



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

President's Message

Happy summer!! I hope everyone is enjoying your summer so far. There is a lot going on with SDBW. Jenny is hosting a zoom to paint bags for Monarch School (a school for the homeless children). We have a Mad Hatters Tea Party coming up in September and a Christmas party in December. Information for all our events are in this newsletter.

June's paint-in was a lot of fun! Sandy is a wonderful teacher. Next up is a zoom class with Debbie Ramo. The snow blocks can be painted on anything. The teacher will be on zoom. You can join the zoom from home or at STMSC. We have raffles and freebies at the paint-in. July's raffle theme is "Christmas in July".

Thank you Sheri Barker and Andrea Toth as well as the volunteers who spent June 22 at the fair teaching a simple project and promoting decorative painting. At the fair, we had lots of winners in several painting categories. Congratulations!!

We still need a treasurer! Please consider joining our board and taking on this position.

Happy Painting!

Pam



IT'S SUBMISSION TIME!

It's time for the San Diego Brush Whackers to begin accepting submissions of projects for the next painting season – January through November 2025.

If you have a favorite artist, a special technique, or an original design that you'd like to share with our club members, now is the time! Our Paint-Ins are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month 9am-3pm (excluding September and December) at the St. Madeleine Sophie Center in El Cajon. Teachers earn \$20.00 per student.

The membership will vote on projects, online or in person at Autumn Get-Away. Should you wish to submit, please complete the submission form below and mail or email it, along with your pictures or JPEG's to the Program VP's, Kathy Steffel kjsteffel@cox.net or 10714 Sayers Court, Santee, CA 92071 by August 15, 2024.

Please also cc: Roxanne Walker tole29@yahoo.com

We would love to have you submit, so please think about teaching for the Brush Whackers. Teachers will be notified in September 2024 as to the outcome of the voting. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Steffel 619-328-3021 or Roxanne Walker 858-576-1021.

[LIMIT 4 SUBMISSIONS PER TEACHER/ONLY TEACHING 2 projects per year](#)

SUBMISSION FORM:

Teacher Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ I will be teaching: In Person or Zoom (please circle)

Address: _____

Project Title: _____ Class Time: 6Hours

Project Artist/Designer Name: _____

I'm the artist/designer or have permission from the artist/designer to **teach in person or zoom and record this project**. Initial to confirm _____

Cost of Project Supplies provided by the teacher: \$_____ (include **pattern packet**, paints, mediums, etc.)

Cost of Painting Surface: \$_____ Will you be selling the surface? (circle one) Yes No

Medium: _____ Size of Piece: _____ Surface: _____

Skill Level: (circle one) Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Special supplies required or additional information you would like members to know when voting – such as if you included special or new technique(s) they will be learning: _____

Please circle dates you're NOT available:

Jan. 18 – Feb. 15 – Mar. 15 – Apr. 19 – May 17 – Jun. 21 – Jul. 19 – Aug. 16 – Oct. 18 – Nov. 15.

PROGRAMS

Thank you, Sandy LeFlore, for getting us ready for summer with your Sunflowers and Daisies design at the June Paint-In. What a fun red, white and blue design with some favorite summer flowers. I believe everyone either completed or almost completed their project. As always it was great to paint with Sandy and such a fun class!

We welcome back Deb Ramo as we try to cool off in July painting "Snow Days", a Sandra Malone design. Deb painted this on a paddle and rolling pin, however you can adapt it to anything you choose such as a tag, or an ornament, check out your stash. Deb will be teaching us via zoom and those wishing to paint together in person will be meeting at St. Madeline's please come join us we would love to see you in person.

We currently have the following members signed up to take Deb's class:

Regina Taylor, Cecelia Denton, Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Phillips and Kathy Steffel

It is not too late to sign up for July, please contact Kathy Steffel if you are interested as Roxanne is on vacation for the month of July and part of August.

A little about, Deb started painting in 1987, took her first class at a Tole Shop in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Being a military family kept them moving every three years. It wasn't until 2007 she heard of Painting chapters and joined Desert Quail Toler. Deb finds teaching interesting because she always hopes to share something special with the class, yet she feels like she always takes away a little knowledge from the participants. Deb's favorite seasons are Fall and Christmas. She loves patriotic and her favorite medium is acrylic. However, she has taken colored pencils, watercolor and mixed media. Deb encourages painters if they haven't tried a specific medium, they should.

August, we welcome back Janet Mitchel who will be teaching us a Susie Saunders design, "A Midnight Clear" in August. This is a wonderful winter scene painted on a board, but for those of you who have taken classes with Janet before, know she says "dig into your stash" this can be painted on anything of your choosing, a sled or a bucket, use your imagination. Janet is all about using up what is in your stash.

We hope to see you at an upcoming Paint-In.

Kathy Steffel, 619-328-3021, kjsteffel@cox.net

Roxanne Walker, 858-699-7843, tole29@yahoo.com

PROGRAMS

July 20



Project: Snowy Days
 Teacher: Debbie Ramo (Zoom)
 Designer: Sandra Malone
 Medium: Acrylics
 Packet/Supplies: \$0.00
 Surface Fee: Rolling Pin, Tag or
 your choice of surface 10"



August 17

Project: A Midnite Clear
 Teacher: Janet Mitchell
 Designer: Susie Sanders
 Medium: Acrylics
 Packet/Supplies: \$0.00
 Surface Fee: Wood plaque or
 your choice of surface. 11" x 14"

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR UPDATE: LET'S GO RETRO!

Saturday, June 22, marked our second "Make & Take It" at the San Diego County Fair since Covid. We were very excited to assist over 30 people in painting bookmarks over 3 hours. The fair is a little slow this year (although there were 300 more HomeMade entries than last year), so the count was less than we had hoped. Thank you to Andrea Toth, Carol Phillips, Elaine Cendali, _____ and Shannon Erlandson for offering such caring support and encouragement to so many interested folks. We had several folks, who painted with us at the "Make & Take It," who expressed interest in joining us to learn how to paint.

(Sorry, I am missing someone's name :/)

Thank you, also, to the folks who entered painting projects in the fair: Cecelia Denton, Jenny Stabile, Donna Carpenter, Linda Wolfe, and Sheri Barker. We had a total of 15 projects submitted--winning first, second and third place awards, along with Cecelia's "Best of Class" award. What a wonderful way to promote decorative painting!









Mad Hatter Tea Party 2024

We're all mad here, you'll fit right in!

San Diego Brush Whackers' 39th Annual Autumn Get-Away

Wednesday-Friday

September 18-20, 2024

Viejas Casino & Resort

Alpine, California

AGA Registration is now closed.

We have 68 attendees!!!

Are you ready for a “Mad Hatter” of a
good time?

Attendees, you will receive your Class list and schedule
details in early September.

Who is ready for the best raffle of the year!??

Your donations to the raffle (both items donated & purchased
tickets) help support the Club's expenses throughout the year.

It's never too early to start working on your raffle donations.

Please bring your painted bags for Monarch School and you will receive
one (1) extra raffle ticket

Your committee is very excited about this year's
Get-Away. It's promising to be full of fun. We
are looking forward to seeing you in September.

Elaine & Sam, AGA Co-Chairs



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are continuing our search for a Treasurer...step up ladies....we need ALL of us to make this club work! Our President position will be open soon as well. Join us on the board to get a flavor and feel for the operations.

Sally Anson



FACEBOOK

Hi Painting Friends,

Do you know we have a Facebook page? Upcoming classes are listed to keep you informed. The more communication we have, hopefully the more you will get involved. The newsletter is great but you can't talk back. So let's hear back from you. Comment when you see a post. Ask questions. Share tips and helpful classes or other websites. I post as myself and also as Brushwhackers if I use the admin tab. I would love to see your projects as well. So let's get involved and share our art, club and friendships on Facebook.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up with the latest information on our website at

<https://www.sdbushwhackers.com/>

If you have any pictures you'd like to share for our website please email them to me at wolfepaints@gmail.com

Every month the latest Newsletter is available along with all the forms for the year, membership, Christmas party, and the seminar. All forms can be printed out.

Be sure to check out all of the links to see what we're all about. Visit soon!

Carol Wolfe

CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Keep on painting those bags. I have at least 50 right now and hoping to collect a few more before the next delivery. I am hoping to deliver before school starts this year in mid August. I will still collect at the Autumn Getaway and make another delivery.

Thanks everyone. Remember, you can get bags from me at paint ins or we can make other arrangements.

We will plan another BAG PAINTING NIGHT in July and August. Details to come.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177.
jensbusy@gmail.com



In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we share news of the loss of past member Jurene While.

Jurene was a published artist and teacher of tole, folk art, and rosemaling, both locally and around the world. She was also recognized nationally and internationally for her talent and specialty in Norwegian rosemaling. Jurene will be greatly missed by her many fellow painters, students, and friends.

WAYS AND MEANS

Oh, you should have been there! Quite the summer celebration in more ways and means than one. We collected \$250 i the raffle! WOW. Oh, WOW! That's an indication we had some really good items up for grabs. Cecelia guessed the correct amount of candy in the jar with 39 - right on the money. Received a really cute patriotic table mat and "fabric" dish and the 39 pieces of candy in the jar. Carol Phillips tried to run off with the mat. Then, Miss Donna Eledge won the Brown Bag getting a bumble bee wind chime and wall ornament along with a couple of balsa wood airplanes to fly with her grandkids. There were a lot of other winners - Kathy Steffel, Roxanne, myself - you know, the usual suspects.

Get signed up for the July Paint-In because we will be celebrating Christmas in July and there are a lot of surprises coming your way. August is "Back to School aka. Autumn GetAway" prizes for you to win.

That's all folks! Until next time.....

Rayma

HOSPITALITY

Painting Friends,

Do you know of a fellow Brush Whacker who would enjoy receiving an encouraging note or a "Thinking of You" card? I'd love to send her one. Please e-mail her name to me at charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Charlotte



PANTY RAFFLE

Hi everyone,

Our club helps the Rachel Center with new underwear every month. Someone volunteers to provide a gift each month. For each pair of underwear donated, you get a ticket and then a name is drawn for the gift. The Rachel Center is a place to take a shower, help with a résumé, new clean clothes. This month's gift was provided by Donna Carpenter, Thank you for your kindness and support for this worthy cause. It's Christmas in July!!



Joyce Hatch,

Rachel Center Charity

Happy Birthday Brush Whackers



JULY BIRTHDAYS:

4TH **ROXANNE WALKER**
6TH **INA SCHAEFER-CHAVEZ**
13TH **TINA BURLASON**
20TH **GAIL SMITH**
31ST **CHERYL POWELL**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

2ND **TERI HAYES**
4TH **BEVERLY MORN**
4TH **SHANNON ERLANDSEN**
11TH **DIANA RAY**
12TH **KATHY STEFFEL**
13TH **RAYMA STEWART**
14TH **VIRGINIA MANN**
19TH **DEIRDRE PARKINEN**
22ND **NANCY DONAHUE**
29TH **SASUE NICKLAS**
29TH **KENDRA CHAVEZ**



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is up to 109.

At Autumn Getaway we will provide membership forms for 2025 for all attendees. Thereafter we will post in the newsletter and on the website. You can always call me and I can email to you.



Your new membership and/or renewals can always be sent to: Donna Kidd Eledge 144 Landis Ave Chula Vista, CA 91910. Be certain to completely and clearly fill out the form (even if there are no changes) and attach your check for \$15.00.

Also remember to keep us informed of any changes to your contact information.

Please make your check payable to **SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.**

Please feel free to contact me for any changes to your information, questions or comments: 619-857-8096 or jdbeldg@yahoo.com

Thank you. Donna



San Diego Brush Whacker Paint In's

Paint In Information and Policies

- ★ **WHEN:** 3rd Saturday of the month (except Sept. & Dec.) 9am to 3pm
- ★ **WHERE:** St. Madeleine Sophie Center 2119 E. Madison Ave. El Cajon, CA 92019-1111
 - I-8 east, exit Greenfield Dr - turn right, turn left E. Madison, center is on your right
- ★ **FOOD:** Bring your own lunch . Coffee and tea will be provided
- ★ **WHO:** Any member in good standing
 - Guests/Non-Members? Welcome to attend paint-ins for an additional \$5.00 per class
- ★ **COST:**
 - Member Class Fee is \$25/Non-Member Fee is \$30 - covers room rent & teacher fee
 - Project Fee - decided by teacher
 - Surface Fee - varies (if applicable)
 - Checks will be cashed AFTER the paint-in
 - **NO REFUNDS** are given for paint-ins
 - **SURFACES** You may provide your own surface
 - Prep instructions and surface, if applicable, will be available at the paint-in previous to the scheduled class
 - **It is the member's responsibility to pick up prep instructions/surface**
 - **Zoom is available for every class**

Paint In Enrollment

(Please initial) _____ I understand it is my responsibility to pick up prep instructions & surface, if available.
I understand no refunds are given for paint-ins. ZOOM ? Yes No

Project Name:

Member Fee and/or Non-Member Fee:

Name:

Packet/Supplies Fee:

Phone:

Surface Fee:

Email:

Total Enclosed

Make checks payable to "**San Diego Brush Whackers**" and mail to:
Kathy Steffel, 10714 Sayers Ct, Santee CA 92071

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes for May11, 2024, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:04 am

Present: Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Roxanne Walker, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth, Jenny Stabile, Elaine Cendali.

Absent: Sally Anson, Rayma Stewart, Maddie Sanchez, Charlotte Hicks, Sam McCracken.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from April 13,2024, as **corrected** by, Andrea Toth, seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$25,171.17 as of May11, 2024, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Sheri Barker, seconded by, Joyce Hatch and passed.

Communications: None

New Business: Cost of Christmas Party, meal cost is \$55.00 per person. Do we want to go back to charging members \$20.00 per person or keep the cost at \$25.00 per person? It was discussed and decided to charge \$25.00 per person.

Old Business: The accountant for Sheri's Church gave us a quote of \$250 a year to do the Tax forms for the club. It was discussed and decided to find a Treasurer first and see what support they would need to do the taxes each year. Tabled until we get a Treasurer.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, we have 14 signed up for Donna's class 6 in person 8 on Zoom.

Sandy LeFlore's class has 6 signed up so far.

Working on submission form for 2025.

Membership: Donna Eledge, we have 109 members, two are new.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, Newsletter and pictures updated. Registration forms for AGA are on the site.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, will advertise June class and add to events.

Ways & Means: Rayma Stewart, May, Summer items, June, Patriotic items and Christmas in July.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, sending cards as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson, taking pictures.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, No Report.

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, May's donation by Sally Anson, June's donation by Carol Wolfe. Bring Panties.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile, Zoom night to paint Bags for Monarch School set for May 22nd.

Seminars: Sally Anson, completed.

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, need volunteers to help with make and take it, will pick up submissions Sat at the paint-in on the 18th of May.

Autumn Getaway: Elaine Cendali / Sam McCracken, off to a good start we have 39 signed up so far, classes filling up fast. Carol Phillips is sending AGA information to other clubs and non-members. The registration limit is 70.

Holiday Party: Cecelia Denton / Carol Phillips, send \$1000 to Bali Hai by June 2nd. 10 free tickets if signed up before a certain day TBD. Have flyer ready to put in AGA goody bags.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, No Report

Closing Statements: Happy Mother's Day

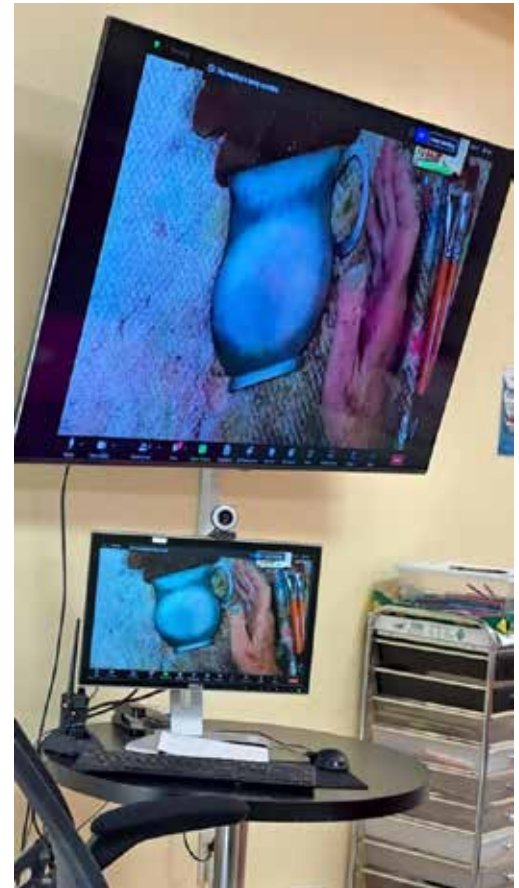
Next Board Meeting: June 8, 2024, at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Donna Eledge seconded by Carol Phillips

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:10 am

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton

PICTURES FROM THE JUNE PAINT-IN WITH SANDY LEFLORE



PICTURES FROM THE JUNE PAINT-IN WITH SANDY LEFLORE



Save the date.....

Please join us for an evening of fun, friendship and a little caroling at the...



***San Diego Brush Whacker's
Annual Holiday Party***

“Caroling on Candy Cane Lane”

***Monday, December 2nd, 6:00pm at the
Bali Hai in San Diego***

Be on the lookout for more information soon. We will have our wonderful raffle and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Rachel Center.



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

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