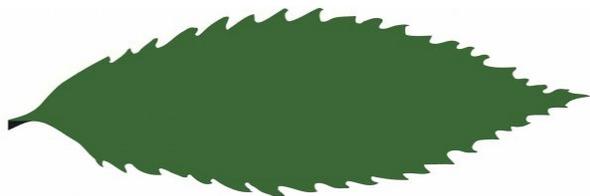


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Many volunteers help to bring success to celebrating the restoration of the American chestnut during the WV Chestnut Festival in Rowlesburg.

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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 Festival of Arts, Commemoration Day, Labor Day Ox-Roast, Christkindelmarket Event, and the West Virginia Chestnut Festival. Visit the above Web sites for info on the renowned World War II and B & O Museums.

Directions

Rowlesburg is 35 miles Southeast of Morgantown on WV Rt. 72 and is 2 miles north of U.S. Route 50. From Morgantown, take WV Rt. 7 thru Kingwood to the intersection with WV Rt. 72, just before the Cheat River bridge, follow WV Rt. 72 south 10 miles to Rowlesburg.

The WV Chestnut Festival will take place, rain or shine. The schedule is subject to change.

12th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday

13 October 2019

10:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Rowlesburg, WV



The Late Duane Waddell, supporter of American Chestnut Restoration. The Waddell Chestnut Orchard at Preston County High School

***Honoring the Great
American Chestnut Tree
Exploring our Roots***

The WV Chestnut Festival celebrates the effort to restore the American chestnut to its once prominent position in the eastern hardwood forests.

12th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

10:30 a.m. – Noon

**Szilagyi Center for Visual and
Performing Arts**

**River City Café Serving
Full Breakfast**
(\$8.00 Suggested Donation)

Noon – 5:00 p.m.

**Events at Scenic Rowlesburg Park
and Welcome Center:**

- + Banquet Tickets Available
- + Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill (or raw)
- + WV Chapter, TACF: Display booth
- + Jarred Chestnuts in Honey (tentative)
- + Chestnut Furniture by Charles/Randall
Wotring
- + Chestnut Collectibles – Allegheny
Treenware
- + Chestnut Tree Saplings for sale
- + Ox-Roast Sandwiches at Concession
Stand in Park
- + Music in the Park
- + Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia:
Bird exhibit

**Visit the Szilagyi Center for Visual
and Performing Arts**

- + River City Café – Luncheon & Desserts
- + River City Emporium
- + World War II Museum
- + Quilt Room
- + River City Art Room
- + Preston County Sports Museum
- + River City Pottery Studio
- + Historic B & O Centenary Bridge Exhibit

Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Szilagyi Center – 2nd Floor

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

**Mark Double, President
Dr. Don Kines, Vice President**

Public is Welcome!

**Chestnut Displays in
Rowlesburg Park**

West Virginia Chapter Display

Sam Muncy
National Boy Scouts Jamboree Display

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Szilagyi Center – 2nd Floor

**Chestnut Scientific
Program**

**Mark Double, Moderator &
President, WV Chapter TACF**

Dr. Sunshine Brosi, Professor
Frostburg State University

“Raised on Chestnuts: The nut of my
Appalachian grandparent’s childhoods”

**Mr. Tom Saielli, TACF Regional Science
Coordinator**

“New advances in chestnut breeding pave
the way for species restoration”

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Szilagyi Center – Auditorium

Gala Banquet

Opening Song: “O Chestnut Tree”
Madrigal Singers

Preston County High School

Deborah Westbrook, Director

Chestnut-Vino Novello Ritual

“Welcoming the Chestnut Season and
Tasting the New Wine”

Shirley Hartley-Meissner
Festival Emeritus Director

Dinner, Featuring:
Savory Chestnut-Flavored Dishes
Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks

**Welcome and Introduction
Of Distinguished Guests**

Robert Sypolt, Festival Director
Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

12th Annual Crowning

Royalty: “Mr. and Ms. Chestnut”
Rob Eckenrode and Amy Metheny
Assisted by Junior Prince & Princess
Terra Alta/East Preston Middle School

Keynote Speaker

Rex Mann, U.S. Forest Service, Retired
Topic: An American Tragedy: How a Mass
Extinction Can Help Save Our Forest

Entertainment

Deborah Westbrook, Pianist

Silent Auction