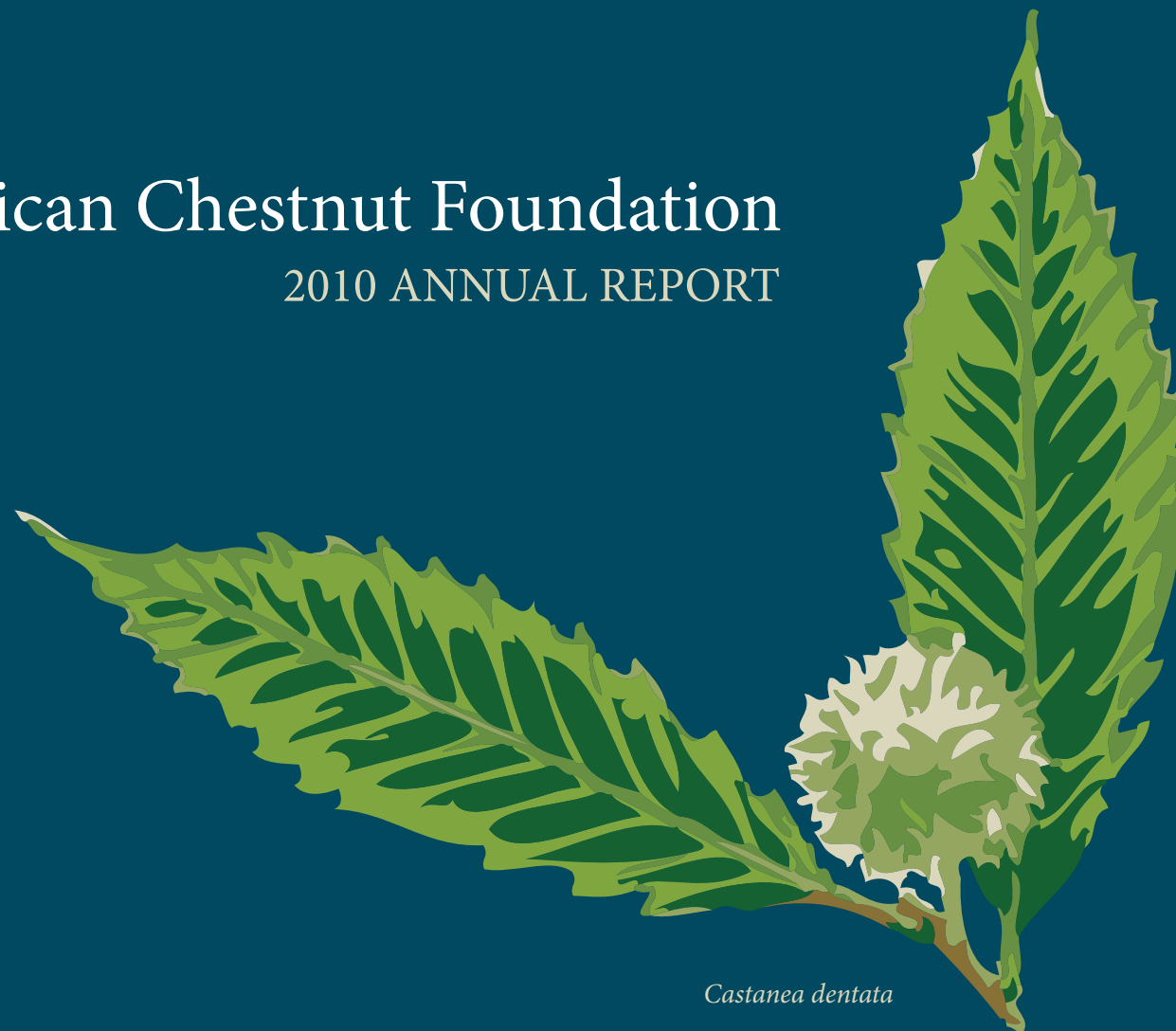


# The American Chestnut Foundation

2010 ANNUAL REPORT



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

This year marked some very visible changes for TACF. Most visible was the launch of our new, full-color magazine, *The Journal of the American Chestnut Foundation*. This publication represents an effort to engage a more diverse audience while staying true to the organization's focus on science. TACF's message is powerful and this magazine represents a tremendous communications platform for TACF to tell our story.


During the summer of 2010, TACF finished construction of the Glenn C. Price Laboratory in southwestern Virginia. By the end of 2010, TACF also secured the necessary funding needed to equip the lab. This modern lab represents a tremendous tool to help TACF unlock many of the mysteries that still surround the chestnut blight and resistance to the blight. This fully functioning lab is only possible thanks to our committed chapters, donors, and volunteers.

TACF's membership and financial situation continues to grow thanks to the dedication of our state chapters, volunteers, and donors. Our state chapters continue to march forward implementing our breeding program and currently oversee well over 300 breeding orchards throughout the range of the American chestnut. No doubt, this extensive network of chestnut orchards is a herculean feat accomplished by a committed volunteer work force. The trees developed by our state chapters are the very trees that will allow us to reintroduce the chestnut back into our forests.

These are exciting times for TACF. This was an historic year for the organization in so many ways. The only thing more exciting than 2010 is looking forward to 2011!

*Bryan*





The American chestnut was once the dominant hardwood in its native eastern forests up until the early 1900s. With each passing year since then, the collective memory of the chestnut has disappeared and each succeeding generation has a lesser idea of the importance of the chestnut. The American Chestnut Foundation and its network of state chapters and volunteers have been working since 1983 to restore this keystone species so future generations will know the grandeur and beauty of these mighty giants.

With 16 chapters in 18 states, more than 5,500 members in all 50 states and a staff of 15, TACF was well positioned to put the American chestnut front and center this past year. From Maine to Georgia, our members made 2010 one to remember.

Under our long-standing agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, TACF moved into the second year of test plantings on three national forests in the Southeast. More than 1,200 trees were planted, including more than 500 potentially blight-resistant specimens. Also, our New York Chapter, which has been using biotechnology techniques to produce a potentially blight-resistant American chestnut, established its first transgenic planting to test and evaluate this year.

TACF's ongoing work with the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative and with the U.S. Forest Service highlighted the importance of American chestnut to forest health and to restoring healthy forests. TACF is committing itself to reintroducing the chestnut which will result in healthier forests.

“I hope that someday the mountains of the Appalachians will once more be white  
with chestnut blossoms on the fourth of July.”

*Fred Hebard, Chief Scientist, The American Chestnut Foundation*

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2010

### SEED DISTRIBUTION

Some of our longest-term members continued receiving the long-awaited potentially blight-resistant chestnut seeds and seedlings—the culmination of 28 years of scientific research. With the distribution of more than 200 seeds and seedlings to long-term members, The American Chestnut Foundation continued to move forward with its mission to restore the American chestnut.

### GROWING TACF AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

To help strengthen our state chapters and involve people at the local level, TACF launched a program that will build true grassroots support for our ongoing effort to bring back this remarkable tree. The Restoration Branch concept creates a fun and exciting venue in your community to recruit new volunteers, new members, and share TACF's incredible conservation story. During 2010, five branch events resulted in 200 new members and approximately \$100,000 for new chestnut restoration activities.

### USING THE TREE TO TELL OUR STORY

American chestnut trees were everywhere last year. We hosted ceremonial plantings at Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, Dollywood, the West Virginia State Capitol; and several prominent conservation groups called on TACF to plant potentially blight-resistant trees. The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy and the Jamestown, NY Audubon Society were just two of the many groups that received trees this year.

### NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Last year, TACF signed agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Quality Deer Management Association. And by renewing our agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, we were able to add the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a partner to help bring American chestnut plantings and research to the forefront of our conservation effort.



Mrs. Mary Belle Price has played a central role in the development of the Glenn C. Price Laboratory, named in honor of her late husband.



TACF Chairman Richard Will and daughter Shannon Will enjoy an afternoon at the Fern Hollow Nature Center in Sewickley Heights, PA. The tour was offered as part of TACF's 2010 annual meeting.




Smokey Bear made a guest appearance at TACF's 2010 annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. He is accompanied here by long-time TACF member Rex Mann of Kentucky.



Singer and entertainer Dolly Parton and her uncle, Bill Owens, dedicated an American chestnut tree this year at Dollywood Amusement Park in Tennessee. Bill has been involved with TACF for more than 15 years as a member and a grower.



This year, more than 17,000 of our potentially blight-resistant nuts were harvested at Meadowview Research Farms in southwest Virginia. We call this latest generation of seed our Restoration Chestnut.



*Using the American Chestnut to Restore Healthy Forests to  
Areas Previously Used for Coal Mining*

In 2006, The American Chestnut Foundation partnered with the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative to utilize lands formerly used for coal mining to plant American chestnut. Today, more than 3,000 pure and backcross American chestnut trees populate coal fields throughout the Appalachian region.

Under a spreading chestnut tree  
The village smithy stands;  
The smith, a mighty man is he,  
With large and sinewy hands;  
And the muscles of his brawny arms  
Are strong as iron bands.

— *The Village Smithy*, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The village smithy may not be making a comeback anytime soon but the American chestnut – once the king of our eastern forests – may soon reclaim its throne thanks to a partnership between the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative (ARRI) and The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF). ARRI brings together academics, foresters, concerned citizens, government agencies, and coal industry officials to develop the most successful practices for reforesting reclaimed mine lands.

The American chestnut at one time dominated forests from Maine to Florida and west to the Ohio River Valley representing a quarter of all of the hardwood trees in those forests. Now, only small sprouts remain where giant trees once grew. Yet there is promise that our children and grandchildren will someday find themselves on a forest walk surrounded by the 100-foot-high trees sporting a five-foot girth.

TACF has begun producing the thousands of seeds needed in order to ensure a viable reforestation effort. In the forest, large numbers of nuts help ensure survival. Yet, thousands of seeds and seedlings are of little use if you don't have the hundreds of acres needed to grow them. Reclaimed coal mine sites offer an excellent opportunity to facilitate a wide-spread reintroduction of the American chestnut to this area of the

country. Since they are surrounded by millions of acres of forest, wildlife will spread the American chestnut seeds from these reclamation sites to neighboring areas. This allows nature to repopulate the Appalachian region with American chestnut.


#### SCIENCE AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION MERGE TO SAVE THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT

ARRI merges the findings of lead scientists with the real world experience of practicing foresters, land owners, and coal operators to ensure that the best practices are used in reforesting former surface coal mine sites.

Our experiments have shown that the American chestnut grows very fast on these mine lands. The research sites show that within a very short time we can have large plantings of American chestnuts.

#### THE FUTURE IS OURS

This year, TACF's mine-land plantings have expanded to include five states covering more than 200 acres of land in coal country. The Appalachian coal region has continued to receive American chestnut seeds and seedlings for planting with the hopes that the land will eventually be restored to its former beauty.



The American Chestnut Foundation includes chapters that cover all of the states within the native range of the chestnut tree. These chapters are the backbone of our national breeding and restoration program. Their work to educate people, some of whom have never seen a full-grown American chestnut, about the historic, cultural and economic importance of the tree is one of the key reasons our membership is growing each year.

## *Restoring a Cultural Icon*

Our commitment to the conservation and reintroduction of the American chestnut extends to all of the sixteen state chapters of The American Chestnut Foundation. Each chapter stands on its own but fits within the overall fabric of the foundation by establishing its own breeding and seed orchards and developing programs unique to their region. Chapter education programs on the American chestnut have reached hundreds of students of all ages, inspiring those who want to see this remarkable tree reintroduced to its native forests.

### **CHESTNUT LEARNING BOX**

This year, TACF's volunteers developed an educational tool which brings the story of the American chestnut to classrooms, nature centers and other civic groups in a tangible, thought-provoking way. The Chestnut Learning Box includes a full curriculum on the life, death and rebirth of the American chestnut tree, hands-on materials including chestnut burs and wood samples, and a series of photos and posters that showcase the American chestnut before, during and after the blight. Each state chapter has a Learning Box and more are being developed for distribution throughout the country.

### **RESTORATION BRANCH PROGRAM**

The development of Restoration Branches began in earnest during 2010. The Branch functions as an arm of its respective TACF state chapter and promotes the state's goals and objectives in their local community. This new program allows TACF to take our message to the masses in a truly grassroots effort and recruit these new members to help us achieve our mission, and strengthen our TACF state chapters.

People from all across the nation want to help us; many just haven't had the opportunity. Community-based TACF Branches provide this opportunity. These Branches are simply groups of individuals within a local community that annually host an event, usually a dinner. The ticket price to attend the event includes the cost of a TACF membership. By including membership for each attendee, TACF has the opportunity to reach new people who want to be part of our restoration effort. And by using the power of volunteers we can expand our reach to a significantly higher number of communities.

- A Branch may work through its state chapter to adopt a local breeding orchard and help recruit the members that attended their Branch event to help work in the orchard.
- The Branch might also help raise funds necessary to support the orchard.
- The Branch may work with local school groups and other community organizations to educate the public about the American chestnut.
- In time, the Branch can assist the state chapter with plantings of potentially blight-resistant chestnuts we call our Restoration Chestnuts.

Five TACF Branches were formed last year: the Sewickley (PA) Restoration Branch, the Susquehanna (PA) Restoration Branch, the Southwestern Virginia Restoration Branch, Cataloochee (NC) Restoration Branch, and the Princeton (MA) Restoration Branch. Through these events, TACF was able to register more than 200 new members.

## *Keeping the Focus Local - Our Chapters in 2010*

### ALABAMA

The heart of Alabama's breeding effort lies in the first orchard begun in 1995 by Dr. Jimmy Maddox in Muscle Shoals, Alabama on 4 acres of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) land with full Tennessee Valley Authority support. The TVA recently decided to divest itself of the 1,400 acres known as the Muscle Shoals Reservation and make the property available for development. There is a real danger that this orchard, in operation for 16 years, could be lost. The TVA has invited public input on the various options for development of this land and the Alabama Chapter will continue to work to save this orchard. This year, a major emphasis was placed on building relationships with organizations that have the potential to participate in chestnut restoration in Alabama. Organizations now with us are the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Alabama Wildlife Federation, the Alabama Forestry Association, Alabama State Parks, Forever Wild, The Freshwater Land Trust, Russell Lands and the Boy Scouts of America.

### CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Chapter planted the 2009 harvests at the Guilford, Middletown, Wigwam Brook and Great Mountain Forest orchards. Chapter members were able to pollinate six native trees successfully, thanks in part to the generous support of Bartlett Tree Experts and Connecticut Light and Power. In addition, a research-based internship project was established with the University of Connecticut with help from a grant to the chapter by the Diebold Foundation. The project leveraged the university's Geographic Information System capabilities to develop a model for not only predicting but also finding chestnut habitat to assist with the effort of restoring the American chestnut to the state.

### CAROLINAS (North Carolina/South Carolina)

This year, the Carolinas Chapter harvested its first B3F2 nuts and planted them in spring 2010. The seedlings will produce trees, when intercrossed, will produce the chapter's first potentially blight-resistant Restoration Chestnuts in about 2015. The chapter also produced a second crop of B3F2 nuts this year and established a second seed orchard in which to grow them. The chapter planted two orchard test sites using B3F3 nuts supplied by Meadowview Farms. Dr. Paul Sisco directed the inoculation of three chapter orchards, including one at the farm of TACF board member Dr. Joe James, involving testing of backcrossed chestnut trees already screened for resistance to *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, or root rot. Dr. James received a grant from TACF to continue his work to grow, inoculate, and screen chestnut seedlings to create a population of hybrid chestnut trees with resistance to root rot.

### GEORGIA

Over 80 mother trees have now been located and plotted, with tree stewards in place monitoring yearly status. Primarily using the "Father Tree" approach, (pollinating Meadowview BC trees with Georgia tree pollen) more than 1,100 nuts resulted from the 2009 pollination season and over 600 nuts for last year's work. Nearly 60 orchard sites across the state are now in use or being tested for potential use. New backcross lines were established at Reinhart College, Oglethorpe Gardens, Callaway Gardens, and Camp Sidney Dew, a local Boy Scout camp. With ten distinct lines in backcross orchards, the Chapter is halfway to its goal of 20 Georgia lines. The Henry Orchard was funded by a \$30,000 Specialty Crop Grant and will house three lines of trees. And work has begun on the Georgia Chapter's first restoration planting project with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Allatoona.

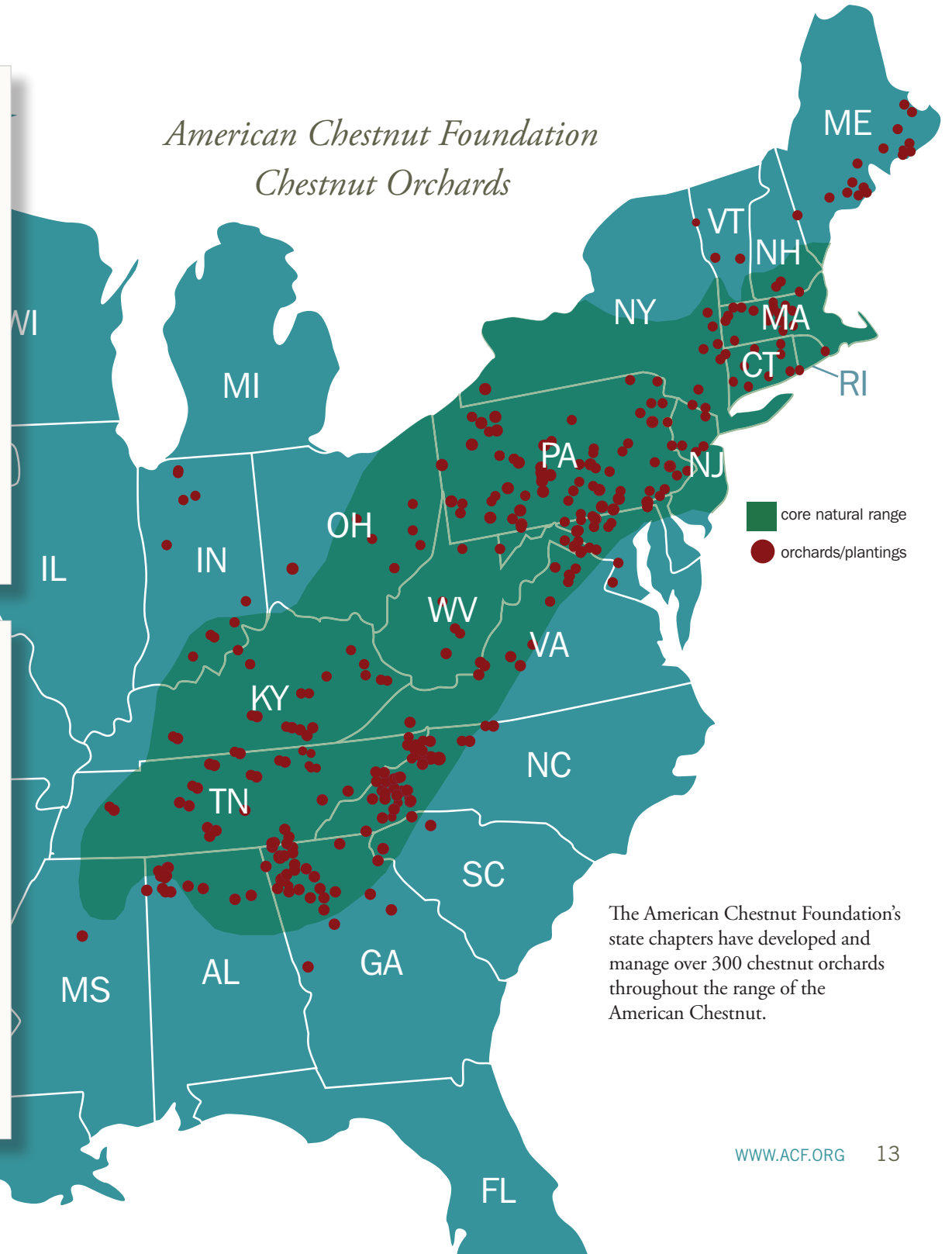


The American Chestnut Foundation has established several orchards such as this one in Maryland in partnership with the Izaak Walton League.



Every year, hundreds of TACF volunteers work to establish and maintain orchards throughout the natural range of the American chestnut.

## American Chestnut Foundation Chestnut Orchards



The American Chestnut Foundation's state chapters have developed and manage over 300 chestnut orchards throughout the range of the American Chestnut.

## KENTUCKY

This year approximately 60 American chestnut sprouts have been transplanted from Harlan and Bell Counties to the Morgan County Nursery which was begun in 2005. Some of these trees bloomed in 2010 and the Kentucky Chapter plans to pollinate them in 2011. TACF member Dr. Anne Myers received a five-year grant with 21st Century Parks to establish chestnut groves in the new greenbelt park and two sites were planted with pure American chestnuts. The severe heat and drought and discovery of *Phytophthora cinamommi*, or root rot, compromised both test sites; new site selection and preparation are in progress. Kentucky continued to receive strong support from the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Louisville Metro Parks. KDF Foresters and County Rangers located new American chestnuts and pollinated several trees for the Kentucky Chapter this year.

## MAINE

The Maine chapter has completed back-crossing 20 lines each of Graves and Clapper lines and the B3F1 trees are growing in 10 breeding orchards across central Maine. Some of these lines have fewer numbers than the Chapter would prefer so the Chapter will be adding additional B3F1 trees in the future. The Chapter started inoculating their first B3F1 trees in 2007 and in 2011 should have their first B3F2 seeds to go into seed orchards. The Chapter has selected some of the sites for their prospective seed orchards and in 2011 these sites will be prepared for plantings during 2012. In May 2010 the Chapter planted their first B3F3 seedlings from Meadowview at Bradley, ME. This should be a good test of winter hardiness as the latitude is approximately 45 degrees N, and the low temps for the winter typically reach -15 to -20 degrees F.



The Sewickley Heights Branch was the first branch formed in what TACF hopes to be an extensive network of new grassroots volunteers.



Massachusetts chapter president Jamie Donalds plants one of TACF's Restoration Chestnuts on the grounds of Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. Old Sturbridge Village is one of TACF's newest partners in chestnut restoration.

## MARYLAND

The Maryland Chapter established three new orchards in partnership with a state agency, a county agency, and the U.S. Army this year. Chapter volunteers planted one corner of each orchard with “education/demonstration” plantings. These plantings, with explanatory signs, demonstrate different chestnut species and different levels of hybridization in our breeding program. As part of our education initiative, we provided nuts for 16 school orchards, and we worked with biology teachers on learning boxes and a chestnut workshop and with a global ecology student to study large survivors. The Chapter pollinated a new mother tree using the Musick source of resistance and they intercrossed several large survivors to create future potential mother trees. The Chapter’s fall harvest included over 4,000 American chestnuts, which they distributed to the state nursery, schools, and individuals to preserve Maryland germplasm and to improve planting and nurturing techniques.

## MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND

Members of the Massachusetts/Rhode Island Chapter performed a large number of inoculations and pollinations in their Massachusetts orchards this year. Chapter members rogued out the chapter’s first orchard after inoculation results and began Nanking pollinations on several trees. The chapter members then planted two lines of Nankings with the University of Rhode Island Master Gardeners and the South Kingstown, Rhode Island Land Trust in their orchard with a solar-powered irrigation system. The Massachusetts/Rhode Island chapter hosted a chestnut information booth at the International Society of Arboriculturists conference in Providence, RI. American chestnut restoration research continued this year as Dr. Charlotte Zampini worked on agrifos experiments and Dr. Paul Schaberg and TACF Regional Science Coordinator Kendra Gurney studied chestnut cold tolerance in New England.

## NEW YORK

This was an historic year for the New York Chapter. The New York State chapter established two federal government permitted test orchards for transgenic American chestnut seedlings this year. The first test planting was at Lasdon orchard, NYS District 3 under the supervision of District 3 Director Frank Munzer and Dr. Craig Hibben. The chapter also planted a second transgenic seedling test orchard at the William W. White Plantation in Zoar Valley, NY. Chapter president Herb Darling, Dick Radel, and John Gordon will oversee this plantation in TACF-NY’s District 9. After 20 years of focused work, the New York Chapter is looking forward to testing and evaluating these trees over the next several years.

## OHIO

The Ohio Chapter continues to focus on mine land research and the role American chestnut will play in the reclamation process. Dr. Brian McCarthy, Dr. Carolyn Keiffer and graduate students Keith Gilland and Jenise Bauman published a proceedings article on chestnut seedling establishment on mine sites in Ohio. In addition, McCarthy held a symposium on mine land reclamation and restoration at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America, held in Pittsburgh, PA this year. The chapter replanted and expanded the Dysart Woods chestnut planting in Belmont, Ohio; however, this planting experienced a relatively large mortality after the first year, apparently due to a fungus infecting the establishing seedlings. Dr. McCarthy’s students will survey the planting next year to assess survival and growth. The Ohio Chapter also received several generous donations from the Columbus-based Clark Foundation to support the Chapter’s ongoing work.

## PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Chapter focused many of its breeding activities on B3F2 production for The Pennsylvania State University's Arboretum as well as CMS production. Over 2,000 seedlings from five different PA-TACF chestnut families were planted in the Arboretum at Penn State in the spring with approximately 98% survival rate. An additional 2,000 seeds were planted at the House Rock orchard in Lancaster County. Research continued on Chinese resistance, chestnut silviculture, and the National Science Foundation grant. PA-TACF developed a chapter restoration plan, and is planning a restoration plot in southwestern PA with several partners next year. The Lower Susquehanna and Sewickley Restoration Branch events were launched in 2010 resulting in more than 100 new members for TACF.

## TENNESSEE

The highlight of the year for the Tennessee Chapter may have been the first inoculation of backcross trees in Tennessee. The trees, planted at the Tennessee Tech University orchard, are now old enough to start testing their resistance to the blight. Many of the Tennessee Chapter's activities this year involved outreach to local community groups including the Arbor Society of the Sugartree Homeowners Association, the Music and Molasses Festival, the Science and Math Expo, the Chattanooga Nature Center and the Hartsville Chamber of Commerce. Members of the chapter also made several trips to Meadowview Research Farms this year. They gathered pollen for the chapter's own father tree pollinations and they pre-bagged chestnut trees and pollinated the trees later to provide seed for Tennessee's backcross orchard.

## VERMONT/NEW HAMPSHIRE

This year the Vermont/New Hampshire Chapter pollinated four trees for the backcross breeding program. In addition, New England Regional Science Coordinator Kendra Gurney collected significant numbers of open pollinated American chestnuts, open pollinated Chinese chestnuts and F1 backcross chestnuts from trees in Vermont. The chapter planted more than 400 seeds in four separate orchards this year including ones in Peterborough, NH and Perkinsville, VT. Pikes Peak Farm orchard in Perkinsville became the chapter's first test planting site with six Restoration Chestnut seeds planted in 2010. Although much of the seed planted at the Otter Brook orchard in Peterborough, NH was eaten by wildlife, the chapter has already begun planning for next season.

## VIRGINIA

In 2010 The Virginia Chapter expanded its breeding program with four new orchards in Fauquier, Nelson and Madison counties. With these plantings the chapter now has nearly 20 B3 lines in Northern Virginia and is starting a new group of lines for central Virginia. Volunteers were recognized for their efforts at our Volunteer Gala hosted by Earle Martin at Stony Brook Farms, site of one of their new orchards. The chapter hosted the Chestnut Symposia in Harrisonburg in 2009 and at George Mason University in March 2010. The chapter's Fall Gala was held in November at the Chateauville Foundation, and the Southwest Virginia Restoration Branch got off to an outstanding start with its kickoff event at Meadowview Research Farms. The Appalachian Trail (AT) Mega-Transect project had continued success as 36 teams hiked 191 miles of the AT, counting chestnuts and finding 42 large survivors. The Virginia chapter led this multi-state effort providing training, mapping and data support and the chapter looks to expand the Mega-Transect project to include more miles of trail and more states.

*Statement of Activities  
and Changes in Net Assets*

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Unrestricted	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>			
Contributions and foundation grants	\$ 982,116	\$ 75,000	\$ 1,057,116
Federal grants	475,452	-	475,452
Membership dues	307,692	-	307,692
Investment return	110,750	32,100	142,850
Merchandise sales (net cost of \$13,436)	28,587	-	28,587
Donated services	263,500	-	263,500
Donated supplies	480	-	480
Advertising income	10,600	-	10,600
Other support and revenue	1,408	-	1,408
Net assets released from restrictions	531,079	(531,079)	-
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,711,664</b>	<b>\$423,979</b>	<b>\$2,287,685</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program services	\$ 1,703,877	-	\$ 1,703,877
Management and general	383,866	-	383,866
Fundraising	85,795	-	85,795
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$2,173,538</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$2,173,538</b>
Change in net assets	538,126	(423,979)	114,147
Net Assets, beginning of year	2,616,032	423,979	3,040,011
Net Assets, end of year	\$3,154,158	-	\$3,154,158

*Information based on an Independent Report for Year Ending June 30, 2010*

*“The American Chestnut Foundation has earned a fourth consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 8% of the charities we rate have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations. This ‘exceptional’ designation demonstrates to the public that The American Chestnut Foundation is worthy of their trust,” said Ken Berger, President and CEO of Charity Navigator.*



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The American Chestnut Foundation is breeding trees not only for blight resistance but also for other diseases affecting American chestnut, including root rot.

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 Surface Mining  
 Richard King Mellon Foundation  
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 Forest Service  
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Even the youngest members of the foundation lend a helping hand during planting season.

## Our Branch Program in Action

### Southwest Virginia Restoration Branch

*A small group of dedicated volunteers can make great things happen. TACF's Southwest Virginia Restoration Branch hosted its first celebration as a grassroots organization in 2010 and in the process, helped raise awareness and support for restoration of the American chestnut tree within its own community. When you empower great people, you can accomplish great things!*

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER PAST YEAR:

- Organized the 1st Annual Chestnut Restoration Celebration
  - Raised over \$5,000 for local and national TACF projects and signed up 150 new TACF members
  - Helped with tree breeding activities at the Meadowview Research Farm during the summer
  - Sponsored a community chestnut roast in October
  - Assembled educational materials for school programs
  - Planted 100 potentially blight-resistant seedlings at the Martha Washington Inn
  - Provided educational booths at the Mid-Atlantic Garden Faire and the Abingdon Earth Day Celebration
  - Organized the 2nd Annual Restoration Celebration
- #### UPCOMING EVENTS:
- Planting 1,000 potentially blight-resistant American chestnuts at the Channels State Forest
  - Landscaping the Glenn C. Price Research Laboratory, including a rain garden and native plant flower garden
  - Expanding local school education activities
  - Continuing to support the research lab and farms by purchasing equipment and helping with field work
  - Organizing the 3rd Annual Chestnut Restoration Celebration



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