

A photograph of a lush field of wildflowers. The foreground and middle ground are filled with numerous small, vibrant purple flowers, likely asters, interspersed with clusters of bright yellow flowers and some white blossoms. The background shows a dense field of similar flowers stretching towards the horizon. A semi-transparent, light-colored rectangular box is overlaid across the upper portion of the image, containing the text in a white, serif font.

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TALKS ON PLANTS 2017-2018



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**PLANTS AND CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA** - A talk that explores this land that is best known for Dracula and his castles, but also boasts amazingly diverse wild plants in woodlands, meadows and high mountains.

**ROMANIAN ALPINE PLANTS** - This talk focuses on the plants that live on the slopes of the Carpathian Mountains. From the North to the South, through woodlands, gorges and up on high peaks.

**FIFTY SHADES OF GREEN - VERSATILE FOLIAGE PLANTS AND THE DIVERSITY OF LEAVES** - A lecture that starts by exploring leaves in their diversity of shapes, sizes, colours and textures and then gives examples of how foliage plants can be used to great effect in the garden, including the display I designed at the 2015 RHS Tatton Flower Show for the Hardy Plant Society.



**AUTUMN BULBS IN THE PELOPONNESE AND THE LAST OF THE SUMMER FLOWERS** - In 2016 I was fortunate enough to visit the Peloponnesse on a Alpine Garden Society tour to Greece. This is a hot-spot of biodiversity when it comes to autumn flowering bulbs like *Crocus*, *Colchicum*, *Cyclamen*, *Sternbergia*, *Narcissus*, *Scilla*, etc. Apart from over 40 species of bulbs there will also be pictures of other plants flowering in late October among beautiful scenery and archaeological sites.



**PLANT HUNTING IN MADEIRA AND THE AZORES** - These two Portuguese islands in the Atlantic share similar flora but also have a high number of endemic species. Enjoy pictures of stunning scenery, traditional architecture and of course, amazing plants.

**MIX AND MATCH. AMAZING PLANTS AND PLACES FROM A DECADE OF TRAVELS** - This talk is in constant evolution showcasing some of the plants I



fell in love with while visiting the UK, Spain, France, Greece, Germany, Holland, the islands of the Atlantic, Portugal and Romania.

Some years ago I spent three months in the south of Spain. **ANDALUSIAN SPRING** is a talk about the landscapes and plants one can see there. Keywords: Andalusia, Alhambra, Almonds.

**A WINTER QUIZ** - I can prepare and be the Master of a plant/gardening related quiz during the winter months. It includes picture questions, gardening knowledge, cryptic questions and gardening dingbats. I can supply prizes for the best team name and winning score.





I am very passionate about plants and gardens. I grew up in Transylvania in a town surrounded by vast woodlands and wildflower meadows.

I graduated a BSc five year course in Horticulture and a MSc in Greenhouse production. After working for two years in the Herbarium at our local Botanical Garden I became a self-employed plantsman in Romania and now the UK.

Apart from my job I am involved in many plant societies being a committee member of the HPS, AGS and Plant Heritage in Cheshire. I am speaker secretary for East Cheshire AGS, National Plant Collections Coordinator in Cheshire, Plant Guardian for Plant Heritage, Tatton Flower Show coordinator for the HPS and the editor and designer of the Saxifrage Magazine for the Saxifrage Society.

I can bring plants and artwork (prints) for sale. I deliver my talks from my laptop but the group needs to supply a digital projector, extension lead and screen.



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