



PROGRAMME for SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER
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- 10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10:30 **Julian Sutton *Beneath the Trees***
Non-woody plants for the woodland garden (and how to grow them if you don't have one)
- 12:00 **Plant Sale**
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 **Hester Forde *Enchanting Plants***
Savour the diversity of hardy plants you can grow from late Winter to late Autumn and find out about many of Hester's all-time favourite plants, from her own garden and from some of the many wonderful gardens she has visited.
- 15:45 Coffee break
- 16:00 **Johan Nilson *Bulbs and Alpines at Gothenburg Botanic Gardens***
An insight into how bulbs and alpines are grown at the renowned Gothenburg gardens
- 17:30 Close

Photos courtesy Bernard Van Giessen (*Erythronium sp.*), Hester Forde (Hester's Garden)



Every year in the middle of winter, when we can't get out in our own gardens, we take some time off to pay virtual visits to others' gardens, learn about their techniques and travels, and buy some rare and unusual plants. Every year, we do this with a weekend of talks by renowned speakers from these islands and beyond. *This* year, as a special promotion, we're inviting all interested gardeners to join us—in **An Grianán, Termonfeckin, Co. Louth A92 X9TF**—on Saturday 16 November for a series of engaging and informative lectures, lunch and, of course, a plant sale. **All for €75!**

To find out more or to book a place contact info@alpinegardensociety.ie or phone **Barbara O'Callaghan at 086 378 5242**.

You can find the programme for the whole weekend on our website (alpinegardensociety.ie) and Facebook (AGSIreland).

OUR SPEAKERS

JULIAN SUTTON

Julian Sutton is a lifelong plantsperson. He started out as an academic botanist and caught the cultivated plant bug while working in research at Ness Gardens, where his future wife Sarah also worked. They ran a small mail order nursery, Desirable Plants, for many years, but have now scaled back to 'rare spares from their garden'. His particular plant interests include a very wide range of bulbs, ferns and small woodland perennials. Julian is an experienced and energetic lecturer and has lectured widely in the UK and Ireland.



JOHAN NILSON

Since 2009, Johan Nilson has worked at the Alpine Department at Gothenburg Botanic Garden, where he looks after large parts of the Alpine and Bulb Collections, including the Himalayan/Asian part of the Rock Garden (the Asian peat walls). Johan has a broad interest in plants and has travelled widely to experience them in the wild. Besides a particular interest in the Himalayan region, he has been on numerous expeditions to such destinations as Eastern and Western North America, Greece and Turkey. After attending the SRGC Discussion Weekend at Pitlochry, Scotland in 2007, Johan's fascination for alpine gardening and plant cultivation really took off. Growing and propagating rare and unusual plants is now one of his big passions and something that his position at Gothenburg Botanic Garden enables him to do daily.



HESTER FORDE

Hester Forde is a renowned plantsperson, lecturer and garden writer. Anyone who has visited her garden 'Coosheen' in East Cork will know that she has an insatiable appetite for plants. Her garden has featured in a number of renowned publications such as 'The Garden', 'Eden' and 'Gardens Illustrated' and she is a regular contributor to 'The Irish Garden' magazine. Hester is well known as the driving force behind the annual Snowdrop Gala and the Cork Alpine Hardy Plant Society, and she has lectured extensively throughout Ireland and the UK.

