



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe that we are only a month away from "Broomstick Bash". It is going to be a great time!! Think about painting or putting together something for the raffle. I will be bringing a quilt for the raffle. I am also checking for any special supplies for my classes.

July's paint-in was with Donna Carpenter. I was out of town and Carol P and Kathy S took care of everything. I so appreciate their willingness to jump in and help out. The class apparently went well. Donna is such a wonderful, patient teacher.

Our class in August will be with Christine Taylor-Leonard. She will be on zoom, but we will also meet at STMSC for those who want to paint with friends. It is not too late to join us. The piece is a cute fall/ Halloween plaque with small wood squares. Of course, you can always paint on something from your stash.

We have lots of events happening in our club. There are bag painting nights for the Monarch School. You can bring panties to paint-ins for the raffle for Rachel's House. Our Christmas party is coming up the beginning of December. Membership for 2026 is also coming soon. Please look through your newsletter for all the information.

PLEASE consider being on the board. It is not hard and we all help each other and work together. **We need a Treasurer!**

Have fun painting on hot August days,

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

We had another great class with our very own Donna Carpenter. We had quite a few ladies join us via Zoom, it was so good to paint with you ladies! Thanks for joining us from so far away. We welcomed back some of our friends we hadn't seen in a while, like Sheila Elliott and Barbara Trent. It was fun to have you join us. Most of the students completed the project in class except maybe the border. Thank you, Donna, for a fun class and a completed project.

Our August Paint-In is a Maxine Thomas Design, Fall Is..., taught by Christine Taylor-Leonard (via Zoom) but we will be gathering at St. Maddie's if you would like to paint with other friends. The wood piece can be purchased through Pine Craft; students will be given a 20% discount code when signing up or you may paint the design on any surface of your choice.

Currently the following have signed up for the August class:

Lorna Parong, Pam Lieberknecht, Debbie Crandall, Jean Trimpe, Cecelia Denton, Carol Phillips, Joyce Hatch, Kathy Steffel, Shelia Elliott, Barbara Trent, and Patty Pepin

All that have signed up should have received the e-pattern via email with the prep instructions with the discount code. If you have not received it, please check your spam/junk mail or let me know.

There will not be a Paint-In the month of September as that is our membership drive and SDBW is hosting Autumn-Get-Away. We are excited to see what Heidi Allison and her Committee have planned for this wonderful event.

We are excited to welcome Ann Passanisi back. Ann will be teaching her own design at the October Paint-in. It is such a cute fall design and can be painted on any surface or you may purchase the surface Ann used from either Pine Craft or Smooth Cut Wood.

If you are a teacher, please consider submitting to SDBW for the 2026 calendar year. If you have a friend that teaches, please encourage them to submit to SDBW for the 2026 calendar year. See enclosed flier for additional information. We look forward to your submission.

2026 calendar year voting will take place in person at Autumn Get Away or on-line the week of Autumn Get Away. Look for additional information.

Note: Roxanne will be out of town visiting her grandkids for a couple of months. Any questions, please send Kathy Steffel an email.

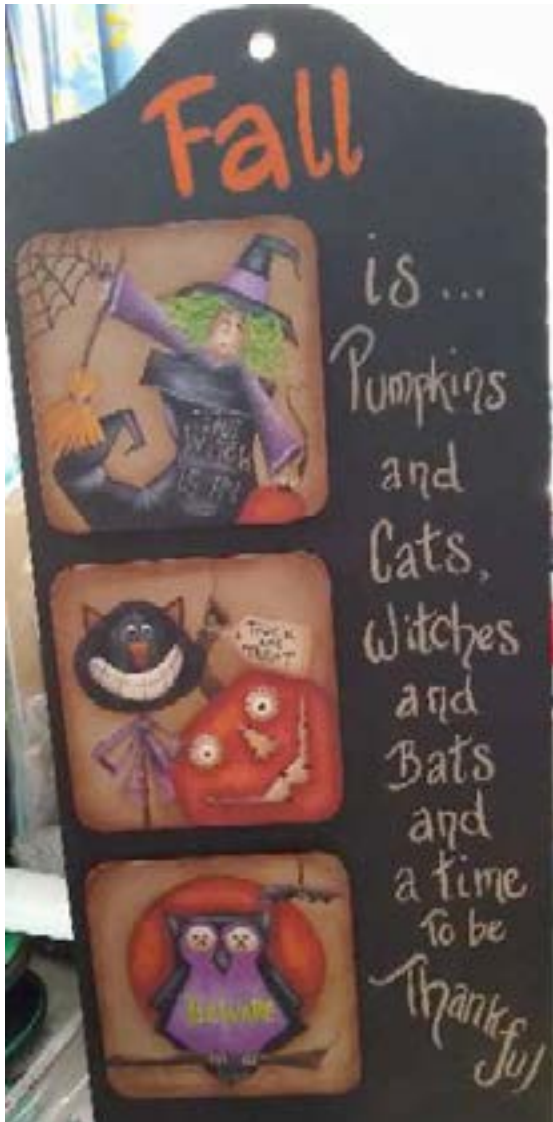
Kind regards,

SDBW Program Chairpersons

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

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

PROGRAMS



August 16

Project: Fall is...

Teacher: Christine Taylor-Leonard (via Zoom)

Designer: Maxine Thomas

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge

Surface Fee: Size is 19"x8 1/2" wood w/3 small 4 1/2" wood squares order through Pine Craft SKU #819003

20% discount code will be given on prep when sign up or surface of your choice

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Intermediate



PROGRAMS



October 18

Project: Bountiful Harvest

Teacher & Designer: Ann Passanisi

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: 10.00

Surface Fee: Order from Smooth Cut Wood or
Pinecraft \$13.99 size is 9 ½" x 20" or surface of your
choice

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Intermediate





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 2026.

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 31, 2025. 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 2025 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. 17 – Feb. 21 – Mar.21 - Apr. 18 – May 16 – Jun. 20 – Jul.18 – Aug. 15 - Oct. 17 – Nov. 21.

Celebration of Life for Sasue Nicklas

The ladies from our “South Bay” group of painters will be hosting a Celebration of Life gathering for our sweet friend Sasue on August 10th and you are invited to attend. Please come and share your memories and friendships with her friends and family. There will be food, and ample parking in the area.

Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025

Time: 1:00-3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

Location: the home of Dave Helton

3855 Alta Loma Drive

Bonita, CA 91902

RSVP: Please call or email Debbie Patenaud (Phone: 619-987-2037 or email: paintbug21@gmail.com) if you think you might be able to attend so that the ladies have an idea of how many people to prepare for.



MEMBERSHIP

Brushwhackers now has 111 members.

Welcome back our returning member:

Sheila Elliott

10782 Viacha Drive San Diego CA 92124

858-344-1451 sheila_d_elliott@hotmail.com

Bday 9/26



New Member: Barbara Trent (info to follow)

Send your membership and/or renewals 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. Please make your check payable to

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS

The membership form can be found in the newsletters and on the
website. You can also call and I can email to you. Be certain that we
always have your current & updated information for you. **Feel free to
contact me for any changes to your information, questions or
comments: 619-857-8096 or jdbeldg@yahoo.com**

Thank you. Donna



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

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 ____

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

or 619-857-8096

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN NEED: THE RACHEL CENTER

Hi everyone,

The panty raffle is a way to supply new underwear for the Rachel Center, which provides essential services to women in need. For each pair of underwear or \$2.00 a ticket, you support a great cause. This month's piece was donated by Donna Carpenter. The raffle is a fun and engaging way to make a difference in the community. If you're interested in participating, you can reach out to Joyce Hatch for more information. I'm always looking for volunteers to donate a gift for the Panty Raffle. Let's support this wonderful organization.

Sincerely, Joyce Hatch



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

Stay informed by visiting our website at <https://www.sdbushwhackers.com/>. Each month, the latest newsletter is available along with all necessary forms for the year, including membership and Christmas party documents. All forms can be printed directly from the site easily. Additionally, class information and sign-up forms are provided alongside images of painting classes. This ensures ease in keeping up with events. We encourage you to explore all links to understand what we offer. Please visit soon.

Sincerely,
Carol Wolfe

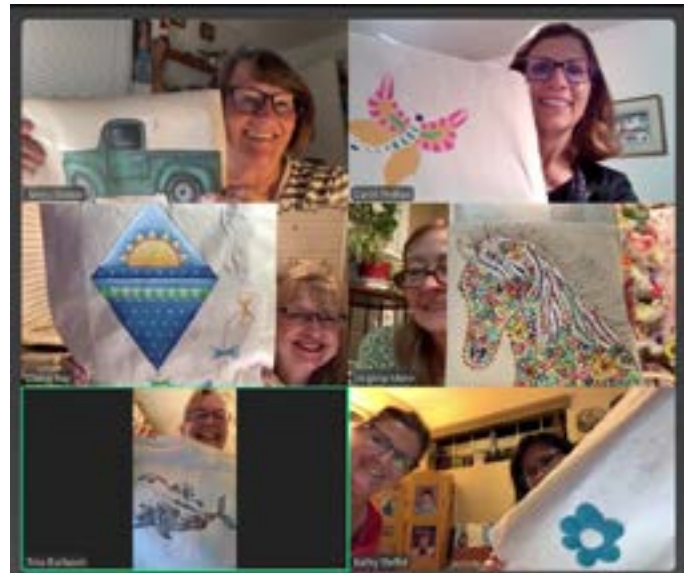


CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Hello, There are 6 weeks until Autumn GetAway where you can turn in your painted bags and have your name in a special raffle as a thank you . Please let me know if you need any bags. And join us for Zoom Bag Painting night on Wed Aug 20 7-9pm PSDT. This will be the last one for the year before AGA and the holiday months. 7 of us got bags painted in July.

Happy Painting
Jenny.

619 917 7177. Jensbusy@gmail.com



San Diego Brush Whackers presents...

“A Gingerbread Christmas”

Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6pm

***Located at the beautiful “Bali Hai Restaurant”
Overlooking San Diego Bay.***

2230 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego

*Please join us for an evening of fun, great food and best of all...
An evening with wonderful friends!*

*Please consider donating an item to the Raffle. As usual, part of the proceeds
will go to Rachel Center.*

*Our gift to you, as thanks for your support,
A \$56 value for \$25 per member, or \$56 for non-members*

Reserve your spot!

Sign up by October 10th, 2025, and receive **10 bonus raffle tickets**.
All registrations must be received by November 20th, 2025.

Member's name: _____ \$25

Non-member's name _____ \$56

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please seat me with: _____

Please make check payable to San Diego Brush Whackers (not SDBW)
And mail to:

Debbie Patenaude
7735 Mission Gorge Rd. #58, Santee, CA 92071

Questions? Call Debbie at 619-987-2037 or email paintbug21@gmail.com

BROOM ALERT

AUTUMN GET AWAY 2025!!!

SEPTEMBER 17-19

ATTENDEES

GET READY TO BE "SWEEP AWAY"

GET YOUR BROOMS READY! GO CRAZY, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, BE CREATIVE. THERE WILL BE A CONTEST!!

BRING YOUR BROOMS DAY OF REGISTRATION.

"VALET PARKING" PROVIDED



DONATIONS FOR RAFFLES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

For suggested items and drop off/pick up

CONTACT:

JOLENE COOLEY, joleneaudit@gmail.com / 801-808-0749

OR

HEIDI ALLISON, periwoods@aol.com / 909-583-3169

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



NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Okay ladies, time to think about stepping up to help the club. We will need a Treasurer and a President for next year. Team work makes the dream work! We are all here to help you. Step up, contact a board member if you are interested....gotta keep our club going....BUT we need you!

Sally Anson

WAYS AND MEANS

There were a lot of raffle items and lots of winners. We made \$110 with just a few in person painters. There were a lot of ornaments with patterns. I hope everyone enjoyed their day. In August I plan on starting with fall raffle items and also some supplies ready for "Broomstick Bash". Thank you to all who contributed!!

- Pam

ART PROJECT SUPPLY REQUEST

Hi Ladies,

The art teacher at Del Lago Academy (high school in Escondido) has asked me to help her round up a few things for a club project. She is collecting men's neck ties, fancy buttons, and ribbons. If you happen to have any of these items that no longer bring you joy, please email me to arrange a way for me to get them from you.

**Thank you in advance,
Charlotte Hicks
(charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com)**



San Diego Fair Donated Award Winners

Congratulations to our Brush Whacker Donated Award winners at the 2025 San Diego Fair! Jenny Stabile won a Donated Award for two of her entries: Class 001 – Natural Design and Class 004 – Holiday Design. Sheri Barker won a Donated Award for Class 001 – Fair Theme, (Pet-tastic) and Marilyn Osborne of Escondido won the final Donated Award for Class 007 – Other Applications. Thank you members and friends for your generous support of decorative painting and Brush Whackers Painting Club!





Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

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
24TH	SHERRY GREENMAN
28TH	KENDRA CHAVEZ



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

8TH	BILLIE ROTAN
15TH	PATTI WOLINSKI
16TH	JENNY DAWSON
17TH	RAMONA JACOBS
20TH	MAXINE THOMAS
23RD	SANDY LEFLORE
26TH	CARMELITA BROOKER
27TH	ANNE ENGLE



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*

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		

Questions/Concerns: Contact Kathy Steffel at kjsteffel@cox.net or Roxanne Walker at tole29@yahoo.com

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes for, June 14 , 2025, Via Zoom

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

Present: Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Roxanne Walker, ~~Maddie Sanchez, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks, Heidi Allison, Debbie Patenaude, Jolene Cooley.~~

Absent: Maddie Sanchez, Kathy Steffel, Sherry Barker, Andrea Toth, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks, Heidi Allison, and Jolene Cooley.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from May 10, 2025, as corrected by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Joyce Hatch and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$27,451.79 as of June 14, 2025, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Joyce Hatch seconded by, Carol Phillips and passed.

Communications: Jane Fulkerson donated to Rachel's Center and Monarch School in Sasue's name.

New Business:

Old Business: we still have not received confirmation on next year's date from St. Maddie's.

Debbie Patenaude is going to check on availability for paint-ins at her Church, cost, table set-up, and TV for Zoom.

Pay Pal, still looking into the fees and costs to the club.

50th Birthday Party need a Volunteer to head it up.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, Submission emails sent out, posted on Facebook and the website.

Fourteen students signed up for June class four are on Zoom. Five for July and two for August.

Membership: Donna Eledge, we have 108 members, Donna will send updated member list.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, we had 239 views in the past 30 days. All information is up to date.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, June, July, and August classes are posted in Events.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, Summer and Patriotic items for June. July theme is Christmas in July.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, sending cards as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson, thank you for taking pictures.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, no report.

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, Rayma donated the June prize, Carol Wolfe is donating for July and Donna Carpenter is donating in August.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile, Bag night is June 18, from 7pm until 9pm. Carol Beers requested more bags to paint.

Seminars: NA

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, Sheri and Andrea are doing make and take-it's at the fair today.

Autumn Getaway: Heidi Allison, everything going well. We have 64 registered.

Holiday Party: Debbie Patenaude, on track, nearly done with individual gifts. A flyer will be in the August newsletter and at AGA.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, they would like our donation of \$250.00 to go toward Mosaic supplies.

Closing Statements: Memorial for Sasue will be held August 10th from 1 to 3pm. At Dave Helton's house.

Next Board meeting: July 12, 2025 at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Donna Eledge, seconded by Jenny Stabile.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:11am

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton



PICTURES FROM THE JULY PAINT-IN WITH DONNA CARPENTER



PICTURES FROM THE JULY PAINT-IN WITH DONNA CARPENTER





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