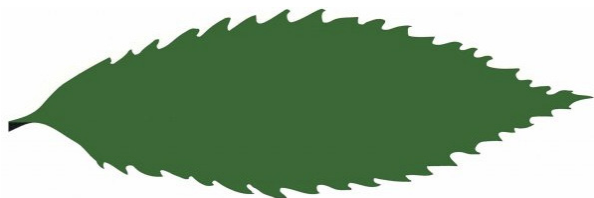


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Many volunteers help to bring success to celebrating the restoration of the American chestnut during the WV Chestnut Festival in Rowlesburg.

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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. The hills are painted with color in the month of October. 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, West Virginia Chestnut Festival, and the Christkindelmarket Event. Visit the above Web sites for info on the renowned World War II and B & O Bridge 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.

14th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday

9 October 2022

9:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Rowlesburg, WV

Seedlings in WVU Greenhouse



Many of these American Chestnut seedlings will go into GCOs throughout WV. Potting by WV Chapter TACF occurred on March 12, 2022. Picture taken on April 11, 2022.

***Honoring the Great
American Chestnut Tree
Celebrating The Science of Restoration***

14th ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

River City Café

Serving Full Breakfast
(Donation requested)

**Historic Rowlesburg School
Szilagyi Center**

**Gala Banquet Tickets Available at
Welcome Table in the Rowlesburg
Community Park**

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

- + Roasted Chestnuts on-the-grill (or raw)
- + Chestnut Tree Seedlings for sale
- + Honey Products
- + Chestnut Furniture by Charles & Randall
Wotring
- + Art and Craft Vendors
- + Ox-Roast Sandwiches at Concession
Stand in Park
- + Music in the Park
- + Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia:
Bird exhibit

**Visit the Historic Rowlesburg
School Szilagyi Center**

- + 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

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
2nd Floor**

**Meeting of the WV Chapter of
The American Chestnut Foundation**
Mark Double, President
Jerry Legg, Vice President

Public is Welcome!

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rowlesburg Community Park

Visit Displays and Vendors

**WV Chapter display
Sam Muncy Display**

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
2nd Floor**

**Chestnut Scientific
Program**

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

+ Mr. James Bowen, WV Div. Forestry
Landowner Assistance Forester
Topic: “Natural Hypovirulence”

+ TACF Regional Sci. Coordinator
Topic: TBD

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center
Auditorium**

Gala Banquet

**Welcome and Introduction
Of Distinguished Guests**
Robert Sybolt, Festival Director
Mark Double, Festival Scientific Chair

Opening Song: “O Chestnut Tree”
Madrigal Singers
Preston High School

Deborah Westbrook, Director

**14th Annual Crowning
Royalty: “Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut”
James and Terra Bowen**

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

Keynote Speaker

Speaker: Dr. Timothy Weaver
Topic: “Chestnut Lumber in Rowlesburg
Homes”

Entertainment

Deborah Westbrook, Pianist
