

# Indiana Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation 2024 Annual Meeting

Martell Forest, Purdue University

1007 N. 725 W., West Lafayette, IN 47906

*Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024*

**Registration:** Contact Catherine Martini at [catherine.martini@acf.org](mailto:catherine.martini@acf.org) to RSVP by January 15th. We will provide a catered lunch. Please consider making a donation of \$20 to the Indiana Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation (IN-TACF) if you can to cover lunch and drinks (cash or checks). You can also sign up and pay for a new or renewing membership at the meeting.

**Zoom info:** Meeting ID: 884 8371 9337  
(for attending remotely) Passcode: 1904  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88483719337?pwd=V0NNTWpLYkdMZEEdtK2ZlNFNsSm5WUT09>

**What to bring:** Bring field boots and outdoor attire.

**What to See:** Martell Forest is the site of the IN-TACF's American chestnut OxO breeding. We will present the results we have thus far and discuss where we are headed next. Weather permitting, we will lead a tour of our OxO crosses in the field to highlight the pitfalls and the potential of the transgenic American chestnut. Transport is available for those needing assistance on the field tours. This is our meeting where we discuss new projects and elect our officers. Finally, thanks to Walt Beineke and Caleb Kell, we will have a unique opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting to see exactly how we collect scionwood from large wild trees in the woods.

## *Agenda*

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Activities</u></b>
<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Registration</b> – J.S. Wright Center
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome</b> - President's address and brief introductions
<b>9:30</b>	<b>Current OxO Information</b> –Indiana and National staff / officers
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Field Tour</b> - Indiana 'D54 OxO' crosses / Grafted American Conservation Orchard
<b>11:15</b>	<b>Where do we go with OxO now?</b> - National / Indiana staff and Officers
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> – <a href="#"><u>Eddie Joe's, West Point – Salad &amp; BBQ</u></a>
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Business meeting:</b> Chapter updates, treasury report, volunteers, and elections
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Current American Chestnut Germplasm Conservation Orchards in Indiana:</b> Purdue HTIRC operational breeding update
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Discussion:</b> Everyone – New and ongoing projects for 2024
<b>3:30</b>	<b>Field Scionwood Collection Demonstration</b> - Thanks to several partners, we have a demonstration of scionwood collection from isolated large forest trees just ½ a mile south of Martell. Folks can drive here and depart for home or return to the Wright Center.
<b>5:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>



Our field tour will include three years of controlled crosses between Indiana Americans and 'D54 OxO' from SUNY-ESF. We inoculated the first crosses in 2022 and everyone will get to see the progression of the disease since.



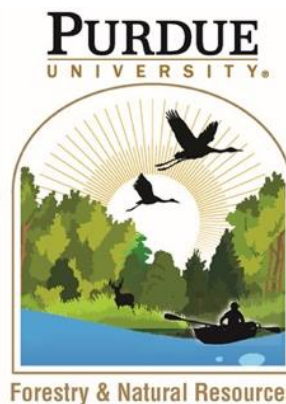
Everyone will get to see our original grafted American conservation / breeding orchard at the Martell Forest in the morning. We will demonstrate how graft wood is collected from large isolated trees in the forest. Grafting is a method that can speed up and improve genetic diversification.



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