

Special Thanks to our Sponsors

The West Virginia Chapter of
The American Chestnut Foundation

West Virginia Community Partnership
ON-TRAC Rowlesburg

Greater Morgantown Convention
& Visitors Bureau

West Virginia Fairs & Festivals

Clear Mountain Bank

Duane Waddell

The Hazel Ruby McQuain Foundation

West Virginia Division of Culture
and History



2016 Chestnut Festival Committee

Dr. N. Joseph Nassif, Director

Shirley Cook Hartley, Co-Chair

Mark Double, Scientific Chair

Robert Sybolt, Asst. to Director

Kathleen Wolfe, RRC Chair

Margaret Schollar

George Nassif

Anna R. Nassif

Maggie DeWeirdt

Jean Wolfe

Lee Waybright

Ellie Nesser

Thomas H. Nassif

Walter "Bud" Shaver

Barbara Banister, Mayor

Information & Banquet Tickets

Shirley Hartley (304) 329-1240

shirley.hartley@yahoo.com

Anna Nassif (304) 454-9786

annarnas@aol.com

Joseph Nassif, DDS- njn3@msn.com

Vendor Space

Ellie Nesser (724) 970-6232

ellienneser@yahoo.com

www.wvchestnutfestival.com

www.rowlesburg.info

www.rowlesburg.org

www.rowlesburgguide.com

Sunday 9 October 2016

9th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

10:30 am – 7:30 pm



Robert Sybolt, Director, at The Duane Waddell Chestnut Demonstration Orchard, Preston High School, Kingwood, WV (2016 year)

**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

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 and go 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.

Welcome to the 9th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

10:30 am – Noon

Szlagyi Center for Visual and Performing Arts

River City Café Serving

Full Breakfast

(\$5.00 Donations Welcome)

Meet distinguished guests including

Dr. Don Kines, Chestnut Researcher

Lisa Thomson, President and CEO, The American Chestnut Foundation

or a TACF representative

Noon – 5:00 pm

Events at Scenic Rowlesburg Park

- Roasted Chestnuts (on-the-grill)
- Chestnuts To-Go (raw or grilled)
- Display booth: WV Chapter, TACF, Robert Syplt
- Jared Chestnuts in Honey (tentative)
- Throwing Chestnuts-in-the-Well Contest—Prizes for children
- Music, Food and Beverages in the Park
- Chestnut Furniture Items by Charles & Randall Worring & others
- Chestnut Collectibles—Allegheny Treenware
- Chestnut Tree Saplings for sale
- Other vendors

Szlagyi 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
- Country Quilts Display Room
- Preston County Arts Classroom
- Preston County Sports Museum
- Carolann Hooton Library

Noon – 2:00 pm

Szlagyi Center - 2nd Floor

Meeting of the WV Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation

Robert Syplt, President

Mark Double, Vice President

Public is Welcome!

Chestnut Displays In Rowlesburg Park

West Virginia Chapter Display

Robert Syplt

National Boy Scouts Jamboree Display

Sam Nuncy

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Szlagyi Center - 2nd Floor

Chestnut Scientific Program

Mark Double, WVU Research Associate

Dr. William MacDonald & Dr. N. Joseph Nassif

will welcome prominent speakers

Maggie DeWeirdt

“Cooking with Chestnuts” demonstration

Cameron Stauder, M. S. Candidate

“The role of tree resistance and pathogen virulence in the Chestnut Blight Disease—A marriage encounter”

“American Chestnut Video Documentary”

By Thomas H. Nassif, PhD

continuous play 3:00 - 4:00 pm

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Szlagyi Center - Auditorium

Gala Banquet

Opening Song “O Chestnut Tree”

Preston High Madrigal Singers

in period dress

Chestnut-Vino Novello Ritual

“Welcoming the Chestnut Season and

Tasting of the New Wine”

Shirley Cook Hartley, Co-Chair

Dinner featuring:

Savory Chestnut-Flavored Dishes

Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Dr. N. Joseph Nassif, Festival Director

Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

9th Annual Crowning

“Mr. and Madam Chestnut”

Dr. Fred Hebard & Ms. Dayle Zanzinger

Assisted by Aurora Middle School

Junior Prince & Princess

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Don Kines, Chestnut Researcher

“Developing American Chestnut hybrids for timber, wildlife, and nut production”

Entertainment

Deborah Westbrook, Pianist

Auction of Chestnut-related & other items
by **Rev. Ray Frankhouser**