

I'm a 33 years old seedaholic, plantaholic, but most of all a digaholic. I love to dig and to build new landscapes in my garden.

I started with gardening as a hobby when I bought my house in the south of Sweden. After a visit in the rock garden at the Botanical garden in Gothenburg I went home and rebuilt everything in my garden, I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

Seven years later I ran out of lawn and everything was rebuilt at least three times.

Then I met my wife, Mirjam. She had a property east of Gothenburg and it was bigger than mine so I moved to her with all my plants.

That was four years ago. I'm now building a two hectare private botanical garden. I try to create all different biotopes from deserts to bogs to be able to grow all kinds of plants. And I can't resist anything; Alpines, Orchids, Bulbs, Trees, Cacti and mostly everything else. I just have to try to grow it. Every year I put thousands of new plants in the garden and surprisingly many survive. I grow most of the plants from seed.

I also have a nursery where I sell surplus plants from the garden. The nursery makes me able to be in the garden every day of the year. But I'm not a very good nurseryman because I keep most of the plants myself.

I have a lot of speaks in Sweden but also in Denmark, Norway and Scotland.

During the last six years I have periodically worked at the Botanical Garden in Gothenburg, with Henrik Zetterlund, as a constructor.

In autumn or spring I sometimes go to Scotland for the shows, discussion weekend or looking at gardens. At the same time I often build a new rock or peat garden for Ron McBeath at Lamberton Nursery.

And of course, filling the car with new plants that I can't get in Sweden.

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