

Letters —

Rare Books for Perusal

I own a copy of "The Plan of St. Gall" by Horn and Born, the big three-volume set, now long out of print. If any Architectural Guild beings should pass by the Province of the Mists (San Francisco East Bay), and want to consult these elegant books, they're welcome. Just give us a call so you're sure we'll be in, at (510) 524-8321.

Dorothy J. Heydt

Dorothea of Caer-Myrddin

More on Column Angles

I just re-read what Sandra wrote about angles for multiple sides and don't agree at all with the way it was stated. As I recall, you were wanting a formula to give the angle for setting a table saw to cut the angles for multiple-sided columns. Speaking as an old construction hand and even older wood worker, the easiest way to get the angle for setting the saw is to divide 360 degrees by the total number of sides and set the table saw to one-half of the figure obtained. Thus, for a four-sided column, you would cut: $(360/4=90)/2=45$ degrees. the figures for the 12 and 16 sided columns you mentioned are... $(360/12=30)/2=15$ degrees and $(360/16=22.5)/2=11.25$ degrees. This formula will work for any number of sides.

Robert Ament

Baron Robert of the Isles

Compact Tent Design Wanted

I'm trying to figure out a good tent design for SCA use. I'd like something that's light and can fit in the back of my Subaru station wagon (1986 GL-10), including poles, but will be large and roomy inside when set up, to the tune of 20-ft. diameter or better (with no center pole). I also want something that will be cool in the heat of the day; I'm thinking removable walls at this point, to achieve that.

Stephen J. Owens

You need to talk to Geoffrey Maynard. He has designed some very large round tents that require only a collapsible center pole, among other innovative designs. You can reach him at: Jeff Whiting, 2613 Carol Drive, Melbourne, FL 32935 - Ed.

Catapult Plans, Anyone?

My shire would like to build a working catapult for donation to a children's science museum. Can *Sacred Spaces* publish (or one of your readers suggest) an article on how to construct a catapult? This siege engine should be easily worked, relatively small, comprehensible in terms of physics employed, and above all, as inexpensive as possible. Target completion date is Summer, 1995.

Lady Katherine Power

Shire of Fourth Castle

A Project Proposal

Because of severe distance problems and a lack of funds at the time, I was unable to help with [Chartres], but I would like to suggest some comparable project at the 30th anniversary of the SCA celebration, which happens to be taking place in my own kingdom of An Tir, and to volunteer whatever aid I can give in any stage of such a project. Thus far, I have heard there will be a medieval-style farm and a brick bake oven... A great project would be to, say, build a reconstruction of a half-timbered building for the farm. Perhaps it could be taken apart and set up at a permanent site afterward? Time is short (2 years), so we should start as soon as possible.

Cathy Holmes

Maegwyn of Llyn Cain

I welcome response from the Guild on this proposal. If somebody wants to lead the vanguard, I would certainly urge the Guild to support the effort, especially if the structure will become permanent - Ed.

Old Use for New Relics

Right worthy and worshipful sir, I greet you well, desiring to hear of your welfare and prosperity. To that end, I send you, enclosed with this bill, some sixty dollars I collected to defray the expenses of the Architectural Guild for the construction of the cathedral at Pennsic XXIII. I pray you forgive me for the impertinence, but I raised this money by selling relics of the cathedral itself, nay pieces of the very columns. Indeed, sir, some disrespectful gentles paid me to remove the relics because they were warranted to end drought. I thank you again for the cathedral and the experience of singing in the same. Pray commend me to your worthy family.

Jennifer Kobayashi

Mistress Gwendolyn of Middlemarch