

You won't want to miss the Chestnut Growers of America 2017 Annual Meeting!

June 9-11, 2017 | Carrollton, Ohio

SHARE:

Catch up with fellow growers at social events, share tips and resources, and enjoy great food.

LEARN:

Hear presentations from industry experts, tour the Route 9 Cooperative chestnut packing facility, orchards, nurseries, seedling trials, and more.

PARTICIPATE:

Vote on CGA business and share your ideas to grow our organization.

Program

Friday, 9 June	5:00 – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception at Route 9 Cooperative Food, snacks & beverages Self-guided, close-up tour of chestnut packing facility
Saturday, 10 June	8:00 am	Meet at Route 9 Cooperative building Tour nearby orchards, ages 4 years to 45 years
	9:30 am	Travel to Greg Miller's home (20 min) Tour nursery, seedling trials, orchards
	11:30 am	Travel to FFA Camp Muskingum (15 min)
	12:00 noon	Lunch at Camp Silent auction
	1:00 – 5:00 pm	Presentations CGA Business – David English, President
	5:30 pm	Catered dinner at camp Silent auction winning bids announced
Sunday, 11 June	8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting at Microtel Inn & Suites
	10:00 am	Optional tour of Japanese chestnuts, American hybrids, and/or chinkapins at Greg Miller's

LOCATIONS:

Route 9 Cooperative: 4300 Germano Rd SW, Carrollton, OH 44615

Greg Miller's home: 3276 Empire Rd SW, Carrollton, OH 44615

FFA Camp Muskingum: 3266 Dyewood Rd SW, Carrollton, OH 44615

Attendees are encouraged to car-pool for the events on Saturday to save time and help with parking logistics. There is plenty of parking at the co-op facility for the Friday evening reception.

QUESTIONS: e-mail Greg Miller at empirechestnut@gmail.com

FLYING: Nearest airport is Akron-Canton (CAK) (50 min drive); second nearest is Pittsburgh (PIT) (75 min drive)

SUGGESTED HOTELS: All are within 15 min drive to all meeting & tour locations

Microtel Inn & Suites 1030 Canton Rd NW Carrollton, OH 44615 330-627-1133 (direct) Special group rate of \$69; just mention "Chestnut Growers of America"; limited rooms at this price, book early	Days Inn 1111 Canton Rd NW Carrollton, OH 44615 330-627-9314 (direct)	Candlewood Suites 1296 Canton Rd NW Carrollton, OH 44615 330-627-1200 (direct)
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Presentations:

Economics of starting an orchard – my experience from me buying land to the chestnuts paying me – Bob Stehli, Wintergreen Tree Farm, Mantua, OH

Using DNA markers to benefit the chestnut industry, especially chestnut breeding - Jeanne Romero-Severson, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN

Implementation of a cooperative chestnut breeding program – Greg Miller, Empire Chestnut Company, Carrollton, OH

Report from the Center for Agroforestry – Mike Gold, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Registration Form

Return this form with your check made payable to Chestnut Growers of America, Inc. and mail to Jack Kirk, 2300 Bryan Park Ave, Richmond, VA 23228. Or download an e-version of this form from www.chestnutgrowers.org, fill it out, and email to jkirk@essexbank.com, then pay registration fees online at www.chestnutgrowers.org/paydues.html. Registrations need to be received by Monday, May 29. On-time registration fee includes Friday evening welcome reception, Saturday refreshments, lunch, conference facilities, and Saturday dinner.

Name _____ Member _____ Non-Member

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_____ Number of members @ \$65.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Number of non-members @ \$75.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Saturday dinner menu: Breaded baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, California mix, rolls, dessert

_____ "X" here if you would like a vegetarian entrée

I plan on donating something for the silent auction to be held on Saturday _____ YES _____ NO

_____ I am planning on a Sunday visit to see Greg Miller's Japanese collection, American hybrids, or chinkapins

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____