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By Archer & Buchanan Architecture, LTD
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Builder: Cherokee Construction

From dreary to bold, this circa-1980 A-frame Gladwyne deck house has been transformed, thanks to the labors of West Chester-based Archer & Buchanan. When the homeowner hired Peter Archer (along with interior designer Vincent Smith-Durham and Cherokee Construction contracting company), he wanted to liven the place up. The most dramatic of the team's innovations was the addition of this school-bus yellow aviary (with 26 foot high ceiling), which provides a perfect, screened-in hangout for taking in the land's natural breeze and soaking up warm summer nights. Several sitting areas make the space perfect for conversation and entertaining, and the addition of space heaters has allowed the homeowners to use it from April-November.