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About Rowlesburg, West Virginia

The Town of Rowlesburg is tucked away in the Cheat River Valley surrounded by majestic hills rising on all sides from the banks of the beautiful Cheat River. Rowlesburg is known for its festivals, Civil War and railroad history, outdoor activities and antiques. Travelers come from across the U.S. and Canada to raft and fish the “wild and wonderful” Cheat River. Rowlesburg has become a tourist destination hosting annual festivals such as the Labor Day Ox-Roast, WWII Reenactment, the West Virginia Chestnut Festival and the River City Arts Festival. The Town is home to the State’s only World War II Museum, the Preston County Sports Museum and the B&O Museum Bridge Exhibit.

www.rowlesburg.info www.wvchestnutfestival.com
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Directions

Rowlesburg is 35 miles Southeast of Morgantown on Route 72 and is 2 miles from U.S. Route 50. From Morgantown, take Route 7 East past Kingwood; at bottom of the hill, turn right onto Route 72 (go 10 miles). From I-68, take Exit #23, direction Kingwood (Route 26); in Kingwood take Route 7 East to Route 72

Information, Vendor Space and Tickets

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ALL VENDORS WELCOME!

ROWLESBURG ON THE MOVE
153 YEARS: 1858 – 2011

The Chestnut Festival is in line with
ON-TRAC Rowlesburg guidelines

*Will take place rain or shine.
Schedule subject to change

The 4th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

October 9, 2011*

10:30am – 7:30pm

Rowlesburg, West
Virginia



Inaugural Planting of Hybrid American Chestnut Sapling in 2008. Photograph depicts chestnut burs and catkins in 2011

***Honoring the
Great American Chestnut Tree:
“Exploring our Roots”***

On the scenic bend of the Cheat River
35 miles from Morgantown on Route 72.

Continental Breakfast

10:30am-Noon

River City Cafe
Szilagyi Creative Arts Center

*Meet distinguished guest,
Dr. James Hill Craddock,
Noted Chestnut researcher,
educator, and writer*

Rowlesburg Park Activities

Noon – 5:00pm

Activities:

- Fire Roasted Chestnuts Sampling
- Chestnuts To-Go (raw or grilled)
- Chestnut Peeling Machine Demonstration (Gerald Whitmer)
- History of the Great American Chestnut Displays (by Rowlesburg Middle School and West Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation – Prof. Charles Sypolt & Dr. William MacDonald)
- Throwing Chestnuts-in-the-Well Contest, Prizes for children (Rob Morell)
- Live Music
- Food and Beverages

Vendors:

- Jarred Honey with Chestnuts (by Bee Box)
- Chestnut Furniture and Other Items (by Charlie Wotring)
- Chestnut Collectibles (by Allegheny Treenware – Stan Jennings)
- Chestnut Tree Saplings (by Lynn Jennings)
- Other Vendors

American Chestnut Foundation, West Virginia Chapter Meeting

1:00-3:00 pm

Szilagyi Creative Arts Center, Second Floor
Public is Welcome!

Chestnut Research Presentations

4:00pm-5:00pm

Szilagyi Creative Arts Center, Second Floor

- Mark Double and Dr. Joseph Nassif: Welcome
- Dr. Don Kines: "Chestnut Breeding and Grafting Programs in Barbour County Orchards"
- **Bryan Burhans, CEO of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF):** "Science Behind American and Asian Chestnut Backcross Breeding Programs in 16 State Chapters of TACF"
- Thomas Harttung Nassif: "A Chestnut Documentary DVD"

At the Szilagyi Creative Arts Center

Noon – 5:00pm

- World War II Museum
- Preston County Sports Museum – **New!**
- B&O Museum Bridge Exhibit
- Preston County Arts Council Exhibit
- River City Café
- River City Emporium and Collectibles
- The Quilt Room (handmade quilts for sale)
- Schedule a Ride to Historic Cannon Hill
- Featured Book for Sale - Susan Freinkel is the author of *American Chestnut: The Life, Death and Rebirth of a Perfect Tree*

Gala Banquet

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Auditorium of the
Szilagyi Creative Arts Center

Opening Song

"O Chestnut Tree"
Preston High Madrigal Singers

The Chestnut-Vino Novello Ritual
"Welcoming the Chestnut Season and
Tasting the New Wine"
Shirley C. Hartley, Co-Chairperson

Dinner with Savory Chestnut-Flavored Dishes

Salad
Main Course
Dessert
Drinks

**Welcome and Introduction
of Distinguished Guests**
Dr. N. Joseph Nassif, Director

Keynote Speaker
Dr. James Hill Craddock,
University of Tennessee
Noted Chestnut Researcher

4th Annual Crowning
"Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut"
Professor Charles and Alice Sypolt

Entertainment
Deborah Westbrook, Pianist

Auction
Chestnut Items