



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Wow! It is already May. April's paint-in with Deb Ramo was fun and relaxing. Everyone got finished except for splattering. I love to see how creative all of you are. The piece was painted on all sorts of interesting surfaces.**

**This month we are painting a Kleenex holder with Donna Carpenter. It is really cute and useful. Donna will be in person at SMSC. Her teaching style is so relaxed and she helps you along however fast or slow you paint. It is not too late to sign up to join the fun.**

**Did you see the voting brochure for Autumn Get Away? What a lot of beautiful pieces! It was very hard to choose. Be sure to watch for your registration packet soon. It is going to be a wonderful time painting at Viejas. Sign up early to get your first choice of classes.**

**Save the date in December for our annual Christmas Party. It is going to be so much fun and such a perfect venue. Watch the newsletter for information as it gets closer.**

**Lastly, we are having a seminar in March of 2024. There will be some exciting news about the seminar so watch for it in upcoming newsletters.**

Thank you,

Pam



### *Memorial Services*

**Memorial Services for Kathy Smith  
Thursday, May 18 at 10am  
Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala  
10818 San Diego Mission Rd, San  
Diego, CA 92108  
There will be a private internment  
following the service.**

## PROGRAMS

It was an easy day at the April Paint-In when Deb Ramo brought her “Harvest Home” --- home, and in record time (it was all the base coating prep). We were finished a little after lunch and all were wonderful: Such an assortment of surfaces, too. Thank you, Deb for a great day of painting and looking forward to painting with you again.

Donna Carpenter will be teaching her “Tissue Box” at the May 20th Paint-In. It is such a cute piece – if you don’t register you may wish you had cuz you will need it once you see it. The cost is \$35 (\$40 non-member) so get signed up today! Don’t delay! (Do I sound like a commercial?). BTW – Donna does have a few tissue boxes still available at Art Creations.

Now taking sign-ups for Ann Passanisi’s “Funny Bunny” which she will share with us on June 17th. I will have the prep ready for you to pick up at May Paint-In. The design is approximately 12” in diameter – Ann painted her original on a pedestal plate but yours will look great on any surface you choose. The cost for this class is \$37 (\$42 non-member).

We will celebrate Christmas in July when Karen Ortman will be teaching her “Vintage Greeting” on July 15th. The beautiful floral design is about 8” x 10” surface of your choice.

August is “The Sunflower”, a Rosemary West design taught by me. That gets us to Autumn Get-Away.

Time to sign off but still missing seeing your smiling faces.

Happy Mother’s Day,

Rayma Stewart

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### 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 [claudysc@rocketmail.com](mailto:claudysc@rocketmail.com).

Thank you,

Claudia



## MEMBERSHIP

We now have Ninety-Four members. On behalf of our club I would like to welcome our new member:

**JUDITH GIBSON**  
7660 Maverick Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89131  
702845-9735  
jlogib@hotmail.com  
Birthday: June 8th



Be certain to include Judith's information in your 2023 roster which you should have received recently.

Updated email for Ann Passanisi as follows: [annspaintingboutique@gmail.com](mailto:annspaintingboutique@gmail.com)

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

Be certain to completely fill out the form and attach your check for \$15.00. Please make checks payable to:

***SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS***

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or comments: 619-857-8096 or [jdbeldg@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)  
Thank you. Donna



## FACEBOOK NEWS

We are working on the issue so you will be able to post. Hopefully we will have that resolved soon. You can comment on posts. Continue to visit and check in.  
Thank you. Jenny

Jenny Stabile 619 917 7177  
jensbusy@gmail.com



### ***Adventure Awaits in the Great Outdoors: Get Out There!*** **The San Diego Fair Is Coming**

**Entry Registration Deadline: Monday, May 8**



#### **What Do You Need to Do?**

1. Register your entry(s): Participate – Exhibitors - Competitive Exhibits – Home Made
2. Print your receipt AND your ENTRY TAG/Claim Check
3. Bring your entry(s) and ENTRY TAG(s) to the Paint-In Saturday, May 20: Sheri Barker & Andrea Toth will safely deliver your items to the Fair. You will receive 1 Fair ticket per entry (max. 10 tickets).
4. Pick up your entry at the Paint-In on Saturday, July 15 or on your own.

## PANTY RAFFLE

Happy Mother's Day! Last month the winner was Rayma Steward. This month our Panty Raffle was painted by Donna Eledge! Our club provides the Rachael Center with new underwear every month! A place to take a shower, have a meal and get some clean clothes. I also take them hotel soaps, shampoo etc. Thank you for your support!

Hugs,  
Joyce Hatch



## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Keep up with the latest information on [www.sdbushwhackers.com](http://www.sdbushwhackers.com)

Download or print out the new 2023 Paint In schedule. All forms for the year are available to print out.

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

Thank you,  
Carol Wolfe

## WAYS AND MEANS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle in April. We made \$145! The May raffle will be all about wood and supplies. Come to the paint in and participate in the raffle. And put July on your calendar for a "Christmas in July" raffle. Karen will be teaching her "Vintage Greetings", so you have two reasons to come to paint.

Happy Painting - Pam

## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Keep on painting. I will be there in May for anyone wanting bags. Please let me know ahead so I have enough

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177.

[jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com)



# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS

Presents the

38th ANNUAL  
AUTUMN GET-AWAY  
September 13-15, 2023  
At Viejas Casino & Resort  
Alpine, CA



Registration  
is now open  
thru  
June 18, 2023

## Paint In Projects for 2023



**APRIL 15, 2023**

**Project: HARVEST HOME (ZOOM)**

**Teacher: Deb Ramo**

**Designer: Martha Smalley**

**Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00**

**Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge**

**Surface Fee: Flour Sifter or Surface of choice**



**May 20, 2023**

**Project: KLEENEX BOX**

**Teacher: Donna Carpenter**

**Design inspired by Shara Reiner**

**Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00**

**Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00**

**Surface Fee: \$35.00 Purchase from Donna or surface of choice**



**JUNE 17, 2023**

**Project: FUNNY BUNNY**

**Teacher/Designer: Ann Passanisi**

**Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00**

**Packet/Supplies Fee: \$12.00**

**Surface Fee: Surface of choice**

**12" round**

## Paint In Projects for 2023



**JULY 15, 2023**

Project: VINTAGE GREETINGS  
Teacher/Designer: Karen Ortman  
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00  
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00  
Surface Fee: Surface of choice  
8" x 10"



**AUGUST 19, 2023**

Project: SUNFLOWER  
Teacher: Rayma Stewart  
Designer: Rosemary West  
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00  
Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge  
Surface Fee: Surface of choice  
7" resize as needed



**October 21, 2023**

Project: TRICK OR TREAT  
Teacher: Heidi Allison  
Designer: Chris Thornton-Deason  
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00  
Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge  
Surface Fee: Ordering information coming soon.  
Surface of choice  
10.5" x 12"



**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

Project: ORNAMENT COLLECTION  
Teacher: Janet Mitchell  
Designer: Sandra Malone  
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00  
Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge  
Surface Fee: Surface of choice  
13" x 10"





# 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**

<b>Paint In Enrollment</b>	
(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 " <b>San Diego Brush Whackers</b> " and mail to: Rayma Stewart 17355 Plaza Maria, San Diego, CA 92128-2246	

# SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

## **PAINTING IS MY SUPER POWER that GETS ME OUT THERE!**

The Fair is coming! The Fair is coming! The theme is: *Get Out There! Adventure Awaits*

Let's host a *Make and Take session* to engage a new audience in painting. 😊

**Where will the *Home Made Exhibit* be?** The west end of the Exhibit Hall (closest to the rides) along with the Creative Youth 2D Art entries, so we should be able to inspire even more interest in decorative painting!

**When?** The Fair is open June 7 – July 4, and closed Mondays and Tuesdays during June. The Fair opens every day at 11:00 a.m. and closes daily at 10:00 PM or 11:00 PM (weekends).

**Volunteer for *Make and Take*:** We would like to host a *Make and Take* booth in the Home Made exhibit as we did in 2019. We will have bookmarks with outdoor designs, as well as blanks for guests to paint. We will provide introductory information for those interested in pursuing decorative painting with Brush Whackers. We will need 8 – 10 volunteers to help with the *Make and Take*, date to be determined. Two time slots are available each day; we will choose one morning OR afternoon slot on a Saturday.

**The Deadline to fill out a request for a *Make and Take* booth is April 10<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in participating, please contact Sheri Barker 619-208-2507 or Andrea Toth 619-920-2897 or [dr.sheridan.barker@gmail.com](mailto:dr.sheridan.barker@gmail.com) before Monday, April 10.



# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

**Board Meeting Minutes** for Saturday, March 11, 2023, Via Zoom

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

**Present:** Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Rayma Stewart, Maddie Sanchez, Sheri Barker, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks.

**Absent:** Andrea Toth, Karen Ortman, Claudia Sepulveda and Kathy Steffel.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from February 11, 2023 as presented by Rayma Stewart seconded by Carol Phillips and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$23,705.69 as of March 11, 2023, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by Donna Eledge seconded by Jenny Stabile and passed.

**Communications:** None

## **New Business:**

The idea of members placing "downsizing ad's" in the newsletter was discussed, it was decided it was not appropriate.

Archiving old Newsletters (in print form) was discussed and it was decided that having them on the website was sufficient. Old pictures are kept on CD's or thumb drives.

**Old Business:** Regarding the Sandi Strecker fund, we will use some of the funds to offer the Holly Hanley Seminar in 2024 to current members, the cutoff date to be determined. We will also set aside an amount to fund AV Equipment when needed. A motion was made by Jenny Stabile and seconded by Charlotte Hicks all in favor and was passed.

## **Reports:**

**Programs:** Rayma Stewart/Carol Wolfe, there are 12 signed up for the March class. Rayma and Heidi are switching months because of a schedule conflict. Rayma will be teaching in August and Heidi will teach in October. April's class Harvest Home has 5 signed up.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge, we have 89 members. Planning on printing 100 copies of the roster, extra copies will cost \$1.50

**Newsletter:** Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd of the month. As of April first, member's that have not renewed will not receive the newsletter.

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolfe, current newsletter has been added and the classes are updated.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile, keeping it updated and working on the posting issue.

**Hospitality:** Claudia Sepulveda, sending cards as needed.

**Historian:** Sally Anson, has old pictures on CD's.

**Audio Visual:** Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy Steffel will do the May paint-in.

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch, March raffle prize was painted and donated by Jenny Stabile. April's prize is a gift certificate to Donna Carpenter's shop "Art Creations Plus".

**Children's Charities:** Jenny Stabile, has bags to be painted.

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, "Get Out There" Adventure Awaits, we discussed doing make and take its "bookmarks" if we can get enough volunteers to fill the time slots, the date is June 24<sup>th</sup> with morning or afternoon times. Anyone interested can contact Sheri or Andrea.

**Seminars:** Sally Anson, after further discussion it was decided to offer the 2024 seminar free to current members with Holly Hanley on Zoom and with limited spaces at St Maddie's via Zoom. It would be like a regular paint-in with bring your own lunch, nothing extra. Raffle tickets sold at registration and the prizes will be gift cards for ease in shipping.

**Autumn Getaway:** Cecelia Denton/Carol Phillips, we have 6 submissions with many artists letting us know that they will be submitting soon.

**Holiday Party:** Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman, the Theme is "Come Home for Christmas" Save the date December 4th, 2023, everything is on track.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton, I will put the address for Sophie's Art center in the newsletter and a phone number for information about donations.

**Closing Statements:**

**Next Board Meeting:** April 8, 2023, at 9:00am

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Rayma Stewart seconded by Sheri Barker

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:22am

**Respectfully submitted by:** Cecelia Denton



**SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS' MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

- 12TH      TERRI WELTER**
- 21ST      AVIS RANDALL**
- 21ST      REGINA TAYLOR**
- 23RD      JOANNE FABIAN**
- 23RD      JAN JOHNSON**
- 23RD      JANET MITCHELL**
- 28TH      LINDA CAMP**



# San Diego Brush Whackers 2023 Annual Membership Form

Find us at: [www.sdbrushwhackers.com](http://www.sdbrushwhackers.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 2023 are \$15.00**

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

Mail check to our Membership Chairperson:

Donna Kidd Eledge  
144 Landis Ave  
Chula Vista CA 91910

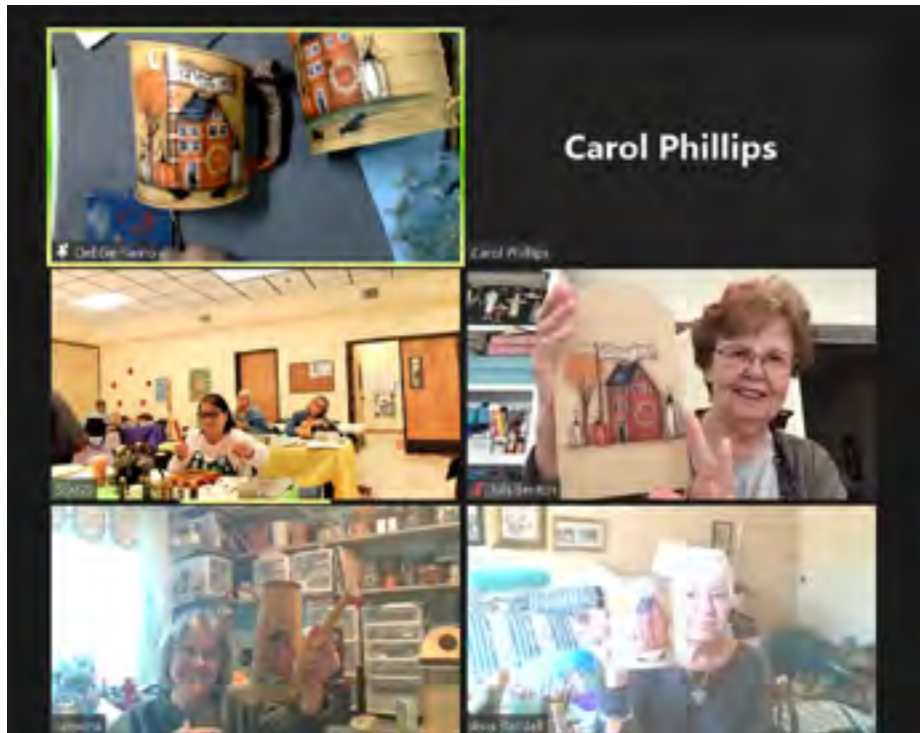
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## PICTURES FROM THE APRIL PAINT-IN WITH DEB RAMO

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