11th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

<u> 10:30 am – Noon</u>

Szilagyi Center for Visual and Performing Arts

River City Café Serving Full Breakfast (\$5.00 Donations Welcome) Meet distinguished guests including: Lisa Thompson CEO The American Chestnut Foundation Tom Saielli Regional Science Coordinator

<u>Noon - 5:00 pm</u>

Events at Scenic Rowlesburg Park and

Welcome Center "Many things to see/purchase" Banquet Tickets available

- * Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill, (or raw)
- ***** Display booth: WV Chapter, TACF, Robert Sypolt
- # Jarred Chestnuts in Honey (tentative)
- * Throwing Chestnuts-in-the-Well (children)

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
- * Ox-Roast Sandwiches at Concession Stand in Park

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- * 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
- Historic B & O Centenary Bridge Exhibit

Noon - 2:00 pm

Szilagyi Center – 2nd Floor Meeting of the WV Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation

> Mark Double, President Robert Sypolt, Vice President **Public is Welcome!**

Chestnut Displays In Rowlesburg Park Robert Sypolt West Virginia Chapter Display

Sam Muncy National Boy Scouts Jamboree Display

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Szilagyi Center – 2nd Floor Chestnut Scientific Program Mark Double, WVU Research Associate Will welcome prominent speakers:

Dr. Jeffrey Skousen, WVU Professor "Growth of American, Chinese and Hybrid Chestnut on Reclaimed Surface mines"

Amy Metheny, WVU Graduate Student Topic to be Announced

"American Chestnut Video Documentary" By Thomas H. Nassif, PhD Continuous play 3 – 4:00 pm

<u>5:30 – 7:30 pm</u>

Szilagyi Center – Auditorium

Gala Banquet

Opening song **"O Chestnut Tree"** Preston High Madrigal Singers In period dress Deborah Westbroook, Director

Chestnut-Vino Novello Ritual

"Welcoming the Chestnut Season and Tasting the New Wine" Shirley Cook Hartley Festival Director

Dinner Featuring:

Savory Chestnut – Flavored Dishes Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

Welcome and Introduction Of Distinguished Guests

Shirley Cook Hartley, Festival Director Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

11th Annual Crowning

Royalty: "Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut" Dr. Don Kines & Sheryl Kines Assisted by Central Preston Middle School Junior Prince & Princess

Keynote Speaker

Dr. William MacDonald, WVU Professor Emeritus Topic to be Announced

> Entertainment Deborah Westbrook, Pianist

Auction or Silent Auction (tentative)

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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: River City Arts Festival, Military Veterans Day, Labor Day Ox-Roast, Christkindelmarket 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.

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Sunday 7 October 2018 11th West Virginia Chestnut Festival 10:30 am – 7:30 pm



Historic McGrew House Ceremonial Chestnut Garden, Kingwood WV. Shirley Cook Hartley, Director and Dr..Joseph Nassif, Past Director

> 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**