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Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation Announces Seminar

The Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation (“VATACF”) will present a seminar titled “The American Chestnut: Restoring the Mighty Giant” on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Holstein Barn at the Old Dairy Community Center complex located on Rt. 220 north of Warm Springs, Virginia.

This seminar provides an opportunity for participants to interact with scientists, researchers and field experts to learn about the historical profile and current status of the American chestnut. Explore the cause of the chestnut blight and on-going genetic research. Participants will learn about the chestnut breeding program and the steps the Foundation is taking to re-establish this majestic tree. Landowners and private citizens alike can take home new knowledge and usable information of how to restore American chestnut trees on their private land. Field studies are included and will incorporate chestnut tree and chestnut blight identification along with hands-on activities. The seminar will be held rain or shine.

Speakers for the seminar are Dr. Fred Hebard, Chief Scientist, The American Chestnut Foundation; Katie McCune, Regional Scientist for Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland; and John Scrivani, President of VATACF;

“The American Chestnut: Restoring the Mighty Giant” is one of periodic seminars held around the state to encourage public participation in the chestnut restoration effort through volunteer and financial support.

Reservations for this seminar are recommended because space is limited. There is no cost for attendance. Light refreshments will be available. To register, call (540) 364-1922 or email vachestnut@verizon.net.