## Rob Romero

Rob Romero was an Albuquerque, NM native when he was bitten by the cactus bug. That day was the Cactus & Succulent Society of New Mexico show and sale of 1990. In stopping merely out of curiosity, Rob was amazed at the wonders within. There he met Steven Brack and the collecting of cacti began. He quickly became a member of the CSSNM and held the position of club president from 1994-1997. A relocation to Tucson AZ took him away.

His first official field trip was to the Jarilla Mountains of SE New Mexico and then the travel bug took hold as well. Rob has traveled extensively in the southwest observing many species of cacti in habitat.

An avid grower, Rob focuses on cacti from the USA and Mexico. He grows many plants from seed and is always trying new methods to improve his skills.

Rob is one of the authors of "Field Guide to Cacti and Other Succulents of Arizona". <a href="https://www.tucsoncactus.org/html/fieldguide.html">https://www.tucsoncactus.org/html/fieldguide.html</a>

And now, having moved back "home" to NM, the cactus fun continues. In his first year back, Rob has traveled hundreds of miles to see plants in nature.