

Commemoratives

These design elements often memorialize a person or event important in the carver's life. The prevailing imagery includes names of people and places, dates of events such as births and marriages, signatures, and even photographs.



PLATE # 13

An unusual choice of embellishment: this mocotaugan has a tonic advertisement revealed under a glass window. Polychrome paint, chip carving and a beautiful tiger maple handle contribute to the outlandish effect of this commemorative.



PLATE # 14

Many commemoratives record the makers' lives, anniversaries and important dates. This one is dated 1867 and initialed "AJ," with a lucky shamrock.