

Help Name Our American Chestnut Trees

By Vicki Held

You may have noticed three cages in the open area across the creek from the organic garden plots. Three restoration chestnut seedlings have been planted as part of the Forest Stewardship Committee's participation in The American Chestnut Foundation. Four seeds arrived last spring identified as A, B, C, and D for research documentation. The committee would like to give the trees proper names and would like for you to help name the trees! Permanent metal markers will be placed adjacent to each tree after the names are chosen by the committee.

The seeds were distributed to members of TCAF as part of their ongoing research to develop an American chestnut tree that is capable of surviving the blight that destroyed the trees in the first half of the 20th century. The committee joined the TCAF in 2013 and is participating in the research by recording the progress of three seeds from seedling to saplings to trees. The planting site was chosen for its proximity to water, good drainage and lots of sunlight.

The committee has extended its membership with

TCAF for 2014 and as a result additional seeds will arrive in early March. The 2013 seeds were started in pots as suggested by the foundation's guidelines, however, only three of the four seeds germinated. Another recommended planting approach is planting the seeds directly into the ground and will be considered when the new seeds arrive in the spring.

Please email your suggested names to Vicki Held at Vicki.held1@gmail.com. You will be notified if your names are chosen.



Restoration chestnut tree planted as part of ongoing research with The American Chestnut Foundation.

Summary Of 2013 Ladies Luncheons



Maureen Copelof and her husband share with us about Discovering Germany.

By Ann Grant and Carolyn Van Ness,
Co-Chairs of Ladies Luncheon Organization

Our sincere thanks to all our Ladies who served as "Hostesses" during 2013. Your contribution of time and effort was greatly appreciated. Also our gratitude to Clubhouse staff for their excellent service throughout the year. Following is a summary for each month's meeting:

January – Club Closed

February – we celebrated Valentine's Day – "Music from the Heart", a program highlighting love songs from the past and present, performed and organized by Mary Alice McBrayer on piano. Participants were Renee Bresler, violinist,



Our Ladies Luncheons provide a delightful time of great food, interesting programs and good fellowship.

Susan McCann, flutist, to name but a few. Many talented Connestean participants in solos, duets, guitar playing and a group playing Dulcimers. A good time was had by all!

March – "What the Bees Are Telling Us" – Debra Roberts is a Master Beekeeper, Natural Beekeeping Educator, speaker and author. The presentation was inspiring. Mysteries surrounding bees and their contemporary challenges were discussed. A most informative program – we gained much respect for our bees.

May – "Discovering Germany: The Treasures of Beer, Castles, Food and Friends." Maureen Copelof, a retired United States Navy Captain along with her husband, was stationed in Germany for 4 years. The couple own a residence in a small wine village in Gundelsheim. Maureen shared with us the culture

