

## Bözödújfalú, Sunken Village in Transylvania

*"Beneath the Surface" documentary now available*



Many North American U/U travelers to Transylvania have visited the infamous Sunken Village. Bözödújfalú, home primarily to Unitarian, Reformed, Catholic and Sabbatarian Hungarians, was targeted and destroyed by the Ceausescu government in the 1980s. The tool of destruction was a reservoir project. One hundred eighty residents lost their homes as the entire village was submerged. For many years, the Catholic steeple poked out of the water (see above) until it collapsed in 2014. A documentary

telling this story called *Beneath the Surface* by Alex Debreczeni about the Sunken Village came out in 2014. The film can be streamed for \$3.99 at <http://cassettefortimescapes.vhx.tv/>.



The Székely Land in Romania has a long tradition of wood carving, which developed thanks to the abundance of raw timber in the region.

*Pictured left:* These *kopjafas* (traditional Transylvanian Hungarian memorial markers) are laid out like the lost village. Each *kopjafa* represents a house or building.