



Woodridge Deck & Gazebo Co. Marks 29 Years of Custom Deck Building

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Woodridge Deck & Gazebo Co., a family-owned custom deck and gazebo builder, has entered its 29th year in business after completing more than 3,000 outdoor construction projects across the Chicago northwest suburbs. The company, founded in 1997 and owned by Eric Hoffman, reached the milestone while keeping a focused specialty in custom decks and gazebos rather than expanding into general remodeling.

The business operates from a walk-in showroom in Schaumburg, an arrangement that remains uncommon in a trade where many contractors work from a vehicle. Homeowners visit to examine composite boards, railing samples, gazebo models, and pergola components in person before construction begins. Each project follows an in-house sequence that moves from design consultation and 3D modeling through foundation work, permit acquisition, and framing completed by the company's carpenters, so the finished structure matches the approved plan.

"Reaching 29 years and 3,000 projects comes from staying focused on custom decks and gazebos rather

than spreading into every trade," said Eric Hoffman, owner of Woodridge Deck & Gazebo Co. "The showroom lets homeowners handle the materials and see the design before we break ground."

Decks remain the core of the company's work. Woodridge Deck & Gazebo Co. builds residential and commercial decks in configurations that include platform, raised, multi-level, rooftop, pool, curved, and covered structures. Materials range from pressure-treated wood, cedar, and redwood to exotic hardwoods, composite, and cellular PVC, and framing is built in wood, steel, aluminum, composite, or pressure-treated structural lumber depending on the design and the site.

The company's regional focus shapes those choices. Northern Illinois subjects outdoor structures to freeze-thaw cycles from late fall through spring, heavy snow load, and humid summers, and each of those conditions works differently on boards, fasteners, and substructures. Footings are set below the local frost line to resist the heaving that follows repeated freezing and thawing, and material recommendations are matched to a home's exposure and the homeowner's maintenance preferences rather than applied uniformly.

Gazebos are the company's other founding specialty and the source of its name. The team builds custom, Victorian, traditional, modern, and Asian-inspired gazebos in a range of layouts and roof profiles, designed as standalone structures that extend usable outdoor space across multiple seasons. The same design and construction methods carry into related outdoor structures, including pergolas, sunrooms, porches, and pavilions.

Beyond the primary structures, the company completes the details that finish a deck. These include railing systems in wood, composite, glass, cable, and metal, integrated low-voltage lighting for post caps, stairs, and railings, under-deck drainage that turns the space below a raised deck into a dry usable area, and privacy screens and walls that define an outdoor space without enclosing it. Outdoor living features such as firepits, outdoor kitchens, and built-in seating are built as part of the same projects.

The company holds TimberTech Platinum certification and Deckorators Certified Elite status, and is accredited by the Better Business Bureau with an A-plus rating. Completed projects are covered by a ten-year structural guarantee, a three-year workmanship warranty, and a one-year lumber warranty, with manufacturer material warranties applying to qualifying products. The company's team brings more than 100 years of combined trade experience to its work.

The business has operated under the same family ownership throughout, and the company has said its long-term plan is to continue that family succession into the next generation.

Woodridge Deck & Gazebo Co. is a family-owned custom deck and gazebo builder based in Schaumburg, Illinois, owned by Eric Hoffman. Founded in 1997, the company specializes in custom decks and gazebos and extends that work to pergolas, sunrooms, porches, pavilions, and complete outdoor living spaces, serving Schaumburg and the surrounding Chicago northwest suburbs, including Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Kendall, and Will counties. The company has completed more than 3,000 projects over 29 years in business and continues to design and build from its Schaumburg showroom and office.

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