tuberifera is an attractive plant. From seed they form a caudex early. For cuttings, it took almost 6 years to form a caudex."

The final excerpt was written in Greenhouse Robin #1 by Audrey Tucker from Corvalis, Montana: “My greenhouse is beginning to burst with bloom. Weingartia lanata had 12 not large, but brilliant yellow flowers open at one time, and many more buds are coming. A lobivia has four lovely pink blossoms. One of the Turbinicarpus krainzianus popped 5 blossoms out of its top at the same time. Others which please me greatly are Mammillaria humboldtii, which I have never before seen bloom; Euphorbia vigueri, Notocactus submammulosus v. pampeanus, Pachypodium succulentum, a chamaecereus with brilliant orange flowers, Obregonia denegrii, Aloe ‘Hey, Babe,’ one of John’s Bleck’s small hybrids. Others blooming are a couple of talinums, as well as haworthias, echeverias, mstoklemas, othonnas, and additional euphorbias and aloes. Mammillaria perezdelarosae and M. glassii v. alba are still blooming, and Gymnocalycium friedrichii is absolutely bursting with buds about to open—it should be gorgeous.”

Jerry Kent Hardaway
1932–1994

Jerry Hardaway died July 24, 1994, from cancer, at the age of 62. He was born in Fresno, California, on January 9, 1932. In 1958, Jerry and his wife Sylvia purchased Henrietta’s Nursery in Fresno and operated it on a part-time basis for 11 years. Initially, the nursery specialized in house plants and, since the name was well established, the Hardaway’s decided to retain it. In 1969 they began operating the nursery full time and issued their first cactus and succulent catalog. In addition to being informative, the catalogs were written with Jerry’s clever and wicked style of humor, making them fun to read. The Hardaway’s three children (a son Bill and daughters Nancy and Geri) were featured in the catalogs during the earlier years. Sylvia hopes to continue operating the nursery.

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