

Schedule of Events

12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM

Chestnut Festivities

Rowlesburg Park

- Roasted Chestnuts on the grill
- Chestnuts available for purchase
- Chestnuts in Honey jars for sale: The Bee Box, Aurora, WV
- Chestnut Furniture and items for sale
- Allegheny Treenware items for sale – Stan & Sue Jennings
- Chestnut Tree Saplings available for purchase
- Planting Chestnut tree saplings – Demonstration by Lynn Jennings
- Display/Presentation by Robert Strasser, Research Associate, Hood College (tentative)
- Displays, Sales, & Sign-up: The American Chestnut Foundation-TACF
- Throwing Chestnuts- in-the-Well Contest – Rob Morell - Prizes for children
- Music in the Park
- Food at Park Concession Stand
- Sign Up for Autumn Glory Rides to Cannon Hill
- VENDORS WELCOME



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More Activities

Szilagy Creative Arts Center

- Enjoy our Cake with Chestnut-Rum Crème or a Chocolate-Chestnut Mousse at the Szilagy Center Café
- Rowlesburg Middle School: Chestnut Posters in Auditorium - Supervised by James Davis & Jennifer Loughry. Judges: West Virginia Chapter TACF & Debra Morell
- World War II Museum
- Historic B&O Bridges Exhibit



4:00 – 5:00 PM

Presentation: Chestnut Research Szilagy Creative Arts Center

- *Presentations on the history and current research of The American Chestnut Tree - Professor Charles Sybolt, Director & Speaker*
- *Sponsored by West Virginia Chapter, The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), Thomas Cook, President & Speaker*
- *“A Chestnut Documentary DVD” by Thomas Harttung Nassif*

5:15 – 7:30 PM

Banquet & Keynote Speaker Szilagy Center Auditorium

[Advance dinner ticket purchase is recommended. Limited space.](#)

Opening Song: O Chestnut Tree
Preston High Madrigal Singers

Invocation

Toast: Vino Novello Ritual
“Tasting the new wine”

Buffet Dinner Menu:
Featuring savory chestnut dishes.

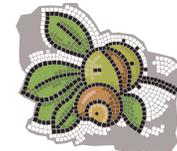
Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Welcome Address:
Bryan Burhans, President & CEO
The American Chestnut Foundation.
Richard Will, Chairman, Board of
Directors

2nd Annual Crowning
“Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut”

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Paris
“The American Chestnut Tree:
Restoration of a Species &
Reforestation of Strip Mined lands”

Entertainment:
Deborah Westbrook Combo



Honoring:

West Virginia Chapter

The American Chestnut Foundation

Thomas Cook, President

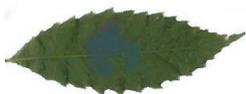


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The American Chestnut Foundation

President & CEO

Asheville, North Carolina



Dr. Robert Paris,

The American Chestnut Foundation

Research Geneticist

Beckley, WV



2nd Annual Crowning

Mr. & Mrs. Chestnut

*The Chestnut Festival is
in line with current*

ON-TRAC Rowlesburg guidelines.

ROWLESBURG ON THE MOVE

151 YEARS: 1858 – 2009

Rowlesburg is a quaint railroad town located on the scenic big bend of the Cheat River, 40 miles Southeast of Morgantown, West Virginia.

Take Route 7 East, past Kingwood, and at bottom of hill, turn right onto Route 72 (go 10 miles).

From I-68, take exit #23, direction Kingwood (Rt. 26); in Kingwood take Rt. 7 East to Rt. 72



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West Virginia's 2nd

Chestnut Festival



**Honoring The Great
American Chestnut Tree:**
"Exploring our Roots"

Sunday October 11, 2009

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Rowlesburg, WV