

## Report for Federated Garden Council of Yuma by Pecan Grove Garden Club

We were organized in 1949 and Federated in 1950

We bought eight trees for Arbor day and they were planted by children and APS. The youngest children were given coloring books about the trees.

One of our members handles a Youth Poetry Contest in the Schools. The Winners sometimes come to our meetings and read their poetry. The first place gets a \$20 gift card from Barnes and Nobles, Second place get \$15 gift card, and third place gets \$10 gift card per grade level. They are given to children at the grade level of kindergarten to eighth grade. We do not necessarily have children from each grade.

We have a collection for Pennies for Pines. We paid for three plantations last year, and expect to have as many this year.

We invite Girl Scouts to an evening and we do floral arrangements with them. Some of the arrangements are submitted to the floral exhibit at the County fair.

We take our birdhouses and plants to Yuma Home and Garden show and to the Bazaar. . We also collect the stems from the agave and sell them. This is a fund raiser for us.

We had Cindy present in September "What to plant & When", then in October we had 'The Importance of Trees" by Espy Matlock. The plan is to have David Markchuck talk about 'How to Compost", in December we will have a party. In January we have Dr. Glenn Wright talk about "Citrus", then David Markchuck will return and talk about "The Worm Farm', in March Frank Arlotrick will talk about "When & how to Prune" and in April Erinn Bennar will talke about "Why is Arbor Day Important", then we will have an end of the year party.

Girls with all work and no play make for dull girls, so for a Christmas party the club came to my home and we had afternoon tea put on by Sol Sips at Simply Shabby shopping center. The tea and all the food was explained by our hostess. Then to celebrate the end of a good year we went to the Garden Cafe to have lunch and a good conversation.