

SRCA UPDATE

RUMORS OF OUR FIRST MEETING have begun to be circulated. It has been suggested that we meet in the slate valley in Vermont in the spring of 2007. We can rent a hall there for formal meetings, Powerpoint presentations, etc., tour the member slate quarries, get our hands dirty, see how the stone is extracted and how it's fabricated into shingles, maybe split some ourselves, have a catered wine and cheese reception at the Slate Valley Museum, and do it all over a long weekend. This would be an opportunity for all SRCA members who haven't been to a slate quarry or seen slate being made to start at the actual hole in the ground and go from there. It would also give us an opportunity to meet face to face, talk shop, and discuss future plans, workshops and educational endeavors. If you want to be part of the planning process, if you have any ideas, suggestions or recommendations, please speak up! Call us at 866-641-7141 or email joe@joseph-jenkins.com.

WHAT'S THIS?

Here's something you don't see very often — a bullet embedded in a slate roof. The slug penetrated three layers of mottled green and purple slate from the outside and was resting on the felt paper when discovered by Akron, Ohio SRCA member Chris Paulin.



THIS ISSUE'S WINNER OF OUR BEST TIP AWARD

is John Ball of Comber, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, who followed up our last issue's article about slating conical roofs with these comments (here paraphrased):

Use a chalk line attached to a 5" or 6" nail at the apex of the turret and chalk lines every 1/2 slate around the bottom edge of the roof. Then use the chalk lines to cut a template for each course of slates. The slates on each course will be approximately the same shape and size, so they can be cut in advance using the template. However, "in practice the bonds [sidelaps] will creep out or in a little and a little bit of extra trimming or a slightly wider cut will occasionally be required." As you work your way up the roof, you will have to work in a double-width slate course (a "jumper" course) to compensate for the slates becoming too narrow. Care has to be taken to select good slates for this course as the slates could otherwise cock up badly.

"On some circular work, depending on the pitch, as the slating gets near the apex, some form of undersoaking strip [flashing], in the UK it was code 3 (thin) lead, is fitted below each narrow upper few courses."

The Prize: A Gilbert and Becker Slate Hammer worth \$99 U.S.



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SRCA members donated labor and materials to demonstrate a ragged butt, mixed color, random width slate roof installation at the 2005 International Preservation Trades Workshops at Belmont Technical College in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

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SRCA members involved included Camara, Durable, Jenkins, Milligan, Paulin and Smith.



Members include slate contractors, general roofing contractors, industry associates and any interested supporter of the traditional slate roofing trades. To join call 814-786-9085 or slateroofers.org.

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Current Member List, October, 2006

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