



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

## President's Message

Thank you! Thank you! Elaine, Sam and their crew did an amazing job on AGA. It was so much fun. Getting together with other painters is such a joy. The creative juices were flowing! The teachers were amazing and the atmosphere was happy. Our raffle was very successful! We earned \$3455!! It was a wonderful three days!

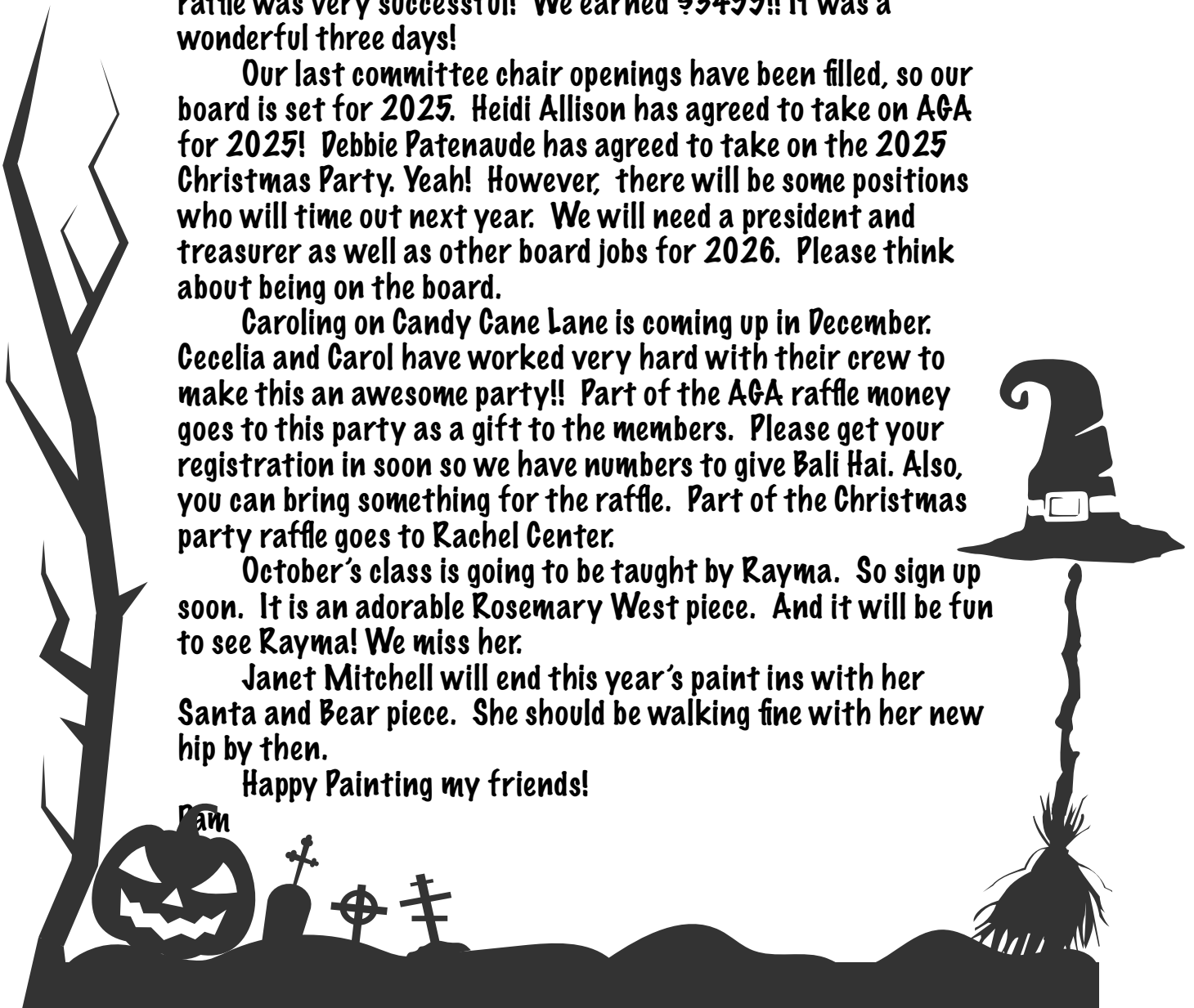
Our last committee chair openings have been filled, so our board is set for 2025. Heidi Allison has agreed to take on AGA for 2025! Debbie Patenaude has agreed to take on the 2025 Christmas Party. Yeah! However, there will be some positions who will time out next year. We will need a president and treasurer as well as other board jobs for 2026. Please think about being on the board.

Caroling on Candy Cane Lane is coming up in December. Cecelia and Carol have worked very hard with their crew to make this an awesome party!! Part of the AGA raffle money goes to this party as a gift to the members. Please get your registration in soon so we have numbers to give Bali Hai. Also, you can bring something for the raffle. Part of the Christmas party raffle goes to Rachel Center.

October's class is going to be taught by Rayma. So sign up soon. It is an adorable Rosemary West piece. And it will be fun to see Rayma! We miss her.

Janet Mitchell will end this year's paint ins with her Santa and Bear piece. She should be walking fine with her new hip by then.

Happy Painting my friends!



## PROGRAMS

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Fall is upon us and we have another great teacher and class lined up. October brings us Rayma Stewart teaching a Rosemary West design, Blueberry Thief. Rayma painted her design on a plate, approximate size is 7" but can be enlarged to be painted on any surface of your choice. The project is painted in acrylics.

We currently have the following members signed up to take the October class:

Regina Taylor, Cecelia Denton, Pam Lieberknecht, Donna Carpenter, Patty Pepin, Carol Phillips, Carol Wolfe, Lois Denton, Charlotte Hicks, Sue Ludlam, Donna Eledge, Jenny Stabile, Linnea Rydout and Kathy Steffel

Janet Mitchell will be finishing out the year in November getting us ready for Christmas with "Santa Bear", an Isabella Pasquato design, painted in acrylics. Janet painted the design on a metal ornament piece, approximately 8.5" diameter. We do have a limited number of the metal ornaments available on a first come first serve basis for \$5.00. You can also shrink or enlarge the pattern to fit the surface of your choice. Janet is all about using 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



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.

## PROGRAMS

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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. Limited supply of ~8.5" diameter metal ornament for \$5.00 (first come first serve basis if interested)

Size: Size of choice

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What a great Autumn-Get-Away! Thank you, Elaine and Sam and your Crew, for all the hard work you put in to putting on a great event! It was great to see so many painting friends that I had not seen in some time as well as to meet so many new Ladies who joined us from near and a far for the first time.

I wanted to share a couple of tips that I learned while there:

Judy Coats shared with us that she uses her micron pens that have dried out to make small dots. She just dips the pen tip in to the paint and then on to her surface when needing an extra small dot for something such as an eye.

Judy also shared that she uses the following:

Coral Cloud in place of Medium Flesh/Flesh tone; Watermelon Slice instead of Hot Shot Red and Irish Moss instead of Hot Shot Green.

Karen Ortman shared with my class that she uses decoupage and scrapbook paper to finish the back of her paintings on wood boards, it leaves a very nice finish.

Happy Painting!

Kathy Steffel

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*San Diego Brush Whackers presents our annual Christmas Party*

# ***“Caroling on Candy Cane Lane”***

*Monday, Dec. 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM*

*Bali Hai*

*2230 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego*

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

*Please consider donating an item to the Raffle  
Thanks to our incredibly generous members, our club is able to donate  
\$1000 to Rachel Center year after year*

*Our gift to you, as thanks for your support  
A \$55 value for \$25 per member, or \$55 for non-members*

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***Reserve your spot!***

***Sign up by Oct. 15, 2024, and receive 10 bonus raffle tickets***

***All registrations must be received by Nov. 15, 2024***

Member's name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member's name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make check payable to **SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS** (not SDBW) and mail to

Cecelia Denton

548 Brauer Point

Alpine, CA 91901-1508

Questions? Contact Cecelia at 619-972-6052 or [ceceliapaints@aol.com](mailto:ceceliapaints@aol.com)



## Mad Hatter Tea Party 2024

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

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party  
Has come and is gone.  
The brushes are cleaned,  
And the pictures are shown.

We had top hats and teamwork  
To carry us through.  
Sam and Elaine guided us,  
And White Rabbit came, too.

We planned, set up and laughed,  
We painted and taught,  
We dined and we raffled,  
And problems were naught.

I thank all our teammates  
Whose talents brought pleasure,  
But mostly your sisterhood  
Is the gift I will treasure.

- Tina B.

**MORE PICTURES  
AT THE END OF  
THE NEWSLETTER**



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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All ladies in current positions have agreed to stay on docket for another year. But ladies, we gotta have you stepping up to help out. Many of our officers have been in one position or another for years on end. Our club won't sustain itself without you and new leadership. Contact any of us and we will connect you to get your management groove on!

Thanks for all you do, ladies!

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](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com)



## VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

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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 please email them to me at [wolfepaints@gmail.com](mailto: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

## WAYS AND MEANS

Our next paint in is on October 12. There will be some fall, Halloween and maybe a few Christmas items for auction. Being at AGA reminded me how much I enjoy painting with others. Think about joining us for and saying hi to Rayma at the same time.

- Pam

### 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](mailto:charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Charlotte



### PANTY RAFFLE

Rachel's Center is a homeless service provider in San Diego, California, offering a wide range of services and support to individuals experiencing homelessness. They provide: 1. Emergency shelter and transitional housing 2. Meals and food assistance 3. Case management and counseling 4. Job training and employment services 5. Health and wellness programs 6. Mail and phone services 7. Access to benefits and resources Their mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment, helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing. If you have specific questions please let me know.

If you are interested in donating a gift to provide more donations of underwear, contact me. I will be happy to offer you a month.

This month's gift is from Jenny Stabile, painted on both sides

Joyce Hatch





# CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thank you, thank you. I can't say thank you enough. Autumn GetAway attendees brought 54 bags! I have never delivered more than 75 bags in a year to The Monarch School. I already delivered 80 in August. And with a few more I have here , I will be taking 60+ when I return from a short vacation. Thank you again.

I'm always at the paint-ins even for a few short minutes to deliver bags. Contact me for other arrangements.

Jenny, your Bag Lady. 619 917 7177. [jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com)





# Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

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|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>3RD</b>  | <b>JENNIFER HEDRICK</b> | <b>13TH</b> | <b>PATRICIA PEPIN</b>  |
| <b>4TH</b>  | <b>CAROL PHILLIPS</b>   | <b>13TH</b> | <b>JENNY STABILE</b>   |
| <b>7TH</b>  | <b>TAMARA MANNON</b>    | <b>18TH</b> | <b>JOLENE COOLEY</b>   |
| <b>8TH</b>  | <b>KATHY HELLENSEN</b>  | <b>21ST</b> | <b>LAURIE BOSCH</b>    |
| <b>9TH</b>  | <b>ELAINE CENDALI</b>   | <b>23RD</b> | <b>CHARLOTTE HICKS</b> |
| <b>9TH</b>  | <b>JOYCE HATCH</b>      | <b>27TH</b> | <b>SHERI BARKER</b>    |
| <b>11TH</b> | <b>KATHY RUTH</b>       | <b>27TH</b> | <b>DONNA CARPENTER</b> |
| <b>13TH</b> | <b>DEBI BYRD</b>        | <b>31ST</b> | <b>CECELIA DENTON</b>  |

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>5TH CHARLENE BUTLER</b>           | <b>18THM DOROTHY PERKIO</b> |
| <b>10TH JUDY MEIROW</b>              | <b>20TH KATHI HILL</b>      |
| <b>13TH SHIRLEY LEDBETTER</b>        | <b>20TH DIANE JENSEN</b>    |
| <b>14TH MARION BARNETT</b>           | <b>22ND JAN MCCRACKEN</b>   |
| <b>16TH LESLIE PILCHER</b>           | <b>26TH SALLY ANSON</b>     |
| <b>17TH PATTY NEWELL</b>             | <b>27TH JUDY KOVI</b>       |
| <b>18TH CHRISTINE TAYLOR-LEONARD</b> | <b>27TH ESTHER CARRION</b>  |

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Thank you all who signed up for your 2025 membership at Autumn Getaway. 40 is a good start for the coming year.**

**We shall post the 2025 membership form in the newsletters 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. This is also a reminder to keep us informed of any changes to your contact information. Make your check payable to **SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.**

Feel free to contact me for any changes to your information, questions or comments: 619-857-8096 or [jdbeldg@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)

Thank you. Donna





# **2025 San Diego Brush Whackers** **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Find us at: [www.sdbbrushwhackers.com](http://www.sdbbrushwhackers.com)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last First

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for filling out our Membership form clearly and **completely**.

**Annual San Diego Brush Whacker membership dues for 2025 are \$15.00.**

Make checks payable to: **San Diego Brush Whackers**

Mail to our Membership Chairperson:

Donna Kidd Eledge  
144 Landis Ave  
Chula Vista CA 91910

Questions: [jdbeldg@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)  
or 619-857-8096

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## 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, when paying for multiple classes please provide a separate check for each class.
  - **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*
  - *Unless specified, Zoom is available for every class*

| <b>Paint In Enrollment</b>   |                                   |  |
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| (Please initial) _____ I understand it is my responsibility to pick up prep instructions & surface, if available.<br>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 " <b>San Diego Brush Whackers</b> " and mail to:<br>Kathy Steffel, 10714 Sayers Ct, Santee CA 92071   |                                   |  |

**Questions/Concerns: Contact Kathy Steffel at [kjsteffel@cox.net](mailto:kjsteffel@cox.net) or Roxanne Walker at [tole29@yahoo.com](mailto:tole29@yahoo.com)**



# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

## **Board Meeting Minutes** for July 13, 2024, Via Zoom

**Call To Order:** The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:01am

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

**Absent:** Rayma Stewart, Roxanne Walker, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks, Elaine Cendali, Sam McCracken, and Maddie Sanchez.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from June 8, 2024, as Corrected by, Sheri Barker, seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

**Correction:** motion to adjourn at June meeting should be Donna Eledge not Donna Carpenter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 57,823.80 as of July 13, 2024, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Carol Phillips, seconded by, Donna Eledge and passed.

Possible explanation of time involved for treasurer's duties would be helpful.

**Communications:** Letter sent to the Attorney General Re: incorrect payment for Charitable trust ( we are not a charitable trust) form sent in error by inaccurate advice from an accountant.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

## **Reports:**

**Programs:** Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, 6 signed up for July class with Deb Ramo, 7 signed up for August class with Janet Mitchell. Will send reminder in newsletter.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge, Next year's membership form will be in AGA goody bags and on the website.

**Newsletter:** Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolfe, Newsletter and pictures will be on the site by tomorrow. New paint-in registration forms will be on website also.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile, posted reminder for paint-ins.

**Ways & Means:** Rayma Stewart, Christmas in July with a small prize for all attending.

**Hospitality:** Charlotte Hicks, sent out 80 cards, Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy' Merle's Husband passed away.

**Historian:** Sally Anson, No report

**Audio Visual:** Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, Zoom has a new format, but not a problem.

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch, June's raffle is provided by Donna Carpenter and August's prize is provided by Rayma Stewart.

Rachel's Center sees about 100 women a day for help with clothing, showers and even help finding jobs.

**Children's Charities:** Jenny Stabile, Zooming on August 14<sup>th</sup> to paint bags for Monarch School.

**Seminars:** Sally Anson, completed

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, sorry to Carol Wolfe and Nancy Wilson for omitting their names in the newsletter. The winners of the Brush Whacker's donation awards were, Donna Carpenter, Cecelia Denton, and Marilyn Osbourne.

**Autumn Getaway:** Elaine Cendali / Sam McCracken, all on schedule, will be sending class lists before September. Keeping teachers updated on student registrations. We have 68 attendees.

**Holiday Party:** Cecelia Denton / Carol Phillips, going great the committee is busy painting centerpieces. The registration form will be in the AGA goody bag and on the website in September.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton, no report

**Closing Statements:** all dates for next year's paint-ins are confirmed.

**Next Board Meeting:** August 10, 2024, at 9:00 am

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Jenny Stabile seconded by Carol Wolfe

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:39 am

**Respectfully submitted by:** Cecelia Denton





## PICTURES FROM AUTUMN GET AWAY





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## OUR WONDERFUL AUTUMN GET AWAY TEACHERS

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### SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKER 2024 BOARD

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