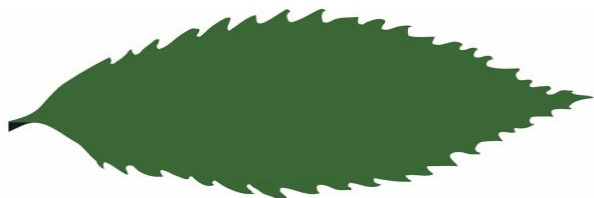


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Many volunteers help to bring success to celebrating the restoration of the American chestnut during the WV Chestnut Festival in Rowlesburg.

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Rowlesburg, West Virginia

is tucked away in the Cheat River Valley surrounded by majestic hills, rising on all sides from the banks of the beautiful Cheat River. The hills are painted with color in the month of October. Rowlesburg is known for its festivals, Civil War and railroad history, outdoor activities and antiques.

Travelers come from across the U.S. to raft and fish the “wild and wonderful” Cheat River. Rowlesburg has become a tourist destination, hosting annual festivals: River City Festival of Arts, Commemoration Day, Labor Day Ox-Roast, West Virginia Chestnut Festival, and the Christkindelmarket Event. Visit the above Web sites for info on the renowned World War II and B & O Bridge Museums.

Directions

Rowlesburg is 35 miles Southeast of Morgantown on WV Rt. 72 and is 2 miles north of U.S. Route 50. From Morgantown, take WV Rt. 7 thru Kingwood to the intersection with WV Rt. 72, just before the Cheat River bridge, follow WV Rt. 72 south 10 miles to Rowlesburg.

The WV Chestnut Festival will take place, rain or shine. The schedule is subject to change.

13th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday

10 October 2021

9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Rowlesburg, WV

WV Champion American Chestnut



L to R: Amy Metheny, John Dearborn, and Richard Wernicke along side the WV champion Am. Chestnut: DBH-19.5 in. HT.- 80 ft. In Randolph Co. (Photo by Mark Double)

**Honoring the Great
American Chestnut Tree
Celebrating The Science of Restoration**

13th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

River City Café

Serving Full Breakfast
(Donation requested)

**Old Rowlesburg School
Szilagyi Center**

**Gala Banquet Tickets Available at
Welcome Table in the Rowlesburg
Community Park**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Events at Scenic Rowlesburg Park
and Welcome Table:**

- + Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill (or raw)
- + Chestnut Tree Seedlings for sale
- + Jarred Chestnuts in Honey
- + Chestnut Furniture by Charles & Randall
Wotring
- + Chestnut Collectibles – Allegheny
Treenware
- + Ox-Roast Sandwiches at Concession
Stand in Park
- + Music in the Park
- + Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia:
Bird exhibit

**Visit the Old Rowlesburg School
Szilagyi Center**

- + River City Café – Luncheon & Desserts
- + River City Emporium
- + World War II Museum
- + Quilt Room
- + River City Art Room
- + Preston County Sports Museum
- + River City Pottery Studio
- + Historic B & O Centenary Bridge Exhibit

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Old Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
2nd Floor**

**Meeting of the WV Chapter of
The American Chestnut Foundation**
Mark Double, President
Dr. Don Kines, Vice President

Public is Welcome!

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rowlesburg Community Park

Visit Displays and Vendors

**WV Chapter display
Sam Muncy Display**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Old Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
2nd Floor**

**Chestnut Scientific
Program**

**Mark Double, Moderator &
President, WV Chapter TACF**
Mr. Tom Saielli, TACF Reg. Science
Coordinator

**Topic: “Long-term Phenotyping aids in
updating breeding program”**

**Dr. Heather Griscom, Professor
James Madison University**
Topic: TBD

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Old Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
Auditorium**

Gala Banquet

**Welcome and Introduction
Of Distinguished Guests**
Robert Sypolt, Festival Director
Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

**Opening Song: “O Chestnut Tree”
Madrigal Singers
Preston County High School**

Deborah Westbrook, Director

**13th Annual Crowning
Royalty: “Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut”
Jeff and Erica Kochenderfer**

Chestnut-Vino Novello Ritual
“Welcoming the Chestnut Season and
Tasting the New Wine”
Shirley Hartley-Meissner
Festival Emeritus Director

Dinner, Featuring:
Savory Chestnut-Flavored Dishes
Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

Keynote Speaker
Mark Double, President WV Chapter TACF
Topic: “Chestnut and Religion”

Entertainment
Deborah Westbrook, Pianist
