

2007 Spring Events In Which We Need Your Participation



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Top: Summer work-party at Salem Orchard.

Middle: One season's growth on display at Woodbridge Land Trust.

Bottom: Measuring workparty last Autumn at NCLT Swann Farm.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT

April 14th Salem. We're meeting at the Bingham Farm at 1pm, with an eye toward planting our second "crop" of 56 nuts (from a local Salem Tree), and another crop of 117 nuts (from a Roxbury tree). In addition, we're planning to add several hundred feet of fencing to increase the size of the deer fencing enclosure. (April 15th Rain Date)

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

April 21st Woodbridge. Come help plant our second year's crop of CT-TACF Backcross Chestnuts in the Woodbridge Orchard. We have 151 nuts from the Manchester Tree.

NORTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT

April 21st Ellington. Come join us at the Orchard planting and fence raising at the Northern CT Land Trust Swann Farm in Ellington. We'll be planting the 192 nuts from the Stafford tree, and enclosing 1.5 acres with new fencing paid for in part by the CT-TACF, The Norcross Foundation, and NCLT.

April 28th Ellington. A second day of planting is planned for the Swann farm Orchard if required.

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT

May (tbd?) Canaan. While the date is dependent on when the roads clear from snow, we hope to plant our newest orchard on property identified at Great Mountain Forest Corporation in mid-May when roads clear of snow and open.

To get more information on any of these events listed above, please contact Leila Pinchot, TACF Regional Science Coordinator at 203/598-5808

About TACF

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) and its Connecticut Chapter (CT-TACF) are 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations funded primarily by membership. Our goal is to restore the American chestnut tree to its native forests through a scientific research and breeding program developed by TACF's founders.

The Connecticut Chapter of TACF (CT-TACF) is responsible for implementing the TACF, American Chestnut (genetic) Regional Diversity Program in CT. In this program, we pollinate local "mother trees" with advanced breeding pollen which in some of the offspring will impart blight resistance. For an example, see the photo of the bucket truck operator bagging flowers on the cover.

In the autumn, we collect the seeds from the local trees and then come spring, plant them in our research orchards. The goal is to capture some of the genetic diversity that evolved locally and can still be found in trees growing from ancient roots throughout Connecticut. We believe this diversity is important in providing the resistant trees we breed through this program, with the best chance for success when planted back in the forests of Connecticut.

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Summer pollination of the American chestnut flowers with advanced breeding pollen from TACF...



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... yields hundreds of nuts, some of which when planted in our orchards will grow into trees resistant to the blight.



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2007 Planting Season is Upon Us!

As Earth Day approaches, do something significant for the earth! Volunteer a few hours of your time locally to help make a difference.

Help us restore the American Chestnut to Connecticut, by volunteering a few hours of your time towards planting our crop of CT originating backcross nuts in one of CT's Research Orchards.

Join others, friends, new friends, family and TACF Members in this fun and rewarding activity. There is no obligation required, and no green thumb qualifications needed! Call in advance to let us know you're coming, and we'll organize the rest.



Photo Above: Dr. Phil Arnold CT-TACF Vice-President/ Secretary inspects the season's growth of one of the "Calistro Tree" 3rd Generation Backcross Seedlings planted at the Woodbridge Land Trust Orchard in Woodbridge Center.