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CHESTNUT CHAT SERIES: Q & A
CHAT # 40: Documentary Film: *Clear Day Thunder*
DATE : Friday, June 16, 2023

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When are you actually going to show the film on Chestnut Chat?	Anonymous Attendee	I will be addressing that in the later part of this presentation
When are you actually going to show the film on Chestnut Chat?	Anonymous Attendee	What do you mean by "addressing that"? Are you actually going to play the documentary?
How did they find you?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
How did Rod get turned on to American Chestnuts?	Jeff Briggs	live answered
Is it possible to buy a copy of the production "outright" -- DVD -- so that we have it for multiple showings - providing we provide the correct boilerplate for each showing? My project (late fall) may have multiple venues and opportunities.	Marcie Ver Ploeg	live answered
As a scientist, I would REALLY like to see the science presented clearly to the general public. There is an enormous amount of impact associated with the acceptance of conservation genetic manipulation. What are the chances/opportunities for making a follow up documentary focusing on the science?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered



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Was there input from the indigenous nations on the chestnut perspective?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
What is the plan for getting this film out to the public? Will it be on TV?	Anonymous Attendee	I will be addressing that in my part of the presentation.
How long was the research phase of the project before filming?	Hunter Evergreen	live answered
How long is the film?	Daniel Getman	live answered
Are environmental regulatory agencies represented in the film?	Thomas Cervone	live answered
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Was Rod involved in the Chuck Leavell, the Tree Man film?	Andy Hillman	live answered
You mentioned that footage of Carter (and presumably also of Twitty and Parton) came from earlier projects? Are there other DVDs in your library where they have appeared earlier?	Marcie Ver Ploeg	live answered
Anything on natural breeding of American Chestnuts with no GMO or backcrossing?	ken blenk	live answered
what is the significance of the name for the file	Michael Mariano	live answered



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How does one actually view the film? Will it be made available on the Chestnut Chat soon?	Thomas Morgan	I'll be addressing that in my segment. Mari
Is the story told of how the plight of the chestnut wound up first attracting Herb Darling's attention?	John Hempel	live answered
Has the film been distributed to legislators (Congress?)	Margaret Allen	live answered
Is the only way to actually see the film to host a screening?	Daniel Getman	live answered
Historical Societies are another good audience	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Going to show it on PBS	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Good to know that it's free screening, thx. Will you be showing any clips from the film today?	John Hempel	live answered
What is the minimum number of viewers required to host a screening?	Anna Grunwald	live answered
In order to proceed with November screenings, I will need to screen it personally and with a couple other key committee members before we can proceed. Please help me do this asap.	Marcie Ver Ploeg	live answered



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In order to proceed with November screenings, I will need to screen it personally and with a couple other key committee members before we can proceed. Please help me do this asap.	Marcie Ver Ploeg	Marcie - Reach to me if you want to coordinate with the Virginia Chapter on showings. Orange? - John
My intent, as Conservation Chair of our garden club (a member club of the Garden Club of America) is to have a screening of the film. This is to support an ongoing project we call our "Chestnut Chronicles" and we are nurturing seedlings we obtained from our NYTACF president Allen Nichols. Our town has a Chestnut Ridge and Chestnut Avenue and not a chestnut to be found. Our community is interested in restoring the american chestnut. Any advice you can provide on how to promote and hold a screening would be most appreciated.	Carol McPeck	fantastic resources - Thank You!
I submitted Nov request for screening this morning - and made a donation to ACF. How soon is the ACF screening you are mentioning?	Marcie Ver Ploeg	live answered



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Are there plans to eventually approach PBS to screen the film?	Clark Beebe	live answered
If, in the future, some part of another becomes dated, will it be possible to tweak those parts and release a 2.0 version?	John Hempel	live answered
Will the video be eventually distributed to PBS?	Kevin Key	live answered
please provide your email, Mari, so that I can privately apprise you of the November event.	Marcie Ver Ploeg	https://www.rescuingtheamericanchestnut.com/contact-3
How many are attending this Chestnut Chat? - I'm hoping that the excitement and enthusiasm I'm feeling is widely distributed !!	Margaret Allen	Currently there are 106 people in attendance!
Beech Mountain NC has a History Center...Someday would it be possible to buy/have a DVD?. Assume this would be possible later this year or next...to just purchase or make a donation to get a DVD?	Art Masson	live answered
will you have a copy of your power point presentation made available to us?	Carol McPeek	live answered



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When will Dr. William Pitt be on site at ACF headquarters?	Anonymous Attendee	End of July!
thanks I'll go find it!	Carol McPeek	
This is my first Chat, so looking forward to many others.	Carol McPeek	
Mari, you mentioned the time it took to produce the film and that it was expensive.. Care to share with us those numbers?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered