



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. I know that I enjoyed our "Come home for Christmas" party. Karen and Charlotte and their crew outdid themselves. Thank you for a wonderful night!

We are starting a brand new year of painting projects. Please look over the list and join us for some fun painting and time together. First up in January is Rayma's project using washes and pencils on paper. It is such a relaxing technique. If you haven't done one of these it is a good time to try. Rayma is a patient and knowledgeable teacher.

In February, we have "Holiday Hat" with Sandy LeFlore. We will meet in person and Sandy will be zooming from Oklahoma. She is such fun! You can come to classes in person, zoom or use the recording at home (remember the recording only is available for one month and only to those who paid for the class).

We have our Holly Hanley seminar on March 9th. It is free if you have already joined San Diego Brush Whackers. You will provide your own piece and paints. She will be zooming. You can come in person, zoom or have the recording for a month to do on your own. Please think about joining us.

Now comes the difficult part, we need someone to be treasurer starting in 2025. It would help a lot if you could work with Sue before the end of this year to learn the process. We also need a hospitality person to send birthday cards as well as get well, sympathy and thinking of you cards. We can't have a club without volunteers. Thank you to all who raise their hands to help!!

Thank you,

Pam

PROGRAMS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! A new year brings new projects and new opportunities to paint with friends. Come join us

We begin 2024 with “Quirky Quail”, an Erika JoAnn paint and pencil design being taught by non-other than ME – Rayma. The packet includes easy-to-follow instructions with photos, pre-printed watercolor paper (in two sizes), and embellishments. The cost is \$35 (\$40 non-member) which covers the class fee and packet. Registration is open so get your “check in the ail”. The Paint-In is January 20th and there is prep – just getting the paper ready. I am looking forward to sharing this fun and relaxing project with you – either in person or by Zoom.

*****Beginning with February registrations, please send form with the fee to Kathy Steffel – check your roster for mailing info. *****

On February 17th, Sandy LeFlore will get us ready for December (early) by sharing her “Holiday Hat”. This adorable snowman design is approximately 10” in diameter painted on a wooden plate but will look wonderful painted on whatever surface you have in your stash. You will need a #4 filbert for dry-brushing, another brush for smooching, and a ¼” filbert rake. Cost for this class is \$32(class and packet)\$35 non-member.

March is Seminar month with Holly Hanley and Sally Anson has all those details.

Speaking of Sally, she will have us declaring “Yes. You Can!” in April. More on that next month.

This is it for me and Carol W. Kathy Steffel and Roxanne Walker are the new Programs Chairs.

Take care and we'll see you soon.

Rayma Stewart

Carol Wolfe

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 quilterpml@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Pam





FACEBOOK NEWS

Hi Painting Friends,

We've solved the issue for our Facebook page. It will have the same name. It is now a **GROUP** that members can post in. Before it was a page, so only admin were able to post things. You can go to the new **GROUP** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandiegobrushwhackers> and Click on the **JOIN** button. Looking forward to seeing you. Show us what you have been working on, tell us about new products you've tried and an upcoming class you would to share with us. Lets have fun.

Please note: The **GROUP** is open now and the old **PAGE** is now shut down.

Jenny Stabile 619 917 7177
jensbusy@gmail.com



WAYS AND MEANS

We start a brand new year, 2024! I look forward to painting with all of you. The raffles will be supplies and seasonal stuff. I also have some freebies that may work for one or more of this year's projects. Join us for in person or zoom paint-ins.

- Pam

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS' JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 9TH CAROL WHITTON**
- 10TH MARILYN WINDER**
- 12TH DONNA ELEDGE**
- 16TH GINGER MEARS**
- 18TH DEBBIE PATENAUDE**
- 18TH NANCY WILSON**
- 20TH ANDREA TOTH**
- 21ST EVIE VACCARO**
- 27TH M. K. ERICKSON**



CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Hello my Brush Whacker friends,

Please continue to paint bags for the students at the Monarch School. I'll have bags at the paint -ins or drop me a line and we can meet up. Thank you for your continued support.

Jenny. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com

PANTY RAFFLE

Happy New Year everyone!!

Our Club supports the Rachael Center. A safe place to go during the day. They have showers available, our members share their travel toiletries, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap. The women also get monthly hygiene bags with toiletries in it. Sorry no tickets for those.

We also provide new underwear for them. Every month one of our members provides a gift to win by donating underwear, one ticket for each pair of underwear donated goes in the basket. This month's gift was donated by Carol Phillips it is an original painted by Shara Reiner.



Hugs,
Joyce Hatch

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up with the latest information on our website at <https://www.sdbrushwhackers.com/>

If you have any pictures you'd like to share for our website of the Christmas party please email them to me at SDBrushWhackers@outlook.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!

Thank you,
Carol Wolfe

MEMBERSHIP

I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. We currently have 92 members for 2024 which includes 10 new ones. With all members pitching in we should have a wonderful 2024.

Welcome to our newest members: Debbie Archambeau DEBJARCHAMBEAU @GMAIL.COM and Jolene Cooley joleneaudit@gmail.com



We will be arranging the printing of the 2024 Roster soon. It is important to always keep us informed of any changes to your contact information. Attached is the application for your 2024 membership. Please be certain to completely fill out the form (even if there are no changes) and attach your check for \$15.00. Please make your check payable to **SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS**.

Your new membership and/or renewals can always be sent to:
Donna Kidd Eledge 144 Landis Ave Chula Vista, CA 91910

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



2024 Annual Membership Form **San Diego Brush Whackers**

Find us at: www.sdbbrushwhackers.com

Name _____
Last First

Address _____
Street

City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Birthday (optional) ____ / ____ Cash ____ Ck# ____
month day

E-mail _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone#: _____

Relationship of contact _____

All newsletters will be emailed to members.
We will print your name, address, phone #, e-mail and birthday in our membership roster unless you circle information that you DO NOT want printed in the roster.

Type of membership:

New ____ Renew ____ WITH SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.

Level of painting: Beginning ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____

Please check all that apply: Student ____ Teacher ____ Business ____

Please fill out our Membership form **completely**.

Annual San Diego Brush Whacker membership dues for 2024 are \$15.00.

Please make checks fully payable to: **San Diego Brush Whackers**

Mail check to our Membership Chairperson:

Donna Kidd Eledge
144 Landis Ave
Chula Vista CA 91910

Questions: jdbeldg@yahoo.com
or 619-857-8096

San Diego Brush Whackers 2024 Paint In Projects
Members - \$25.00 Non-Members - \$30.00



JANUARY 20

Project: Quirky Quails
Teacher: Rayma Stewart
Designer: Erika Joanne
Medium: JoSonja
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00
Surface Fee: Waterpaper Included
6" x 8"



FEBRUARY 17

Project: Holiday Hat (ZOOM)
Teacher/Designer: Sandy LeFlore
Medium: Acrylics
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$7.00
Surface Fee: Wood plate 10"
or surface of choice



APRIL 20

Project: Yes You Can!
Teacher/Designer: Sally Anson
Medium: Mixed Media
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00
Surface Fee: Sauce can or Surface of
choice
9" x 7"



May 18

Project: Snowman Topiary
Teacher/Designer: Donna Carpenter
Medium: Acrylics
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$5.00
Surface Fee: \$25.00 Purchase from
Donna
or your surface of choice 21" x 3"



June 15

Project: USA Sunflowers & Daisies
Teacher & Designer: Sandy LeFlore (Zoom)
Medium: Acrylics
Packet/Supplies: \$7.00
Surface Fee: \$16.00 Wood Plaque
w/cutouts
from Palette and Sawdust
or your choice of surface. 10"



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"



October 12

Project: Blueberry Thief
Teacher: Rayma Stewart
Designer: Rosemary West
Medium: Acrylics
Packet/Supplies: \$0.00
Surface: Wood plate or your choice of
surface
Size: 7" aprox.



November 16

Project: Santa and Bear
Teacher: Janet Mitchell
Designer: Isabella Pasquato
Medium: Acrylic
Packet/Supplies: \$0.00
Surface: Wood or your choice of surface.
Size: Size of choice



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: Rayma Stewart 17355 Plaza Maria, San Diego, CA 92128-2246		

It's here, it's here! The March 9, 2024 Seminar with Holly Hanley project piece is this awesome hummingbird and dahlia. So much going on in this piece and we can learn it all while having a great day of fun!

Remember, this seminar is FREE to you if you are or become a member before 12/31/23. You will need to be registered for the seminar in order to be able to review the recording. Registration will begin soon. We will be meeting at St. Maddie's to view the ZOOM class on the big screen or you can view from your own home, thus the need to register. Supply list will be available soon. This can be painted on any surface 10" round or so. You supply the paints (list to come).

So get ready for a fun day of painting with Holly!



San Diego Brush Whackers announce the 2023 Christmas Party

Come Home for Christmas

REFLECTIONS



That's a wrap! Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, donated raffle items, bought raffle tickets, and volunteered on the night of the party! It was a wonderful and magical evening with all of you, and truly felt like we were all at home with our friends and family. The eight very lucky winners of the incredible and handcrafted table village sets were: Theresa Boone, Lois Denton, Charlotte Hicks, Jan Johnson, Ginger Mears, Karen Ortman, Debbie Patenaude, and Andrea Toth.

The winner of the gorgeous themed quilt made by Pam Liberknecht was: Jan Johnson!

Party goers each received a painted ornament, cell phone stand gift, and box of dessert goodies from Mili's Sweets as special treats! The Bali Hai buffet dinner was delicious and the beautiful bay view contributed to a very special evening. We are looking forward to next year's party and wish you all good health, happiness, and joy in the new year.

Passing the baton over to next year's committee,
Karen, Charlotte, Sue Ludlam, Nancy Wilson, and Sandra

P.S. Special thanks for their behind the scenes committee help go out to: Carol Wolfe, Jenny Stabile, Kathy Steffel, Roxanne Walker, and Dennis Ortman (the man who built the red door set)

Sincerely,

Karen Ortman, Charlotte Hicks & our amazing Committee

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes for, October 7, 2023, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:02 am

Present: Pam Lieberknecht, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Carol Phillips, Rayma Stewart, Maddie Sanchez, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker. Andrea Toth, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman.

Absent: Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Joyce Hatch, Claudia Sepulveda

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from August 12, 2023, and the General Membership minutes from September 14, 2023 as presented by Carol Phillips seconded by Charlotte Hicks and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$28,271.63 as of 10/07/2023 motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Rayma Stewart seconded by Carol Phillips and passed.

Communications: \$3000.00 Rent paid to St. Maddie's for 2024. The March and October dates were changed due to unavailability. Dates moved to the second Saturday of those months.

New Business: The 2024 Budget was discussed, and the vote will be held at the November Board meeting.

A suggestion was made to put the Membership and Christmas Party registration forms in the AGA Goody Bags, everyone agreed.

Old Business: The Seminar will be funded with the Sandi Strecker Fund.

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Reports:

Programs: Rayma Stewart/Carol Wolfe, 14 signed up for Heidi Allison's class in October and 16 signed up for Janet Mitchell's class in November. Getting schedule ready for next year.

Membership: Donna Eledge, 56 renewed, 7 are new members.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, No Report

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, put information on Heidi's class on Facebook page.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy Hill donated patterns and wood for the raffle.

Hospitality: Claudia Sepulveda, No report

Historian: Sally Anson, taking pictures for newsletter.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht. Kathy Steffel will be doing the November paint-in.

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, Rayma has the prize for October and Kathy Steffel has the prize for November.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile, took 76 bags to Monarch School. They have around 250 students.

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, Theme for 2024 is "Let's Go Retro" 50's to the 90's.

More information in January. We would like to do make and take-it's again, need volunteers to help.

Seminars: Sally Anson, the change of dates works for Holly, I'll have pictures next month.

Autumn Getaway: Cecelia Denton/Carol Phillips, Completed

Holiday Party: Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman, 34 signed up and paid. We will have individual bags for each item. Everything is moving along.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton Donation of \$250.00 sent to the Art center.

Closing Statements:

Next Board Meeting: November 10, 2023, at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Jenny Stabile, Seconded by Sheri Barker

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:07

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton

PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



GOODIES FROM THE PARTY

PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



BEAUTIFUL BACKDROP



OUR AMAZING CHRISTMAS PARTY CO-CHAIRS



GIFT FOUR OUR PRESIDENT, PAM!

PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



**SHOWING OFF SOME
RAFFLE PRIZES**



**JUST A FEW OF OUR
HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS!**



**MORE PICTURES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR
WEBSITE: WWW.SDBRUSHWHACKERS.COM**



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SEMINAR

**LIBT will be hosting a Seminar with Linda Sharp on
Friday and Saturday, May 31 & June 1, 2024**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Doors open at 8:30 am

At Trinity Lutheran Church

3950 N. Valorie Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ

Cost for each day will be \$40.00 with no additional cost for non-members. Linda Sharp teaches with Traditions Paint. Therefore, there is an additional palette fee of \$5.00 each day. Students will receive their own paint in cubbies which are labeled and contain all mixtures and colors listed in the instructions.

The Friday project is a Give Thanks Pumpkin Plate on a pumpkin shaped surface. We will be ordering the surfaces for those who want them for \$7.00 each.

The Saturday project is called Enchanted Christmas on a 12" double beaded plate. We will be ordering the surfaces for those who want them for \$22.00 each. Of course, you may use a surface of your choice.

All class and surface fees are due in March. Prep instructions and line drawing will be provided prior to the seminar. They may be downloadable.

For lunch we will have a Pot Luck each day. Friday will be salads and Saturday will be sandwiches. Water and snacks provided by LIBT.

We will Zoom for any participants out of the area.

To register, please contact Tava Ekstrom-Lang

Email: tava_ekstrom@aol.com 928-642-6763

Friday Project



Saturday Project

