

# Welcome to the 10th Annual West Virginia Chestnut Festival

**10:30 am – Noon**

**Szilagy Center for Visual and Performing Arts**

River City Café Serving

**Full Breakfast**

(\$5.00 Donations Welcome)

**Meet distinguished guests including:**

**Sara Fitzsimmons**, Chestnut Restoration Director

Pennsylvania State University

**Representative for Lisa Thompson CEO  
The American Chestnut Foundation**

**Noon - 5:00 pm**

**Events at Scenic Rowlesburg Park**

**Welcome Center “Many things to see/purchase”**

Raffle: Golden Eagle carved in Chestnut

Banquet Tickets available

- \* Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill, (or raw)
- \* Display booth: WV Chapter, TACF, Robert Sybolt
- \* Jared Chestnuts in Honey – Allen Shahan
- \* Throwing Chestnuts-in-the-Well

**Contest— Prizes for children**

- \* Music, Food and Beverages in the Park
- \* Chestnut Furniture by Charles/ Randall Wotring
- \* Chestnut Collectibles—Allegheny Treenware
- \* Chestnut Tree Saplings for sale
- \* Other vendors

**Szilagy Center for Visual and Performing Arts**

- \* River City Café Luncheon & Desserts
- \* Visit the River City Emporium
- \* World War II Museum
- \* Country Quilts Display Room
- \* Preston County Arts Classroom
- \* Preston County Sports Museum

**Noon - 2:00 pm**

Szilagy Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Meeting of the WV Chapter of  
The American Chestnut Foundation

Robert Sybolt, President

Mark Double, Vice President

**Public is Welcome!**

**Chestnut Displays In  
Rowlesburg Park**

**West Virginia Chapter Display**

Robert Sybolt

**National Boy Scouts Jamboree Display**

**Sam Muncy**

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Szilagy Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Chestnut Scientific Program**  
Mark Double, WVU Research Associate  
And Festival Scientific Chair

**With**

**Dr. N. Joseph Nassif**

Will welcome prominent speakers

**Sara Fitzsimmons**

“Conservation of Wild American Chestnut  
Populations”

**Amy Metheny**

“The Super donor: Does Chestnut Blight Have a  
Kryptonite?”

**“American Chestnut Video Documentary”**

By Thomas H. Nassif, PhD  
Continuous play 3 – 4:00pm

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Szilagy 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  
Testing 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

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Crowning**

**Royalty:** “Mr. and Ms. Chestnut”

**Sam Muncy & Sharon Reeves Cottrill**

Assisted by Bruceton Middle School  
Junior Prince & Princess

**Keynote Speaker**

**Sara Fitzsimmons**, Chestnut Restoration  
Director, “Natural Regeneration of the  
American Chestnut Tree”

Entertainment

**Deborah Westbrook**, Pianist

Auction or Silent Auction (tentative)

## Special Thanks to our Sponsors

The West Virginia Chapter of  
The American Chestnut Foundation  
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## Information & Banquet Tickets

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703-300-2554

### Visit Websites:

[www.wvchestnutfestival.com](http://www.wvchestnutfestival.com)

[www.rowlesburg.info](http://www.rowlesburg.info)

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

[www.rowlesburgguide.com](http://www.rowlesburgguide.com)

American Chestnut Foundation

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

## 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:** River City Arts Festival, Military Veterans Day, Labor Day Ox-Roast, Christkindelmarkt Event 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.

Sunday 8 October 2017

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10:30 am – 7:30 pm



Rowlesburg Ceremonial American Chestnut Garden 3<sup>rd</sup> year Growth; insert mature burr with nut, (photo by Mark Double).

Rowlesburg On Trac Viewing Station..

**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**

## 2017 Chestnut Festival Committee

Dr. N. Joseph Nassif, Director

Shirley Cook Hartley, Co-Chair

Mark Double, Scientific Chair

Robert Sypolt, Asst. to Director

Kathleen Wolfe, RRC Chair

Anna Nassif

George Nassif

Jean Wolfe

Maggie DeWeirdt

Mary Wotring

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