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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently returned from the TACFNY workshop on the deployment of American chestnuts at CESF, Syracuse on June 15 and 16, and witnessed an American chestnut seedling 2" tall with the 3 gene construct in it. This further convinced me of our progress towards a disease resistant American chestnut. We still don't know how resistant it will be, but hold great hope.

The main purpose of the meeting was to make a plan to mass- produce American chestnut seedlings with which to restore the forest, and review all the permits that will be required to deploy them. The cost of obtaining the permits needs to be addressed now, so there will be no hold up at the time CESF requests them and has to pay for them.

We believe we have identified all the agencies we will have to be dealing with, and an advisory committee of the partnership of TACFNY, Arborgen, International Forest Biotechnology, CESF-Syracuse and NYS DEC will prepare a plan. The other national agencies that attended were Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA), who will assist us in preparing plans for final approval from the EPA, FDA and United States Department of Agriculture.

Another problem is, with so many patents involved in so many places it will take special efforts to get the new biotech American chestnut seedlings into the public domain. We are sure it can be done, but it won't be easy. Everyone attending worked toward the end of preparing the way to get permits as fast as possible to keep the program moving. I am confident by the time we have the proper disease resistant trees we will have the permits to deploy them.

LONG LIVE THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT!

Herbert F. Darling, Jr., President

**TACFNY ANNUAL MEETING SYRACUSE, NY
 REGISTRATION FORM
 OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 2005**

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$55 EA x _____ TOTAL \$ _____
 (Includes Coffee break, luncheon, shuttles, tours and dinner)

SEND BY OCTOBER 3, 2005

REGISTRATION FEE \$60 AFTER OCTOBER 3

Make checks payable to: **TACFNY**
 Mail before October 3 to: **Arlene Wirsig, TACFNY**
 3747 River Road
 Youngstown, NY 14174

_____ I expect to bring _____ nuts for the Harvest Exchange (Friday night 10/21) (ship before 10/19)

_____ I would like to have _____ nuts to plant

_____ Please register me for the Training for Testing Research Workshop. (Limited to 20)

_____ Please arrange exhibit space for me.

_____ I would be glad to help at the Annual Meeting.

_____ I would be interested in the following Member Sharing topic(s) _____
 See Annual Meeting Article for Details

THE BUR IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OUR GOAL OF RESTORING THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT, PLEASE GIVE THEM THIS APPLICATION.

Membership Application

Enclosed is my membership support of:

- Gold leaf, \$1000
- Silver leaf, \$500
- Bronze leaf, \$250
- Green leaf, \$100
- Regular, \$40
- Student, \$15
- Other \$ _____
- Special Gift to NY State Chapter \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Enclosed is an additional contribution in the amount of \$_____ in support of the New York State Chapters' activities.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: E-mail: _____

This is a gift membership from: _____

Address: _____

Membership includes subscriptions to The Bark and Journal of the American Chestnut Foundation and enrollment in the New York State Chapter. The Chapter publishes the BUR, helps guide research at CESF, and includes nine Districts for local involvement in maintaining the American chestnut gene pool. Please make check payable to The American Chestnut Foundation, PO Box 4044, Bennington, VT 05201-4044. TACF is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Except for the member services portion of your contribution (valued at \$15), your gift is tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

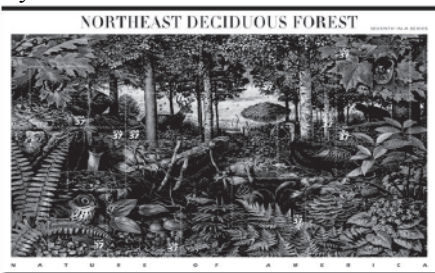
The American Chestnut Foundation, 469 Main Street, PO Box 4044, Bennington, Vermont 05201-4044

TRAINING FOR TESTING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

On the road to approval of the bioengineered American chestnut, many hundreds of transformed treelets will need to be tested. A new, fairly simple, method of early testing has been developed to do this. Training will be offered at a workshop at the annual meeting for any who would be interested in this part of the chestnut research.

Dr. William Powell will be demonstrating the technique and giving hands-on training to give an opportunity to see what is involved. This is a chance to be in on the cutting edge of the research. If you wish to volunteer to help save the lab crew's time, he will be glad to discuss your availability with you whether it's once a month, twice a week, or a block of time.

This workshop is limited to 20 people. Please indicate on your registration form if you wish to attend this session.



United States Post Office
Deciduous Forest Stamp Series

2005 HARVEST EXCHANGE JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT

This year we are going to have the Harvest Exchange on Friday evening, October 21, and try to complete preparing the packets for the planters before Saturday. Because of the intensive Saturday program at several sites, we don't want the work of our Harvest Exchange to interfere with any of the opportunities. So, can all you Harvesters bring your crop in as early as possible on Friday?

Come to the Capitol Club room on the second floor of the Genesee Grande Hotel, 1060 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY from 8:00 PM on. Don't forget to include a twig with leaves from each grove or

tree. Sara Fitzsimmons, our Regional Tree Breeder Coordinator, will be with us also to help and get everything into the regional database as well. We will be rolling up our sleeves and getting ready to count nuts as well as enjoy the informal socializing as people arrive and join the Harvesters.

If you can't make it on Friday, could you please ship nuts to Herb Darling, 131 California Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 before October 19 so that they can be included in the packets. If you live in the Syracuse area and can't stop in Friday evening, you could drop them off at the hotel at your convenience marked for pickup by Stan Wirsig on Friday.

If we are able to get all the nuts in fairly early, and get lots of volunteers to take a stint at counting them into proscribed unit packages of 20 each, we should get the assorted packets for planters done in a hurry. Everyone's welcome to join the fun of achieving our goal - "Done before Midnight". All that will be left for Saturday is letting planters pick up their packets. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Any questions call:
Stan at 716-745-7772 or
Herb at 716-632-1125

SOUND OF MUSIC

Live theater is always a treat, and this well-loved musical, SOUND OF MUSIC, is probably one of most everyone's "Favorite Things". It will be playing Saturday night 10/22/05 at Theatre 90 on the State Fairgrounds, at 7:30 PM. It is not far from the college. Seating is limited and tickets sell out fast so if you wish to see it, be in touch with the following very soon and ask for the TACFNY special rate of \$20 for your reservation.

Call 315-479-5495 and ask for Edith for information and a reservation. Make checks payable to Theatre 90, and mail to Edith Basile, 428 Brattle Road, Syracuse, NY 13203. Then you can start looking forward to a great evening to top off your special day.

From the Walton Reporter Poem
September 22, 1904 Bethany White

Chestnut Crop Large.

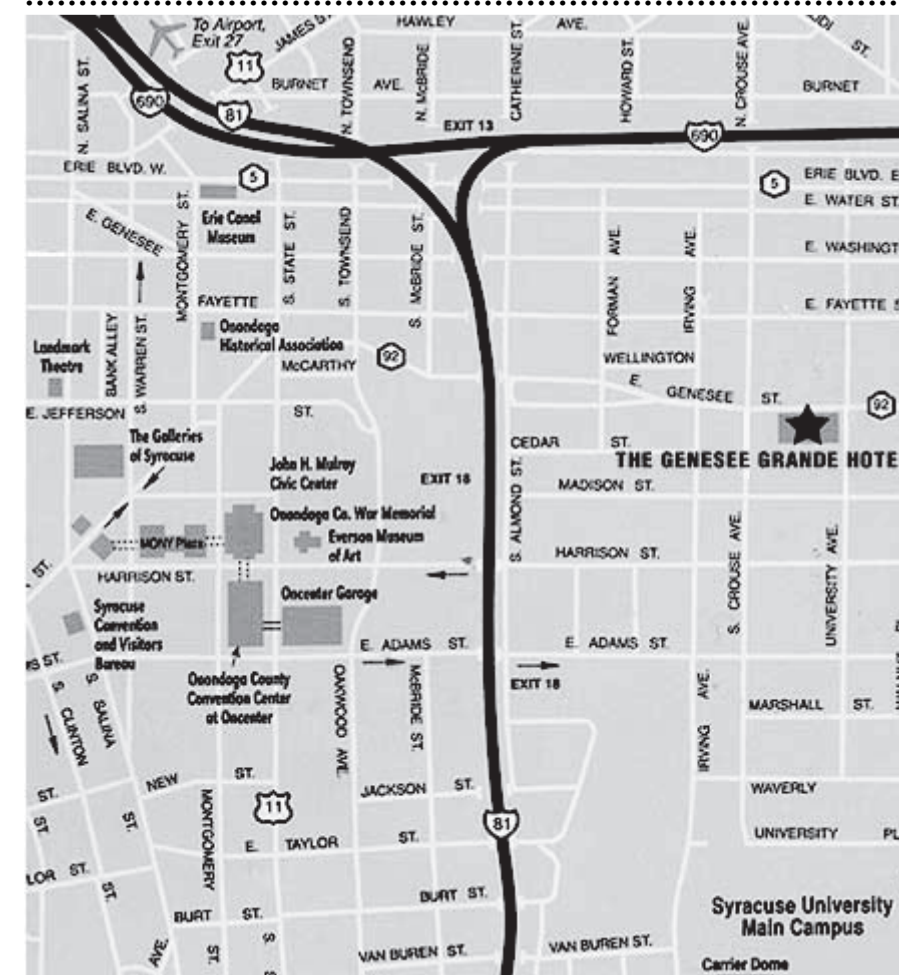
(From our Hamden Correspondent.)
Chestnuts which are an abundant crop
Chestnut tree so big and tall
Used to be the king of all
Many nuts; so much wood
are already being brought to town in
so useful and so good
All moderate quantities for which 12 cents
per lb. is paid.
Now we all work to explore
How our chestnut to restore



2005 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, October 21, 8:00 PM	Capitol Club Room 2nd Floor	Informal socializing, Harvest Exchange
Saturday, October 22, 6:00 AM	Ballroom	Meeting setup
8:00 AM		Registration, Exhibits, Roasting Chestnuts
9:00 AM		Morning Session and Workshops*
12:00 NOON	Salon A & B	LUNCH
1:00 PM	Lobby	Shuttle to ESF
1:30 PM	Baker Hall	Presentations, Tours
	Marshall Hall	Dinner
7:00 PM		Return to Hotel
9:00 PM	Capitol Club	Member Sharing
Sunday, October 23, 9:00 AM	Capitol Club	Open Board Meeting
11:30 AM		Adjournment of the 15th Annual Meeting

- * **Workshop 1 Training for Research Testing (Limited to 20) Dr. William Powell**
- * **Workshop 2 Identification of American Chestnuts**



--The Genesee Grande Hotel is in the North Central Part of New York off US I-90 in Syracuse, NY
--From US I-90 take I-690 E via Exit 39 toward Syracuse.
--Merge into I-81 S toward Binghamton.
--Take Harrison Street Exit, Exit 18 towards Adams Street
--Turn Slight Right onto Harrison Street
--Turn Right on Townsend Street
--Turn Right on E Genesee Street (NY-92) and continue to the hotel at 1060 Genesee Street.

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ANNUAL MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS

The Genesee Grande Hotel, 1060 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY is near the college, and will be our headquarters. They have reserved a block of rooms for us at a rate of \$99 per night. They also have a newly decorated annex called the Parkview with rooms at \$79/night. Both provide a continental breakfast at no charge and parking is free. The Parkview's address is 713 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY and the driveway to the parking lot is on the right as you face the building. There are fully equipped fitness center and other amenities available.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY
OCTOBER 3, 2005 TO RECEIVE THESE
RATES.**

**Call 1-800-365-4663 and ask for the NY
CHAPTER AMERICAN CHESTNUT
FOUNDATION BLOCK.**

The hotel number is 1-315-476-4212.

**For the meetings on Saturday and Sunday,
Parkview guests may leave their cars in the
Genesee Grande parking lot. Shuttles for the
college also will leave from there.**

**The brochure says, "Your stay will be Grande" in
either place.**

**Lodging should be arranged directly with the hotel
at 1-800-365-4663.**

***If you have any raffle items please let Arlene 716-745-7772 or
Herb 716-632-1125 know. Thank you.***

ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 2005

Syracuse, here we come! The 15th Annual Meeting of the New York Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation will focus on visiting the laboratories and greenhouses of the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse where exciting research is being done. Presentations will be given showing how transformation of the American chestnut is being done, the status of the testing of the American chestnut treelets with blight resistant genes, current work on new gene constructs, and - an offshoot of the chestnut research - a transformed elm tree. It is now over 5' tall grown in Dr. Powell's laboratory and the preliminary tests show that it is resistant to the Dutch Elm disease. It's always great to see what is happening right now, in person, and not have to wait and read about it later.

The meeting will be headquartered at the Genesee Grande Hotel on East Genesee Street near the college because of new parking regulations on campus. Our group will park at the hotel and we will be shuttled to ESF after the morning session and lunch at the hotel. Presentations and tours of the laboratories and greenhouses will fill the afternoon and end with an early sit-down dinner and speaker in Marshall Hall (complete with white gloved servers and candles yet!) We should be through by 7:00 PM. The committee felt that the day was so tightly and fully planned that many would just want to put their feet up and relax, drop in on the Member Sharing, or choose their own activity from the many things available to do in Syracuse. Just check the hotel material; their people will be glad to help. Also note the "Sound of Music" article. If you like live theater, this wonderful old musical is playing that night at a nearby theater with equity players. They say it is very well done and we are being given a special rate.

Our featured speaker will be John M. Cordts from APHIS, the USDA

Biotechnology Regulatory Service. This is the federal agency responsible for giving the approval to allow bioengineered plants and trees to be planted in open areas. What does it take to obtain this approval? What is in the future? We shall be looking forward to hearing about the new regulations, and understanding how the procedures apply to our work.

The Capitol Club room on the second floor will be open for more chestnut talk and Member Sharing from 9:00 - 11:00 PM. Come on up and have your say; the give and take is one of the best parts of getting together.

This room will also be open on Friday night for informal socializing as people arrive, and work on the Harvest Exchange. If you want to, you can even help, and it would be appreciated for as long or as short a time as you wish.

The Harvest Exchange will be a little different this year. We are planning to work on it Friday evening October 21, 2005 and hope to complete all the packets that evening. Please see the Harvest Exchange article for details.

For lodging see the Accommodations article for details. Reservations need to be made by October 3 to receive the group rate. Lodging should be arranged directly with the hotel at 1-800-365-4663 or locally @ 315-476-4212.

Sunday morning October 23 there will be an open Board meeting at 9:00 AM in the Capitol Club room. Future goals, policies and needed work will be discussed.

At 11:30 AM the TACFNY 15th Annual Meeting will be adjourned.
SEE YOU THERE!

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