

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

Where: SUNY-ESF (www.esf.edu)
110 Moon Library
1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210

When: Friday, October 16, 2015
Saturday, October 17, 2015

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
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| 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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Hotel Skyler
601 S. Crouse Ave.
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 476-4212

and

SUNY-ESF
110 Moon Library
1 Forestry Drive,
Syracuse, NY 13210

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To make your room reservations, call the Hotel Skyler (<http://www.hotelskyler.com>) 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 <http://www.esf.edu/outreach/chestnut> for more details.

Registration Form

Name (s): _____ Address: _____
 Phone: _____ City: _____
 E-mail: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Brief Meeting Agenda:

Friday night includes the Harvest Exchange from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. Saturday morning begins early with coffee, tea and Danish at Moon Library with meetings lasting until 11:45 am. Lunch at noon followed by tours of the facilities and workshops from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Saturday night dinner is at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo with time to tour the indoor facilities before dinner. Shuttle service will be provided for those who do not want to drive their own car.

	<u>Cost</u>	<u># Attending</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Friday			
Nut Exchange	Free	_____	Free
Saturday			
Registration Fee (before October 1, 2015)	\$25 each	_____	\$ _____
Dinner Reservation	\$40 each	_____	\$ _____
Total Registration:			\$ _____

- _____ I desire shuttle service Hotel to/from ESF.
- _____ I desire shuttle service Hotel to/from Zoo.
- _____ I expect to bring _____ nuts for Harvest Exchange.
- _____ I would like _____ nuts to plant.
- _____ I would be glad to help at the Annual Meeting.
- _____ I would be interested in the following
 Member Sharing Topics _____ .

Make checks payable to:
TACFNY

Mail before October 1st to:
TACFNY C/O Fran Nichols
302 Bateman Road
Laurens, NY 13796