and fabric are designed for years of carefree enjoyment.”

The canopy systems even feature a mechanism that guards against wind damage by sensing increasing wind speeds and automatically releasing tension on the canopy, preventing damage.

“Retractable shade canopy systems are a great update on the classic styling of a pergola. They add a touch of elegance and color to your home while creating much-needed shade protection from the sun’s UV rays,” Williams said.

For information about pergolas and other custom-made shade systems, phone (800) 894-3801 or visit the Web site at www.shadetreecanopies.com.