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## Meet the New Director, Christine Vey

Christine has volunteered with the CCC at Onondaga Farms for the past 2 years and became an official Director at the 2012 AGM. She feels at home in a pick-up truck, on a tractor, leading a tour or with a shovel in her hand planting chestnuts. She has proven to be great addition to the CCC executive with positive suggestions and creative ideas and is a member of the new Fund Raising Committee. Welcome to the CCC. Her biography, in Christine's words, is as follows:

I was born and raised in Brantford, Ontario. Attended Conestoga College in the Recreation Leadership Program. Started at Bronte Creek Provincial Park after college, and worked there for 7 years as a Farm Assistant. After taking maternity leave, I found a position at Tim Horton Onondaga Farms, working with youth (running programs that were agriculture-based) and also on the farm. Working in a variety of different roles, I have been with Onondaga Farms now for almost 8 years. It has been an absolute pleasure working for this organization and being a part of the amazing things that happen every day! Currently I share the Farm Manager position with John Hill, and together we provide opportunities for children and adults to experience farm life, in a safe and accepting environment. With the large chestnut plantation on property (started by John Hill and Gil Henderson), it was a natural fit to learn more and become involved in the Canadian Chestnut Council. I look forward to learning more from the existing members and to help bring back this beautiful tree.



**Christine Vey became a Director at the 2012 AGM. She is active in the Fundraising Committee and works full time at THF/Onondaga Farms.**

**Correspondence:** Keith, a new member from New Brunswick, has requested information on locations of native chestnuts in that province. He has a chestnut leaf from a leaf collection that his father-in-law made while attending the University of New Brunswick in the '50s. His father-in-law feels that the tree must have been in the Fredericton area because of difficulties with transportation at that time. Jocelyn Clark, our Honorary Member from down east, is assisting him with tree locations in Nova Scotia but doesn't have information on New Brunswick. If anyone has information on American chestnut, native or planted in New Brunswick, please let myself or Jocelyn know and we will pass along the information. It may be coincidental but in the recent Jan/Feb issue of the Journal of the American Chestnut Foundation, there is an article on a

## The Canadian Chestnut Council

*The CCC is a scientific and charitable organization with the mission to restore the American chestnut. All its officers volunteer their services both in the field and at the desk. The CCC annual meeting, the web site and this Newsletter dispense information to generate support for saving and restoring this once-important forest tree.*

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## Correspondence (continued)

recently discovered chestnut tree, 95 feet tall, that is the tallest in the state of Maine. If chestnuts grow that tall in Maine then surely there are a few in New Brunswick. Don't give up hope Keith!

Mr Roger Willby, our most recent member, is with the Maine Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. He is helping to revise the distribution map of chestnuts in North America. If anyone has historical information on the distribution of chestnut in Canada, I am sure he would be interested in hearing from you. I have his e-mail if anyone wishes to contact him. Welcome Roger!

David Boland, a long time CCC member, has recently retired from Alberta and returned to Nova Scotia. David has volunteered to verify chestnut sightings in the vicinity of Digby, Annapolis and Kings counties. David's e-mail for those with chestnut identification problems is as follows: [dmboland2011@gmail.com](mailto:dmboland2011@gmail.com) . Thank you David and good luck with your retirement.

**Editor's Comments:** If the readers noted the front page carefully, they would have noticed the old logo a single chestnut leaf was replaced by a portion of the old CCC letterhead consisting of 3 boxes with bur, tree and leaf. The single leaf is used frequently by TACF and the Directors were and are concerned whether we are infringing on a TACF patent. The 3 boxes were created for the CCC by a printing firm in Orangeville, ON and as such are the property of the CCC.

The Fund Raising Committee is considering the sale of golf shirts and caps as part of 2013 activities and will include a logo as well as the CCC name. The committee would like to know how the membership feels about a logo and which logo would be preferred?

Raffle tickets for the chestnut Hope Chest ( pictured below) are now on sale. \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. All Directors should have tickets after our April 3 meeting.



## Financial and in-kind assistance to the CCC

The Directors and membership of the CCC wish to acknowledge the in-kind assistance and/or grants provided by the following organizations over the past several years. These contributions as well as the Donor Program and membership fees have allowed the CCC to move the resistance, breeding program to the 2nd generation of trees and has supported the CCC Outreach program in enlightening children and adults on the importance of nature.

Ontario Trillium Foundation, University of Guelph, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canadian Clonal Gene Bank, Adaptation Council of Canada, OMAFRA, Ministry of Natural Resources, TD Friends of the Environment, Elgin Stewardship Council, Grand River Conservation Authority, Society of Ontario Nut Growers, Riverbend Farms, Tim Horton Foundation/Onondaga Farms, Ron Casier Farm.

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### Gold Leaf \$1000 +

Adam Dale

### CCC Director's Meetings

Jan 30, 2013. The Directors met at Onondaga Farms and discussed CCC Web site maintenance. Kelly Schafer agreed to continue inputting information until a more permanent solution could be found. The Directors proposed a CCC "Ambassador" program to assist potential tree identification and present CCC talks within a certain area if requested. Dr Dennis Fulbright from Michigan State University has agreed to speak at the 2013 CCC, AGM at Onondaga Farms on October 26. (More information to follow). The nursery sites have been maintained by removing dead trees and burning brush. Dragan reported that 100 seedlings will be available for planting during Earth Week at Onondaga Farms. Doug Fagan, Chair of the new Fund raising Committee reported that his committee had been meeting every 3 weeks and is developing ideas for fund raising projects. A Hope Chest constructed of salvaged, local American Chestnut wood will be raffled off at the AGM. Tickets to go on sale shortly. The MNR Stewardship Agreement is progressing but not as yet finalized.

Next Meeting April 3, Woodstock, OMAFRA .

The new Fundraising Committee has met every 3 weeks since its inception in December, 2012. The Chair, Doug Fagan and committee members have presented a number of concrete ideas for Fund raising activities over the next year to the CCC Executive. It is good to have such an active group within the CCC. More details to follow.

Don't forget! 2013 AGM, Oct 26, Tim Horton Foundation.



**CCC meeting at Onondaga Farm shop, Jan 30,2013**

### Volunteering with the CCC

If you wish to volunteer in 2013, the rough schedule for field work at the 3 nurseries is as follows: contact D. Galic 519 426 7172 ext 332

- Planting seedlings and seed.....May 15-30th
- Inoculating.....June 10-20th
- Bagging and pollinating.....June 20-July 15th
- Rating resistance.....Aug 10-15th
- Nut collection.....Sep 15-Oct 30

### Do you wish to receive your Newsletter by e-mail ?

Some members have expressed an interest in receiving their Newsletters via e-mail rather than a paper copy. From the CCC's point of view, e-mail will save financial resources that can be used elsewhere in the CCC budget. If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Newsletter send your name and e-mail address to the Editor : [anderson.terry44@yahoo.ca](mailto:anderson.terry44@yahoo.ca)

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#### Membership Renewal:

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(Requests for anonymity will be honoured.)

- Gold Leaf: \$1,000 or more
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