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**Pennsylvania American Chestnut Foundation to Celebrate National NeighborWoods Month**  
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University Park, Pa. – American Chestnut Foundation, Pennsylvania Chapter, invites guests to join the Foundation as Chapter volunteer Nancy Kyle will present the history, recovery, and restoration of the American chestnut to the Audubon group. This event is one of hundreds of tree-focused events throughout the country being promoted during October, which has been declared National NeighborWoods Month by the national nonprofit, the Alliance for Community Trees (ACT). American Chestnut Foundation, Pennsylvania Chapter is a member of ACT's NeighborWoods Network.

"It's great to be working on an important re-greening effort at a time when other organizations are doing so as well," said Sue Oram of American Chestnut Foundation, Pennsylvania Chapter. "Part of our goal is to draw attention to the good work being done at the grassroots level all across the country to improve urban and community forests."

American Chestnut Foundation, Pennsylvania Chapter's celebration will take place as follows:

10/12/09 - Presentation to NJ Audubon Wildlife Society, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 771 Haddon Ave, at the Collinswood, N.J., Public Library.

"Having local organizations like American Chestnut Foundation, Pennsylvania Chapter participate in National NeighborWoods Month helps us show the cumulative effect of a burgeoning urban and community forestry movement," said ACT Executive Director Alice Ewen Walker. Founded in 1993, the Alliance for Community Trees is a national coalition of 150 nonprofit organizations engaged in urban and community forestry. Its members are dedicated to grassroots community greening, public education, policymaking, job training, environmental design and other activities that support better urban forest stewardship.

NeighborWoods Month is sponsored through a generous grant from The Home Depot Foundation. "Trees are an important component of responsible design to ensure that homes are affordable, energy efficient, safe and healthy," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation. "By partnering with ACT and local NeighborWoods organizations like American Chestnut Foundation, Pennsylvania Chapter, The Foundation is able to further its goals of investing in the overall health and success of our communities."

**About The Home Depot Foundation**

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