



Colonial Williamsburg

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WILLIAMSBURG and Kenian Launch Teahouse Rattan Collection



Pictured: The Teahouse on the grounds of Bassett Hall, Williamsburg, VA

Rattan specialist Kenian will debut a grouping of seating furniture in association with the WILLIAMSBURG brand at the October 2017 International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, North Carolina. “The collaboration is an outgrowth of the need to replace rattan furniture in the Teahouse, a garden pavilion on the grounds of Bassett Hall, the Williamsburg home of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller,” notes Kris Fischer, director of licensing for Colonial Williamsburg. Trend meets tradition in the eclectic offering, which features fretwork-inspired accent chairs, popular in the 18th as well as the 20th century, when the Rockefellers traveled regularly to Williamsburg to check on the progress of the Restoration, a true passion of theirs. A small accent table, a comfortable club chair and an ottoman, all with a decidedly 20th-century vibe, complete the initial offering, which will expand with more 18th-century-inspired designs at future markets.

“I was intrigued by the retro look of the pieces which in design, color and scale are on trend for today,” comments Clell Smith, president of Kenian. “Small in scale, in keeping with the smaller footprint of the Teahouse, the collection is particularly well suited to a wide variety of design applications.”

The collection will premier October 13th at High Point Market in the Kenian showroom located in the IHFC building, Hamilton Wing H215, and be available at select retailers and through select designers nationwide beginning in late November 2017.

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