

This October, MESAF is combining our third field tour with our annual Fall Meeting—and piggybacking on The American Chestnut Foundation's 34th Annual Meeting!

We have three opportunities to learn, network and enjoy some great food on the southern coast of Maine.

Thursday, October 5

A **Lobster Bake Dinner** on Peak's Island! A private charter ferry will take us to Peaks Island in Casco Bay, just a short cruise from Portland. There, you will enjoy a classic Down East feast of luscious lobster with all the trimmings. Steak, chicken, and vegetarian meals are also available. The cost for this event is \$60.00 per person.

Friday, October 6

We will begin with the MESAF Annual Business Meeting, followed by presentations from stakeholders on the current proposed changes to Maine's Tree Growth Tax Law.

During and after lunch we will participate in The American Chestnut Foundation's Annual Meeting presentations.

Saturday, October 7

A field tour highlighting chestnut silviculture, breeding and visiting a large surviving American Chestnut tree.

Overnight Accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton Portland Hotel
363 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, ME 04106
PH: (207) 775-6161

Reserve now to get TACF block rate.

Proposed Changes to Maine's Tree Growth Tax Law and The 34th Annual Meeting of The American Chestnut Foundation

Friday, October 6, 2017

DoubleTree Hotel
363 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, Maine



Chestnut Restoration Field Tour

**Saturday,
October 7, 2017**

**Vienna, Readfield, Winthrop,
Maine**

Sponsored by:

The American Chestnut Foundation



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REGISTRATION

Registration for all events is **online** (links below) or by **phone** (828-281-0047) only and will be handled by TACF.

If you do not want your contact information distributed in the MESAF Registration packets, please contact Laura Audibert at La4568@roadrunner.com or 207-834-6773

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Evening Lobster Bake (\$60)

Use the link below to register:

<http://acf.donorshops.com/product/2017LobsterBake2/2017lobsterbakeonpeaksisland.php>

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Proposed Changes to Maine's Tree Growth Tax Law and 34th Annual Meeting of The American Chestnut Foundation (\$65)

Use the link below and register for a Friday Day Pass:

<http://acf.donorshops.com/product/2017AM-MESAF/2017annualmeetingregistrationmesaf.php>

Approved Continuing Education Credits

SAF	6.0 Category 1
Maine LPF	6.0 Category 1

Optional: TACF Dinner and Awards (\$50)

Select "Friday Awards Dinner" at link above or select Full Registration for both meeting and awards dinner, totaling \$115

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Chestnut Restoration Field Tour (\$50)

Use link below to register:

acf.donorshops.com/product/2017ChestnutRestorationTour-MESAF/2017chestnutrestorationtourmesaf.php

There is a **limit of 50 tour participants** so please register early!

Approved Continuing Education Credits

SAF	2.5 Category 1
Maine LPF	2.5 Category 1

Friday, October 6, 2017

Proposed changes to Maine's Tree Growth Tax Law (TGTL) and Annual Meeting of The American Chestnut Foundation Hotel in

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM MESAF Business Meeting

9:30 AM Break
Program

10:15 AM **Welcome and Introduction**
Bob Cousins, MESAF Chair

10:20 AM **What is the Tree Growth Tax Law?**
Lisa Whynot, Maine Revenue Services

10:40 AM **The Governor's Executive Order**
Governor's Office (TBD)

11:00 AM **Joint Standing Committee on Taxation Request for UMaine Study of TGTL with Stakeholders**
Rep. Steve Stanley (D-Medway),
Dr. Steve Shaler, Director, UMaine School of Forest Resources

11:20 AM **Examples of Valuation of Forest Land for Property Tax Purposes from Outside of Maine**
Dr. Adam Daigneault, Assistant Prof. Forest, Conservation, & Recreation Policy, UMaine

12:00 PM **The TGTL from a Forester & Coastal Landowner's Perspective**
Tom Fox, Forestry Consultant

12:20 PM Break

12:30 PM **Lunch Program** featuring George L. Jacobson, Professor Emeritus, University of Maine. **"Post-glacial Distribution of the American Chestnut in Relation to Other Tree Taxa and Climate"**

2:00 PM Concurrent Educational Sessions:
Orchard Management, Chestnut Ecology, and Genomics & Breeding

(for a listing of the session presentations, go to mesaf.org 2017Fall Meeting)

5:00 PM **Poster Presentations and Social Hour**

6:00 PM **Adjourn MESAF Program**
TACF Dinner and Awards (Separate registration item)

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Chestnut Restoration Field Tour Agenda

8:15 AM Buses depart Double Tree Hotel in South Portland

9:30 AM Hampton Inn, Augusta
Registration, Coffee, Welcome and Introductions (Hotel parking lot)

9:45 AM Travel to Ladd Woodlot, Vienna

10:30 AM **Chestnut Silviculture, Cold Tolerance & Disease Resistance**
Dr. Brian Roth, METACF Science Chair

11:30 AM Travel to Readfield

12:00 PM Boxed Lunch

12:45 PM **Visit Large Surviving American Chestnut Tree & Germplasm Conservation**
Dr. Thomas Klak: Professor, University of New England

1:30 PM Travel to Wiesendanger Woodlot, Winthrop

1:45 PM **Seed orchard & Breeding for Disease Resistance**
Dr. Jared Westbrook, TACF Geneticist

2:45 PM Travel to Hampton Inn, Augusta

3:00 PM Travel to South Portland

4:00 PM Bus Arrives at DoubleTree South Portland
Adjourn