

## **MARTHA'S MESSAGE**

Thanks to all of for your support during my term as President of Southwest FCE. I could not have had a better group to work with.

I hope everyone is planning to attend Conference this year. Great programs are being planned and it is always fun to catch up with friends we have not seen in awhile.

Southwest FCE Conference will Be November 19-21, 2024 in Yuma, AZ. Everyone is invited to be a part of this. More information will be out later.

We are still in the planning process to have a ½ day or more on Food Security on Friday, November 22, 2024. This is open to everyone as well.

Then plan to stay for our "World Famous" Annual FCE Community Bazaar on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lots and lots of vendors with something for everyone. It is a great opportunity to get Christmas shopping done. Everything is handmade/homemade.

If your are interested, please let me know and I will get information to you. Be sure to check out our website at: <a href="mailto:swfce.org">swfce.org</a>

## **SOUTHWEST FCE CONTACTS**

Mary Bender, President Yuma, AZ 85365 620-806-2998 fobender@hotmail.com

1317 CR 288
Ballinger, TX 76821
325-365-3890
mcrawfordfce@gmail.com

Martha Crawford, Vice President

Margaret Polen, Secretary 6724 E. 35<sup>th</sup> Pl. Yuma, AZ 85265 928-726-7456 margaretmai531@gmail.com Susie Martell, Treasurer 2175 E. Jonquil St. Oro Valley, AZ 85755 520-358-8621 martellsusan48@gmail.com

Susie Martell and Margaret Polen are Co-Chairs for the SWFCE Bazaar.

## **EDITOR**

If you have an article to submit, please do so. I surely do not want to write this by myself. What's going on in your state?

## **SWFCE CONFERENCE**

In echoing Martha, hire a bus or a passenger van and come to Yuma in November. There is lots to see and do. Tour a local date farm (the edible kind not the human kind...) It will be veggie growing season and you will see acres and acres of lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, onions, cilantro and many more that grow here in the winter months.

There is no cost to attend the bazaar. We want to shop our vendors. You never know what you might find. Last year it was horse hair pottery.

The SWFCE Conference, again, is November 20-21 of this year. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our Food Security Day of workshops and

presentations—just since Martha sent in her article, this has become the reality! Speakers/presenters are being lined-up. EVERY FCE member is invited. We will have an early registration date so we have an idea of The number of people that will be attending. This isn't just for members, bring a spouse or a friend.

Crafters: we do have a few spaces open if you'd like to rent one. Check with Susie Martell.