# New York State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, Inc. 25th Annual Meeting Agenda

Where: SUNY-ESF (www.esf.edu) When: Friday, October 16, 2015

110 Moon Library Saturday, October 17, 2015

1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210

## **Meeting Agenda**

#### Friday (10/16) - Hotel Skyler

6:00 pm Dinner – On your own

Meet in hotel lobby to discuss dining options

7:30 – 10 pm Harvest Exchange

Informal gathering in the Hotel Skyler lobby



#### Saturday (10/17) – 110 Moon Library

8 am - 9 am Registration (Sign up to become a member or renew membership)

Coffee, tea, Danish

Silent Auction/50:50 (all day until 4:45 pm)

9:00 am Welcome & President's report by Allen Nichols

(Other reports on the trees at NY Botanical Garden, Zoar Valley, Lasdon Arboretum,

Bellville, and the Camp Fire Club at Chappaqua, NY)

9:20 am Treasurer's Report by **Fran Nichols** 

9:30 am Election of Board - Richard R. Radel

9:35 am District Director's Reports

District 1 Enrico Nardone District 2 Dale Travis District 3 Frank Munzer District 4 Allen Nichols District 5 **Emmett Hoops** District 6 Urling Walker District 7 Roy Hopke District 8 Alec Newlands District 9 William Snyder

10:00 am Coffee Break



### 25th Annual Meeting Agenda (Continued)

10:30 am Science Reports – **Drs. Maynard & Powell and Staff** 

12:00 pm Lunch (catered by American Food and Vending)

12:45 pm 25th Anniversary Candlelight Observance

of Reflection and Rededication

We will light symbolic candles to commemorate the American chestnut, the founding of TACF, the vision of our New York

Chapter founders 25 years ago, memorialize dedicated members who have passed away by reciting their names individually, celebrate our productive partnership with SUNY-ESF and the success of our transgenic blight resistant American chestnut, and rededicate ourselves to the task ahead.



#### **Afternoon Field Trips and Workshops**

1 - 3 pm Field Trips – New Illick Hall Greenhouse
Tour of new chestnut lab in Central New York Biotech Accelerator (BAC)

3:15 – 3:55 pm - Session 1 (Choose A or B)

#### A – Oxalate Oxidase Assay – Dakota Matthews

Learn how to identify transgenic American chestnut trees containing the OxO gene by using this simple test. Easy to use in the field.

#### **B – Options Beyond Two Tree Orchards – Allen Nichols**

- Grafting onto large wild "mother" trees.
- Planting isolated blight resistant trees and pollinating them with pollen from multiple wild trees.
- Removing catkins/pollen from "mother" trees if more than one planted/orchard.
- The next step, planting the nuts.

#### 4:05 – 4:45 pm - Session 2 (Choose A or B)

#### A – Site and Soil Prep – Tyler Desmarais

Learn how to prepare the site and soil before planting "mother" trees. This is also applicable for the eventual release of our transgenic trees.

#### **B** – Cooking with Chestnuts – Kristen Stewart

As the title suggests, you will learn different ways to cook with chestnuts.

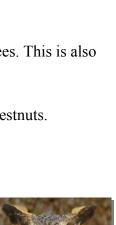
4:45 pm Announce winners to silent auction/50:50

5:00 pm Afternoon session closes

6:00 pm The Rosamond Gifford Zoo – Visit the indoor areas of the zoo

7:00 pm Dinner at the Zoo, with "Birds of Prey" demonstration

After Dinner Closing Remarks



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601 S. Crouse Ave.

Syracuse, NY 13210

(315) 476-4212

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1 Forestry Drive,
Syracuse, NY 13210

Friday, October 16, 2015 Saturday, October 17, 2015

To make your room reservations, call the Hotel Skyler (<a href="http://www.hotelskyler.com">http://www.hotelskyler.com</a>) at (315) 476-4212 and ask for "American Chestnut Conference Room Block". Reservations must be made prior to September 28, 2015 to receive the rate of \$96 per night. This includes standard accommodations with either one king bed or two queen beds, as well as an upscale, hot artisanal style breakfast each morning. Meetings and facility touring will be at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Check out the website <a href="http://www.esf.edu/outreach/chestnut">http://www.esf.edu/outreach/chestnut</a> for more details.

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Brief Meeting Agenda: Friday night includes the Harvest Exchange from with coffee, tea and Danish at Moon Library with followed by tours of the facilities and workshops the Rosamond Gifford Zoo with time to tour the iprovided for those who do not want to drive their	meetings lasti from 1:00 pm ndoor facilities	ing until 11:45 am. Li to 4:30 pm. Saturday	unch at noon night dinner is at
Friday	Cost	# Attending	Total Cost
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Saturday Registration Fee (before October 1, 2015) Dinner Reservation	\$25 each \$40 each		\$ \$
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I desire shuttle service Hotel to/from ESF I desire shuttle service Hotel to/from Zoo. I expect to bring nuts for Harvest E I would like nuts to plant. I would be glad to help at the Annual Mee I would be interested in the following Member Sharing Topics	Exchange.	Mail before TACFNY 302 Bates	ecks payable to:  Ore October 1 <sup>st</sup> to:  Y C/O Fran Nichols man Road NY 13796