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**From:** Tom Saielli <tom.saielli@acf.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 9:17 PM  
**To:** Hill Craddock  
**Subject:** Volunteers Needed for Big Event: Planting the Chestnut Ridge Seed Orchard December 29 and 30

Hi Chestnut Enthusiasts!

Sorry for the late notice, but if you're looking for a fun and gratifying outdoor activity this holiday season, consider joining Hill Craddock and crew for a chestnut orchard planting Tuesday and Wednesday, 29 and 30 December 2020. Please see Hill's email message below. If you think you can make it, please contact Hill-Craddock@utc.edu

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It's Chestnut Tree Planting Time -- And we need your help!

The new Chestnut Ridge Seed Orchard will be planted on December 29 and 30. This is a great site for growing chestnuts in Moore County, Tennessee, and an Historic Opportunity to participate in the establishment of the largest regional seed orchard project in the Southeast. We have more than 1000 trees to plant from multiple lines of resistance. Families include half-sibs and full-sibs of second-, third-, and fourth-backcross F2 hybrids. The hybrids descend from North Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee naturally occurring American chestnut germplasm. We will need lots of help on Tuesday and Wednesday, 29 and 30 December 2020 to get these one-year-old container-grown chestnut trees into the ground. So, if you own a shovel, it could be put to good use here. Sensible shoes and work gloves are a must! Dress for the weather and don't forget your mask.

The address is: 1439 Shelbyville Highway, Petersburg, TN

If you use Google Maps, Satellite View, you can see [the orchard](#). It's about ¼ mile north of Chestnut Ridge Church (It's behind the first farmhouse north of the intersection of TN 129 and US 231). Shelbyville Highway is US 231.

Please let me know if you are coming. Thanks

Hill

For more information contact: Hill Craddock, President - Tennessee Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation

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