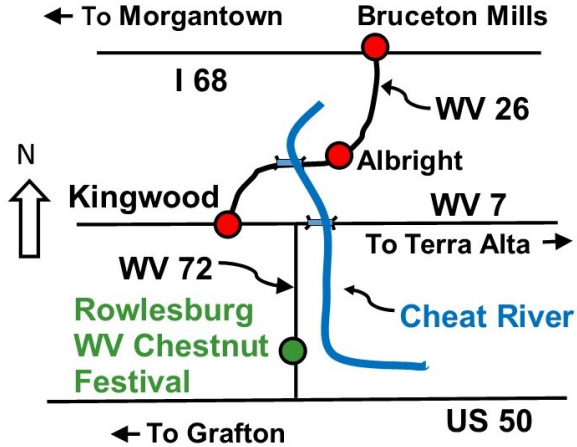


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[www.wvchestnutfestival.com](http://www.wvchestnutfestival.com)

### Join Us



For Roasted Chestnuts on the Grill and Other Events— See Schedule Inside

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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

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

# 15th West Virginia Chestnut Festival

Sunday

8 October 2023

9:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

Rowlesburg, WV

## Bucket of Burrs



These burrs were collected from a solitary American chestnut tree standing in the forest. The nuts inside were non-viable. Viable nuts are only produced when two flowering chestnuts are in close proximity to one another.

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

# 15<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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**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 Wotring
- Art and Craft Vendors
- Ox-Roast Sandwiches at Concession Stand in the Park
- Music in the Park
- Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia: Bird Exhibit
- The Cannon Hill Historic Site will be open for self-guided tours

**Visit the Historic Rowlesburg  
School Szilagyi Center**

- River City Café— Desserts
- World War II Museum
- River City Art Room
- Preston County Sports Museum
- River City Pottery Studio
- Historic B&O Centenary Bridge Exhibit

**12:00 p.m.— 2:00 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**

**3:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Chestnut Technical  
Session**

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

**5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.**

**Historic Rowlesburg School Szilagyi Center  
Auditorium**

***Gala Banquet***

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**Welcome and Introduction  
Of Distinguished Guests**

**Robert Sypolt, Festival Director  
Mark Double Festival Scientific Chair**

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

**Royalty: “Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut”  
Bernie and Linda Coyle**

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**Chestnut-Vino Novelle Ritual**

**“Welcoming the Chestnut Season and  
Tasting the New Wine”**

**Shirley Hartley-Meissner  
Festival Emeritus Director**

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**Dinner, Featuring:**

**Salad, Main Course, Dessert, Drinks**

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**Premiere Screening**

**Documentary: “Eye Witness Stories of  
American Chestnut in WV”**

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