



An artistic boxwood display offers texture, form and color.



Bursts of purple and red frame the front of a barn.



The Secret Garden contains a stone monolith by Boston artist Karin Stanley.

# Marshfield Chestnuts

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Sam Mitchell opened his Appleton Gardens at Marshfield outside of Warrenton to host The Virginia Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation's garden party. The gardens are named for Mitchell's grandmother, a founder of the Warrenton Garden Club, a founding club of the Garden Club of Virginia and the Garden Club of America.

And who best to design the numerous striking rooms, elegant boxwood allée, vegetable parterres, sunken garden, ginkgo grove, secret garden and wedding garden? That would be the acclaimed award winning landscape architect C. Colston Burrell.

Cathy Mayes, president of the Virginia Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation greeted guests and Karen Baker of À la Carte catering created chestnut fritters for the occasion.

The American Chestnut Foundation is working to return an iconic, functionally extinct tree species back to its former range. Since 1983, the organization is working toward restoration using traditional backcross breeding and new technologies towards this goal. For details: [acf.org/va/about/](http://acf.org/va/about/)



Landscape architect Cole Burrell with Sam Mitchell, owner of Marshfield at the American Chestnut Foundation, Virginia Chapter garden party.



Candace and Rick Faulk with Cathy Mayes, president of the Virginia Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation in Marshall.

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