

# Beyond Blocks and Bricks

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Hanley Wood recently advised *The Magazine of Masonry Construction* subscribers that publication of *Masonry Construction* had ended.

I looked forward to *Masonry Construction* because there were useful articles and columns in each issue. New products often caught my eye. While I don't think that the economy will support a new publication to replace *Masonry Construction*, two magazines and a newsletter that cover some of the same ground may help fill the void:

**Masonry** *Masonry* is a joint publication of the Masonry Contractors Association of America and the Canadian Masonry Contractors Association. While targeted to mason contractors—addressing issues of the day, running a business, and production techniques—*Masonry* publishes articles interesting to a wider audience. For instance, the February issue has a good article about preparing rough openings to avoid water leaks. *Masonry* is published monthly at \$29. [www.masonrymagazine.com](http://www.masonrymagazine.com)

**The Journal of Light Construction** Another Hanley Wood publication, *JLC* is also aimed at contractors, addressing techniques for constructing buildings which have a wood or light-gauge steel frame. *JLC* looks at everything from foundation to roof and from water meter to septic tank. They also evaluate tools and have suggestions for running a business. Articles regularly explore conventional masonry veneers and thin masonry systems. Some of the best articles that I have read about designing and constructing thin masonry systems have been in the *JLC*. As a bonus, you will learn about almost every small-building system. *JLC* is published monthly for \$40. [www.jlconline.com](http://www.jlconline.com) The real buy is the "JLC Archive"; every issue from 1986 through 2010 on a DVD for \$80.

**Concrete Construction Industry Update** The Magazine of Masonry Construction website offers a concrete newsletter that will also be addressing masonry. Go to <<http://www.ameda.com/cgi-win/ccnl.cgi?mode=elogin>>

If you receive a masonry or construction magazine that you think that I might like, send the title to [rjhpe@ptd.net](mailto:rjhpe@ptd.net).