

American chestnut - A Symposium

Introductions

Greetings from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Ms. Lorraine Norminton - Partnership Specialist Ministry Natural Resources
Guelph District

American Chestnut - Past, Present and Future

Dr. Greg Boland - Plant Pathologist, Professor Emeritus, School of Environmental
Science, University of Guelph

Monitoring American Chestnut in Southern Ontario

Assessing Heritage of American Chestnut

Dr. Brian Husband - Professor Evolutionary Ecology and Associate Dean Integrative
Biology, University of Guelph, Canada Research Chair-
Ecological Genetics

Breeding Resistance to Chestnut Blight

Dr. Adam Dale - Plant breeder, Professor Emeritus, Department of Plant
Agriculture, University of Guelph, Simcoe Research Station

Vegetative Propagation of American Chestnut

Mr. Dragan Galic - Ph.D. candidate, Research Technician, Berry and Fruit
Crops, Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph,
Simcoe Research Station

Preservation and Restoration Plans of the Canadian Chestnut Council

Mr. Tom Welacky - Canadian Chestnut Council Science Committee Chair

Strategic and Scientific Thinking About American Chestnut Recovery

Dr. Eric Snyder - plant conservation and invasive species specialist.

Golden Horseshoe American Chestnut Survey 2012/2013

Mr. Paul O'Hara - Paul is a field botanist, landscape designer and native plant gardening expert. He holds a diploma from Sir Stanford Fleming College in Environmental Engineering. He is the owner of Blue Oak Native Landscapes. He has considerable experience working with Species at Risk in both public and private venues.

Somaclonal Variation as a Breeding Tool in American Chestnut

Miss Christie-Anna Lovatt - Ph.D. Candidate, Plant Science Department, McGill University
Christine received her bachelors degree in Botanical Science with a minor in

Ecology and her Masters in Science with a minor in Environment both from McGill University. Her Masters thesis was on the effect of climate change on sexual reproduction in the aggressive invasive species, *Phragmites australis* subsp. *Australis*. She first became interested in American chestnut when she heard the story in undergraduate lecture, and is thrilled to be able to work on the species during her doctoral work. She has been working in tissue culture since her undergraduate years.