

# Thorny Issues

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society

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## Announcements

### April Meeting:

This month's meeting will be in-person only, April 25th at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm. There won't be a speaker this month, but there is much to share with the Spring Show & Sale right around the corner. Refreshments will be served.

### April 16 Field Trip

We will meet at Poot's Cactus and Elton Robert's Hothouses on Saturday, April 16th. See page 2 for details

### Spring Sale—We Need Volunteers and Boxes !!!!

Please bring as many boxes as possible for the Spring Sale. You can drop them off starting on May 6th. And we still need volunteers for Saturday and Sunday. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Carole Hada.

### Open Garden on May 28th

Norm Klein will host at his home. Details on page 3.

### Plant Marketplace

Check out page 3 for this months sale plants.

## April Feature

# *Sulcorebutia rauschii* Red Flower

**This month's mini-show genera for cactus are *Rebutia*, *Aylosteria* and *Sulcorebutia*. Elton Roberts has written an excellent article about *Sulcorebutia*, which appears below:**

Needless to say, I was not sure about a red flowered *Sulcorebutia rauschii* when I received the plant. Now all I can say is "Wow." We are all used to seeing the dark magenta flowers on the plants. Quite a few years ago I did get a

plant that has pale colored flower. That is, it starts out a light pinkish color and each day it opens it is lighter still. If it is not too hot here when it blooms by about the 4th or 5th day it is almost white. So when I got the plant labeled '*rauschii* red flowered' form I had to wonder just what I was getting. It only took about two years for the plant to grow large enough to bloom. Finally the day came

when it looked like the buds were going to open, you can bet I was waiting with bated breath. Wow! What a change from the regular *Sulcorebutia rauschii*. Thank you KF!! That is who I got

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## 2022 Mini-Show Categories

Month	Cactus	Succulent
April	Rebutia/Aylostera/ Sulcorebutia	Bromeliacea
May	No Mini-Show .....	Spring Sale
June	Mammillaria	Agave
July	Gymnocalycium	Haworthia
August	Crests/Monstrose/ Variegates	Crests/Monstrose/ Variegates
September	Auction.....	
October	Ariocarpus	Stapeliads
November	Show us your favorite cactus	Show us your favorite succulent
December	Holiday Party.....	Awards presented to highest scores

## Club Field Trip on April 16th

The field trip to Poot's and Elton Roberts is Saturday, April 16. Meet at Poot's (17229 CA120, Ripon) between 8:15 and 8:30 AM for the "behind the scenes" tour of the propagation greenhouses as the nursery opens to the public at 9 AM. Club members will receive a discount for any purchases.



*Poot's famous sign and entrance*

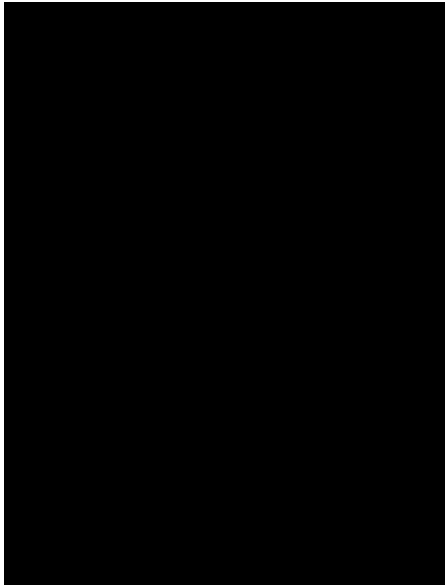


*Hothouse at Elton Robert's place*

Following the Poot's visit, we will visit Elton Roberts who lives nearby (23131 Murphy Road, Ripon). His 6 hothouses are filled with the result of decades of plant collecting and propagating. After Elton's, we will find a place in the area to meet for lunch.

## New Members for March 2022

Elizabeth Kuehner  
 Inge Stockringer Ring  
 Lesley Shores  
 Jerry Slayter



## April Plants for Sale

Lesley Shores and Jerry Slayter will be bringing the following plants for sale (and perhaps even more):

*Echinocereus rigidissimus*  
*Echinocereus rubispinus*  
*Pleospilos nellii*

and assorted specimens of:  
*Echeveria*  
*Pelargoniums*  
*Haworthia*  
*Sedum*  
*Gasteria*  
*Aloe*  
*Sempervivum*

## March Mini Show Results

The table below details the results of the March mini-show. We had a big increase in the number of plants people brought in and they were enjoyed by all in attendance. Let's keep it going!!

When entering plants, please remember to include your name on the entry tag so we can give you the points you earned! Members will be awarded at the end of the year based on accumulated points.

Category	Place	Cactus	Succulent
Novice	1st	<i>Unknown owner</i> <i>Parodia haselbergii</i>	<b>Shawnee Giles</b> <i>Euphorbia obesa</i>
	2nd		<b>Brett Johnson</b> <i>Euphorbia lactaa</i> cv. <i>White Ghost</i>
	3rd		<b>Shawnee Giles</b> <i>Euphorbia fruticosa</i>
Intermediate	1st	No entries	<b>Elaine Thomas</b> <i>Euphorbia enopla</i>
	2nd		<b>Michael Tine Ruse</b> <i>Euphorbia inermisua</i> <i>huttonea x esculenta</i>
Advanced	1st	No entries	<b>Steve Goodman</b> <i>Euphorbia poisonii</i>
	2nd		<b>Steve Goodman</b> <i>Euphorbia polygona</i>
Dish Garden	1st		<b>Elaine Thomas</b>
	2nd		<b>Chere Peterson</b>
	3rd		<b>Linda Partmann</b>

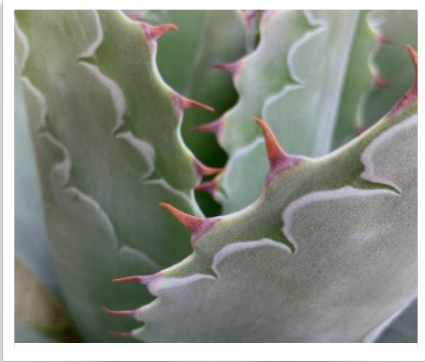
## Open Garden on May 28th

Norm Klein is inviting club members to his home for the first scheduled **Open Garden** on Saturday, May 28th from 9-12. Norm says the blooms should be spectacular.

Norm's address is: 11139 Mace River Ct. Rancho Cordova, CA and his phone number is 916-382-9045



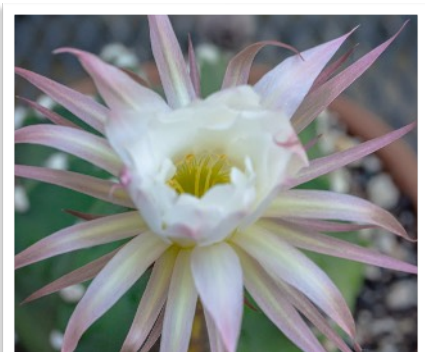
## Photo Gallery



*Agave parassana*  
by Bruce Clarke



*Mangave Inkblot*  
by Bruce Clarke



*Echinopsis ancistrophora*  
by Bruce Clarke

## *Sulcorebutia rauschii* Red Flower (from p. 1)

the plant from. The plant was a small head about the size of a pencil. It has now grown into a small clump of 6 heads, the largest is 2.5 cm in diameter and is all of 2 cm tall. By the time this growing season is over I may have enough heads to take some off and get them started for sales plants. I am sure that some collectors out there would like to have a *S. rauschii* with different colored flowers.

I did not think to measure the flowers but they are right at 3 cm in diameter. This was the first flowering for the plant and every bud on it all opened at the same time. What a show and to think what it

would be like if it was a lot larger clump. Starting at the base of the petals to describe the flower, there is a line of pink where the petals connect to the rest of the flower.

This fades quickly to a yellow with a pinkish blush. That fades into the red but the red keeps streaks of yellowish and

also violet in it. The tips of the petals are flushed with violet. The filaments are dark red topped with light yellow pollen. The style is green and is topped with a lighter green stigma. The plant is like most *Sulcorebutia rauschii* plants. It has its small plant-hugging spine clusters. The spines are black to dark ash gray. The plant body is a kind-of purplish reddish gray color. It also fades quite easy in the early spring sunshine. Like all *Sulcorebutia* the plants want a bit richer soil but still one

that drains fast. Most *Sulcos* have a tap root so need the fast draining soil. The plants are fairly high elevation plants and as such can take temperatures down to the mid 20° F. I keep the plants dry most of the winter. If there are a few

nice days mid-winter I will give the plants a light watering. Most of the *Sulcos* go dormant when the night-time temperatures stay above about 57° F.

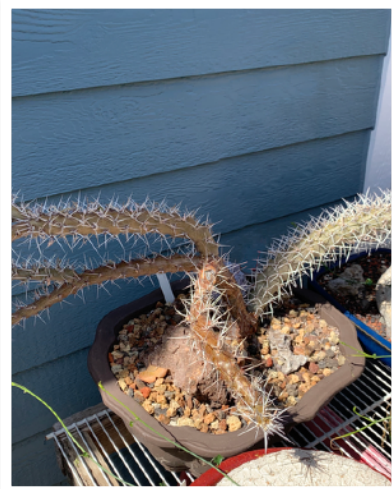


# Member's Corner: Steve Goodman



**Are you mostly a cactus or a succulent person?**

I've been collecting cacti and succulents for the past 45 years. I started out collecting mostly cacti and have gradually shifted to mostly succulents.



*Didiera trollii*  
by Steve Goodman

**Do you have a favorite plant family?**

My favorite plant family right now is Euphorbia.

**What piqued your interest in these plants?**

I like Euphorbia because of all the various types and looks that are available. From plants that resemble cacti to bushes to plants with extensive underground caudices; the variations are endless.



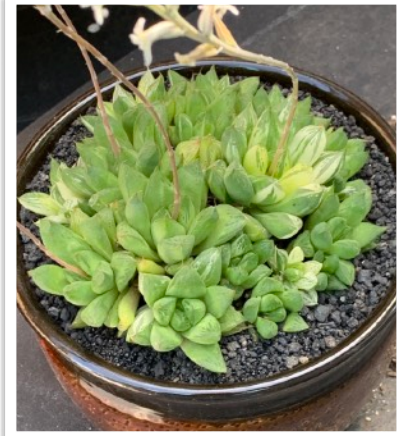
*Espostoa lanata*  
by Steve Goodman

**Have you traveled out of the country to see plants in habitat?**

I haven't really visited a lot of places where these plants are featured.

**Where do you purchase new plants?**

My favorite spots for shopping are Poot's nursery in Ripon and

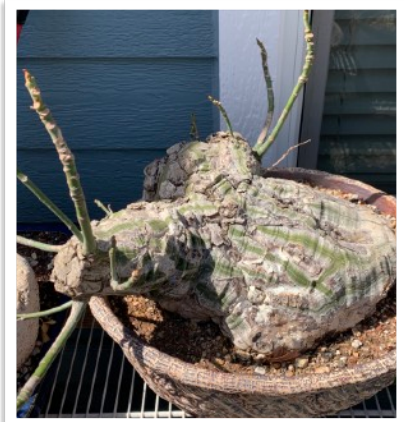


*Haworthia cymbiformis*  
by Steve Goodman

the annual SCSS sale. I also used to shop a lot online, not so much now that I'm seventy.

**Where do you live and garden?**

I live in Rocklin and don't have a greenhouse. My front yard is a succulent/cactus garden. The back yard is a chaotic jumble of potted plants.



*Bombax ellipticum*  
by Steve Goodman



## Show Calendar

This list of California shows is provided by the national and local clubs and is subject to change. Before planning a trip, please verify details.

### April 23-24

Monterey Bay Area Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale  
Portuguese Community Hall  
124 Atkinson Lane, Watsonville  
Early entry available for SCSS Members

### April 23-24

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale  
Palos Verdes Art Center,  
5504 Crestridge Road,  
Rancho Palos Verdes  
Info: 310.346.6206

### May 2-3

Sunset Succulent Society Show and Sale  
Veterans Memorial Center  
4117 Overland Ave., Culver City  
Info. 310-822-1783

### May 6-8

Sacramento Cactus & Succulent Society Spring Show and Sale  
Shepard Garden and Arts Center  
3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

### May 21-22

Carmichael Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale  
Carmichael Park Clubhouse  
5750 Grant Ave, Carmichael

### May 28-29

Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society  
Nipomo High School  
525 N Thompson Ave., Nipomo

### June 16-19

San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society  
County Fair Bldg, Golden Gate Park  
1199 9th Ave., San Francisco

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# Cactus & Succulent 2022 Plant Sale & Exhibition

Free Admission

**MAY 6, FRIDAY  
1PM-6PM**

**MAY 7 SATURDAY  
9AM-6PM**

**MAY 8, SUNDAY  
9AM-4PM**

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& ARTS CENTER  
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## We Need Volunteers & Boxes for the Sale !!!!

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**And we still need volunteers** for Saturday and Sunday. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Carole Hada.