



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a very blessed Thanksgiving!! It is now time for our Christmas Party. I hope to see you there. Karen and Charlotte have worked very hard to make it a night to remember.

With Christmas season upon us, I would like to thank all of you for the blessing of friendship and teamwork. Without you, there is no club. Please consider volunteering for the board. We need some new members to fill key roles: programs and holiday party and next year treasurer.

In January we have Quirky Quails with Rayma. It is an adorable piece to start off the new year. You can sign up at the Christmas party or by mail. We meet in person at SMSC or you can Zoom. There is also the option of signing up and you will get the class video to watch and paint at your leisure. (This stays available for just one month.)

Our seminar is in March with Holly Hanley. If you renew your membership or join our club by December 31st, the seminar is free!!! You will have to buy your own surface and provide your own paints. Holly will be on Zoom, but we will meet at SMSC. We will also record the class for those who sign up. We hope you will join us!!

I hope everyone has time to appreciate family and friends this holiday season. I know that being together is the most important part of our holiday traditions. Happy Holidays!

Thank you,

Pam

PROGRAMS

Merry Christmas! Do you have your “stockings hung by the chimney with care”? How about the tree with all your treasured ornaments sparking next to the twinkling lights that have been strung with perfection? Is the tree topped with that special angel or star? Me neither but Cecelia does.

Well, at least a few have their “Ornament Collection” painted – hopefully varnished – and on display in the most perfect part of their home. Thank you Janet for a wonderful day of painting in November – which is becoming a holiday tradition “Janet every November”. You are always a joy and share such great stories about yourself plus we get to paint while munching on those tasty snacks you always bring with you – this time it was cinnamon pretzels. Thank you, again, Janet.

That’s it for 2023!

NOW. On to 2024.

The first Paint-In of 2024 will be on January 20th when I get to share with you a trio of “Quirky Quails” This is a paint and pencil design by Erika Joanne that is simple and easy and relaxing. The project is on pre-printed watercolor paper so all you need to do before class is to prep the background. The cost is \$35 (class fee plus packet cost) for members, \$40 nonmembers. I will have packets available at the Holiday Party. Hoping you will join me.

Sandy LeFlore will show off her “Holiday Hat” on February 17th. Sandy will join us via zoom.

Keeping this short and sweet cuz I got decorating to do.

See you at the Christmas Party.

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CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Hello my Brush Whacker friends,

Painted bags have slowed down. Please keep in mind , the kids at Monarch School can use the bags all the time. You can call me anytime to arrange pick up of bags. I am most usually at the paint ins , call me to let me know how many you want. Thank you.

Jenny. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com



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



PANTY RAFFLE

Hi everyone, There is no panty raffle this month. We'll be at our annual party.

The winner of November piece was Donna Eledge. Our Club donated over 300 pairs of much needed underwear to the Rachael Center. Thank you!! Next year will be even better. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Hugs,

Joyce Hatch

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.

Thank you,

Claudia



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Okay ladies, we are in need of a 1st VP for Programs. Pick a friend and come along. We'll show you all you need to know. Rayma and Carol W. are in need of a break. It's YOUR turn to support the club!

Also Holiday Party 2024 will need a chair lady. Again, grab a gal pal and join in the fun! Lot's of helping hands and hearts in our club.

- Sally

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up with the latest information on <https://www.sbrushwhackers.com/>

Pictures from the AGA will be up soon for you to view. Print out the new 2024 Paint In schedule soon. Every month the latest Newsletter is available along with all the forms for the year, membership, Christmas party, and the seminar. All forms are able to 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

WAYS AND MEANS

We had a wonderful time at November's paint-in with Janet. She is such a fun teacher. We got all the basics done. We just need to add vines and dots. The raffle brought in \$105. The biggest winner was Kathy Steffel. The guessing jar was won by Sandra Chacon.

We start a whole new year in January, so that means lots of raffle prizes and freebies because I m cleaning my storage room. So come paint with us in January.

- Pam

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

3RD	DEBBIE CRANDALL
6TH	CLAUDIA SEPULVEDA
10TH	LOIS DENTON
11TH	MARIE VELOZ
12TH	CAROL WOLFE
16TH	SUSAN MCCRACKEN
20TH	PAM LIEBERKNECHT
21ST	ARLENE HILMER
24TH	NEDRA HATHERILL
24TH	DEBBIE WELTER
25TH	PENNY HOBBS
31ST	HEIDI ALLISON



**Happy
Birthday**



Our Brush Whacker friend and frequent Autumn Getaway teacher Judy Coates, from O'Flannary's Emporium in Redlands, opened on November 25th in a brand new location. She now has wonderful new enlarged classroom space upwards of 25-30 as well as a smaller classroom. She has a fabulous gift shop as well that is decorated to the beams in Christmas. O'Flannary's Emporium is open Tuesday-Saturday. Located at 409 Orange Street in Redlands.

MEMBERSHIP

Happy holidays to you all. Thank you to members who have completed and turned in their 2024 membership forms. We currently have 80 renewing and new members for 2024.

Welcome to our newest member: Diana Ray
dlray811@yahoo.com. Please keep us informed of any information so our Roster is up to date when printing.



Please remember that if you join or renew before the end of this year you are entitled to join us free of charge for the Holly Hanley seminar in the spring of 2024.

Enclosed in this newsletter 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. 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



Monday, December 4th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

Bali Hai Restaurant 2230 Shelter Island Drive

Wow! What a wonderful response to sign ups for our annual Christmas party! Registration is now closed and we are excited to welcome about sixty of our painting friends to our holiday gathering. The doors to our room will open at 6:15 p.m. but there will be tables in the front lobby for you to drop off your raffle donations when you arrive. Please enjoy the lovely location and view while we get everything ready for you. Bring your raffle items, name stamp (if you have one), money for raffle tickets, and your holiday spirit!

We can't wait to welcome you home for Christmas!

Sincerely,

Karen Ortman, Charlotte Hicks & our amazing Committee



PICTURES FROM THE NOVEMBER PAINT IN WITH JANET MITCHELL



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St. Madeleine Sophie's Center

Serving Adults With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for Over 50 Years



October 10, 2023

Carol Phillips
San Diego Brush Whackers
San Diego Brushwhackers
4326 Canterbury Drive
La Mesa, CA 91941

Dear Carol,

On behalf of our students, staff, and Board of Trustees, thank you very much for your generous gift of \$250.00 (check # 1383, dated 10/3/2023). Your support is deeply appreciated and greatly benefits the students who attend the Center.

Your contribution is making a difference and we thank you! Your donations are giving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a sense of routine as they participate in St. Madeleine Sophie's Center's Alternative Service Programs. Some of the innovative and creative classes we offer students include Art, Dance, Music Therapy, Yoga, Fitness, ASL, and Culinary Arts Training. Our programs help students find independence and achieve inner fulfillment through meaningful work and unique self-expression. Because of you, we are able to provide life-long programs for our students so they may continue to learn, grow, and develop their abilities – and we thank you!

We invite you to stay up-to-date on our current events by visiting www.stmsc.org or by liking us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StMadeleineSophiesCenter>.

Thank you again for your caring generosity and support of St. Madeleine Sophie's Center and the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities whom we serve.

Sincerely,

Debra Emerson, MBA
Chief Executive Officer



P.S. No goods or services of any value were provided to you in exchange for your donation. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Our tax ID number is 95-1957332.

Our Mission

St. Madeleine Sophie's Center educates and empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to realize their full potential.



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