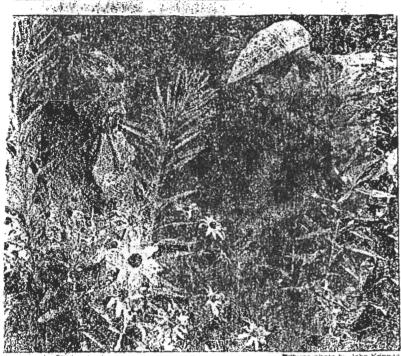
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iterns Christine Earley (left) and Birte von Somnitz, hone their kills at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Digging some dirt

It's a dirty job, but Christine career in conservation and rearley is glad she gets to do it.

Earley of Mt. Hood, Ore., is ne of 12 interns working at the hisago Botanic Carden in Charles it's overwhelming at first. But by hicago Botanic Garden in Glen-oe this summer, doing everything rom planting and pruning to

ceding and watering.
Internships, for college students nd recent college graduates, last

om three to 12 months. It doesn't feel like work, because I'm doing something I ove "Earley said. "Although I duit that weeding for four hours on a 90-degree day isn't my idea of fun. The best part is learning from experts who are willing to their knowledge so freely.

ho has a degree in biol-than halfway through aternship in prairie es it will lead to a

working here every day I've started to get a real grip on the gardening and restoration process.

Birte von Somnitz of Namibia, or South-West Africa, is here for six months. "I worked in a botanic garden back home and knew this program had a wonderful reputa-tion," she said. "We're not just used as plain labor, but treated as a team member by the curators,"

Interns live with nearby families, who provide housing in exchange for yard work, household chores and/or nominal rent.

For more on hosting interns, call Cynthia Baker at 708-835-8300.

Julie Morse



Imagine the Oktoberfest bash you could throw in your own German house.

A bit of Bavaria to go

Joachim Wolf missed the architecture of his native Germany, so he found a way to bring it here.

Wolf, of Annalisa Wolf Antiques in San Francisco, disassembles authentic German houses and moves them to sites in the United States.

He says it's not as hard to do

as it sounds.
"You simply take it apart piece by piece like a jigsaw puzzle," says Wolf, who grew up in Paderborn, which is more than 1,200 years old Charlemagne's. "But you already know the solution because each piece is marked and you've made a drawing of the frame."

Wolf's first import, a 9,000 square-foot home from Lübeck , is now getting a second life as an antique store and a Viennese cafe outside San Francisco. A few more orders are en route to Colorado and he has several orders waiting to be filled. "They're really perfect as a guest house or a ski lodge, he says.

Any size is available, starting at 2,000-square feet. Costs de-pend on size, but are "no more than \$350,000" to dismantle, ship and re-erect. Wolf says it's less expensive to import than build from scratch because timber today costs so much "and it will never have the character. Anything else would look like a replica.

Stables, barns, manor houses and granaries are available. To buy your very own, call Wolf-at 415-931-6236.

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