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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. **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, Labor Day Ox-Roast, and West Virginia Chestnut Festival. **Visit above web sites** for info 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.

**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 11 October 2015

8th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

10:30 am – 7:30 pm



Courtesy of The American Chestnut Foundation

**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 8th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

10:30 am – Noon

Szilagyi Center for Visual and Performing Arts

Continental Breakfast River City Café

(Donations are welcome)

Meet distinguished guests including

Lisa Thomson

President and CEO, TACF **Kathy**

Marmet, B.A., J.D., M.A.T. Chair

Education Committee TACF

Noon – 5:00 pm

Scenic Rowlesburg Park

- ❖ 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, Food and Beverages in the Park
- ❖ Chestnut Furniture Items by Charles Wotring & others
- ❖ Chestnut Collectibles - Allegheny Treenware
- ❖ Chestnut Tree Saplings - Travis & Lynn Jennings
- ❖ Other vendors

Szilagyi Center for Visual and Performing Arts

- ❖ River City Café Luncheon & Desserts
- ❖ Visit the River City Emporium
- ❖ World War II Museum
- ❖ Historic B&O Bridge Exhibit
- ❖ Preston County Arts Classroom
- ❖ Preston County Sports Museum
- ❖ Carolann Hooton Library

Noon – 2:00 pm

Szilagyi Center - 2nd Floor

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

Dr. Brian Perkins (President)

Jimmy Jenkins (Vice President)

Public is Welcome!

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Chestnut Festival Garden on Catherine Street

Chestnut Planting Demonstration by

Matt Brinckman and Robert Sypolt

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Szilagyi

Center - 2nd Floor **Chestnut**

Scientific Program

Mark Double, WVU Research Associate

Dr. William MacDonald & Dr. N. Joseph Nassif

will be welcoming prominent speakers **Arlyn**

Perky

“Reducing Animal Damage to Chestnut Saplings”

Bob Walters

“Working with Chestnut Wood”

“American Chestnut Video Documentary”

by Thomas H. Nassif - continuous play 3:00-4:00 pm

Photo Contest: Chestnut Impressions

Submit your striking image of nature, still or artsy photography by 21 September 2015.

Details and contest rules available on our web sites.

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Szilagyi Center - Auditorium

Gala Banquet

----- **Opening**

Song “O Chestnut

Tree”

Preston High Madrigal Singers

Chestnut-Vino Novello Ritual

“Welcoming the Chestnut Season and

Tasting of the New Wine”

Mark Double, Festival Scientific Advisor

----- **Dinner featuring**

Savory Chestnut Flavored Dishes

Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

----- **Welcome and**

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Dr. N. Joseph Nassif, Festival Director

----- **8th Annual Crowning**

“Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut” Robert &

Carolyn Sypolt Assisted by

Rowlesburg Middle School Junior

Prince & Princess

----- **Keynote**

Speaker Kathy

Marmet

Recovery from Chestnut Blight:

Healing the Forest, Restoring Communities

----- **Entertainment**

Deborah Westbrook, Pianist

Auction of Chestnut related & other items

by Ronald Brown, Esq.