

Gretchen Ward recently retired from a 35-year career as an archaeologist, park ranger, and cultural program manager with the federal government. She is originally from San Diego but previously lived and worked in Albuquerque and completed a graduate degree at UNM. She is a past president of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society and has been raising epiphytic plants for most of her life, ever since her mother bought her first epicactus hybrids when she was just a kid. While it can be challenging to raise epicactus in Albuquerque, it is definitely possible! See pictured some blooms from her collection that bloomed in Albuquerque in 2022. Her talk will cover care and growing of epiphytic cacti such as *Disocactus*, *Rhipsalis*, *Epiphyllum*, and *Schlumbergera*.