

# Save the Dates for 2024

## EDUCATIONAL AND MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Online on the Third Friday of the Month  
TACF Chestnut Chats Series Archive  
<https://tacf.org/chestnut-chat-archives/>

Saturday, April 6th  
Spring Growers Meeting  
Location to be determined.

## OUTREACH AND ORCHARD VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

January 6th to 13th  
2024 Pennsylvania Farm Show  
Harrisburg, PA  
To volunteer contact Jean:  
[mail@patacf.org](mailto:mail@patacf.org) | 814-863-7192

PSU Greenhouse Volunteer Days (TBD)  
University Park, PA  
To volunteer contact Noah Vincent  
[nev5073@psu.edu](mailto:nev5073@psu.edu)



Check our website for updates:  
[www.patacf.org](http://www.patacf.org)

**CHECK OUT THE COOL “CHESTNUTTY” ITEMS IN OUR SILENT  
AUCTION AND SUPPORT OUR FALL APPEAL  
WITH GENEROUS BID.**

All proceeds go to the Fall Appeal!



## PA/NJ Chapter The American Chestnut Foundation 2023 Fall Meeting Meeting



**Support Our Restoration Mission!**

### Membership

*The American Chestnut Foundation depends upon its members to support research to develop a blight-resistant American chestnut tree.* Your annual membership fee support breeding and education efforts on the local and national level. Pick up a membership forms or renew online today: <https://support.acf.org/membership>

### Volunteer

*Outreach and Orchard Volunteers are needed throughout the year.*

### Fall Appeal

*Don't Forget the American chestnut!* As you contemplate end-of-year giving, please remember the PA/NJ Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation. Donations of all sizes are welcome. Donate online at <https://patacf.org/donate/> or send a check to our office:

Penn State University  
PA/NJ TACF  
108 Research A Modular Lab  
University Park, PA 16802

# 2023 Fall Meeting

## PA/NJ Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**8:30 AM to 9:30 AM** – Coffee Social

**9:30 AM to 9:40 AM** — Welcome and Intro: Rick Hartlieb

**9:40 AM to 10:40 AM** — *Forests Adrift: Ecological Legacies and Modern Currents that Will Shape Eastern Forests*

**Charles D. Canham, Ph.D.** | Senior Scientist, Emeritus | Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies | Author of *Forests Adrift: Currents Shaping the Future of Northeastern Trees*

Charles Canham will discuss the ecological legacies and modern currents that are shaping the future of eastern forests. It is not possible to understand where our forests are headed without accounting for the legacies of centuries of changes in land use and forest management. While the impacts of climate change rightly dominate headlines, the effects on eastern forests will take place in the context of the many other currents that will determine the future distribution and abundance of eastern tree species including both the intrinsic process of forest succession, and many human threats (air pollution and invasive species)

**About the speaker:** Charles Canham is a Senior Scientist, Emeritus at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, where he has been on the scientific staff since 1984. He has a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Cornell University, and a bachelor's and master's degrees in Botany from Montana State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, respectively. His primary research interests have focused on the ecology and management of temperate forests, particularly in the Northeastern U.S.

**10:40 AM to 10:55 AM** – Morning Break

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM** — **PANEL DISCUSSION: Perspectives on Land**

### *Protection and Easements*

**Jack Stefferud | Senior Director of Land Protection**

Natural Lands | Media, PA

Natural Lands is a non-profit organization that saves open space, cares for nature, and connects people to the outdoors in eastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. Natural Lands has been protecting open space since the early 1950s, completing hundreds of conservation projects. We love saving land, but we think it is just the first step.

**Amanda Burkard-Sell | Agriculture Program Manager**

Berks Co. Dept. of Agriculture | Leesport, PA

The Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, assisted by staff of the Berks County Department of Agriculture, is responsible for administering the Agricultural Conservation Easement (ACE) Program. The ACE Program permanently preserves farmland to ensure the future of agriculture in Berks County through the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

**Larry Lloyd | Senior Ecologist**

Berks Nature

Reading, PA

Berks Nature is a 501C3 Non-profit land trust capable of owning land for preserves and holding conservation easements. We can receive charitable donations to accomplish those ends and we can also apply for and administer public and private grants to accomplish those ends.

**12:00 PM to 1:00 PM** — **Lunch Break—Silent Auction Closes**

**1:00 PM to 1:40 PM** — **SCREENING OF THE AMERICAN CHESTNUT DOCUMENTARY, CLEAR DAY THUNDER**

**1:50 PM to 2:50 PM** — **Castanea Farms Tour**

Rick Hartlieb, Chapter President will lead a tour of the processing facilities at his chestnut farm. families, this farm has been home to a small dairy, heifer operation, hog production, and crop farming.