

PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Powerful Imaginations

Summer is certainly enjoyable, but also a time when many of us capitalize on the good weather and spend a lot of time working. Robbo Holleran's article—*Is Forest Management Really Worth It?*—examines how each woodlot is different, can serve multiple uses and provide different pleasures. I think you'll find the article instructive and a very interesting read.

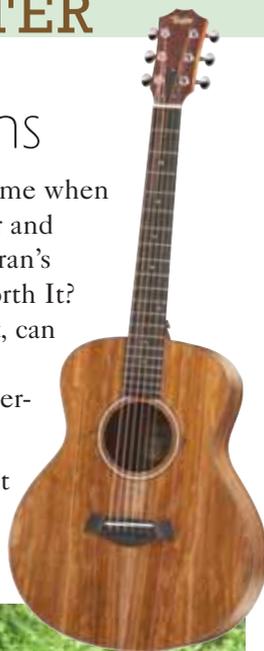
Two fascinating articles touch on the entertainment industry. Scottie Barnes' feature story on a leading supplier of wood for guitar makers, Pacific Rim Tonewoods, discusses how the owners are always seeking a balance between beauty, sound, and sustainability as they produce their world-renowned products. And Tony Kryzanowski's article on The Brooks Sawmill tells the story of how one of the oldest, family-owned sawmills in Alberta has profited well from movie set designers to furniture builders, oil companies, mining companies, ranchers, farmers and home-builders. There truly seems to be no limit to what some business owners with powerful imaginations can do.

If you happen to be a business owner, rest assured that, as always, we've included some articles to give you some tips and tools you need to compete and succeed. Gene Wengert provides a thorough discussion of how drying softwood lumber differs from drying hardwood lumber, and Dave Boyt reviews the Hud-Son Oscar 52, which is the perfect sawmill for those who mill a lot of wood that would otherwise just be junk because it is too big for other sawmills.

So, this issue offers a great lineup of interesting stories and we certainly hope you'll enjoy and learn from the articles. And as a reminder: if you have questions as a result of reading an article or just questions in general, send them to ask@sawmillmag.com and one of our writers will attempt to answer them for you. This issue, for example, answers questions ranging from drying to the Southern Pine Beetle.

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