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## About Rowlesburg, West Virginia

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. **October is Autumn Glory Month.** 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 such as the River City Arts Festival, WW II Reenactment, Blue Grass Festival, Labor Day Ox-Roast, and West Virginia Chestnut Festival. **Visit above websites** for information on the renowned World War II and B&O Museums.

## Directions

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

## ROWLESBURG ON THE MOVE 156 YEARS: 1858-2014

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

## ALL VENDORS WELCOME!

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

Sunday, Oct. 12th, 2014

# 7th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

10:30 am – 7:30 pm



A hybrid American Chestnut Tree in a demonstration orchard, **Glennville State College, WV.**  
Photo courtesy of Professor Charles Sypolt.

## Honoring the Great American Chestnut Tree: "Exploring Our Roots"

On the scenic, big bend of the Cheat River,  
**Rowlesburg, WV**

35 miles Southeast of Morgantown, WV

# Welcome to the 7th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival!

**10:30 am – Noon**

**Continental Breakfast  
River City Café**

*(Donations are welcome)*

**Szilagyi Center for Visual and  
Performing Arts**

*Meet distinguished guest,*

**Dr. John Brooks**

*Professor, WVU, Forest Resources  
Management*

**Noon – 5:00 pm**

**Rowlesburg Park Festivities**

**Activities**

- Roasted Chestnuts (on-the-grill)
- Chestnuts To-Go (raw or grilled)
- Display booth: WV Chapter, The American Chestnut Foundation—Professor Charles Sypolt
- Throwing Chestnuts-in-the-Well Contest
- Prizes for children
- Music in the Park
- Food and beverages in park concessions

**Vendors**

- Chestnut Furniture Items (by Charles Wotring & Others)
- Chestnut Collectibles (by Allegheny Treeware)—Stan & Sue Jennings
- Chestnut Tree Saplings—(by Travis & Lynn Jennings)
- Other vendors

**Noon – 5:00 pm**

**Szilagyi Creative Arts Center**

- River City Café Luncheon & Desserts
- Visit the River City Emporium
- World War II Museum & Art Gallery
- Historic B&O Bridges Exhibit
- Preston County Arts Council Exhibit
- Preston County Sports Museum

**Noon – 2:00 pm**

**Meeting of the WV Chapter:  
American Chestnut Foundation**

*2nd Floor*

*Dr. Brian Perkins (President)*

*Jimmy Jenkins (VP)*

*Vicki Pierson (Secretary)*

*Sam Muncy (Treasurer)*

**Public is Welcome!**

**4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Chestnut Research Presentations**

*2nd floor - Szilagyi Creative Arts Center*

*Mark Double, Dr. Bill MacDonald and*

*Dr. Joseph Nassif will be:*

**Welcoming**

**Bryan Burhans, Past CEO, TACAF**

*"What you need to know about  
The American Chestnut Foundation."*

[www.acf.org](http://www.acf.org)

**Bob Walters, Educator**

*"Working with wood, including the  
Great American Chestnut Tree"*

**Thomas Harttung Nassif**

*"American Chestnut Video Documentary DVD"*

**5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Gala Banquet**

*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-Chair*

**Dinner with Savory Chestnut**

**Flavored Dishes**

*Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks*

**Welcome and Introduction  
of Distinguished Guests**

*Dr. N. Joseph Nassif, Director*

**7th Annual Crowning**

*"Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut"*

**Bryan & Lisa Burhans**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Dr. John Brooks, WVU**

*"Pre- and Post-Chestnut Blight  
in Eastern Forests"*

**Entertainment**

*Deborah Westbrook, Pianist*

**Auction of Chestnut Items**

*Ron Brown, Esq.*