

Williamsburg®

COLLECTIBLES

BRANDYWINE



Brandywine owner Marlene Whiting has always been fascinated with Americana—the shops and businesses and homes that small towns have in common. It's no wonder, then, that she was drawn to Colonial Williamsburg. It took a designer of her unique skills and materials to replicate the picturesque structures of the Historic Area into little wooden collectibles, including flat-back buildings and ornaments. She also creates welcome plaques, which can be personalized, and miniature tavern signs. These WILLIAMSBURG exclusives are all designed and manufactured locally in her Yorktown, Virginia, facility.

Marlene got her start more than 25 years ago, taking a basket full of her homemade folk art to a gift shop in historic Hilton Village. They were simple pieces—wooden hearts and such that her husband, Truman, had cut with a band saw and she hand-painted. Today, the company has more than 20 employees, and has moved from paper and pencil to computers and lasers. Marlene still designs every Brandywine building, and Truman himself often operates the woodcutting machinery. They use a special process to cut intricate patterns in the wood—such as the individual magnolia leaves around a pineapple holiday plaque—and apply a high-quality paper cover with the item's design. Brandywine truly creates for WILLIAMSBURG beautiful gifts that inspire your imagination, rekindle your memories, and capture your heart.