



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a fun class with Debbie Ramo!! The subject was perfect for our "Christmas in July" theme. We finished in record time and enjoyed each other's company. Next month is Janet Mitchell in person. Why not come out and join us for a relaxing few hours.

Jenny has another bag painting Wednesday planned in August. She can get you a bag and you can paint with friends and help homeless children at the same time. That is a win win! I hope everyone is staying cool and painting for the AGA raffle as well as the Christmas party raffle. Both events are coming up quickly. Information about both will be in the newsletter.

And one more time, PLEASE consider being our treasurer. Sue will guide you through the process and so will the board. You never are working alone on our board. Without a treasurer, we cannot move forward.

Hope to see you in August for at Autumn Get Away.

Happy Painting,

Pam



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 2025.

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 15, 2024.

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 2024 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. 18 – Feb. 15 – Mar. 15 – Apr. 19 – May 17 – Jun. 21 – Jul. 19 – Aug. 16 – Oct. 18 – Nov. 15.

PROGRAMS

Thank you, Sandy LeFlore, for getting us ready for summer with your Sunflowers and Daisies design at the June Paint-In. What a fun red, white and blue design with some favorite summer flowers. I believe everyone either completed or almost completed their project. As always it was great to paint with Sandy and such a fun class!

We welcome back Deb Ramo as we try to cool off in July painting "Snow Days", a Sandra Malone design. Deb painted this on a paddle and rolling pin, however you can adapt it to anything you choose such as a tag, or an ornament, check out your stash. Deb will be teaching us via zoom and those wishing to paint together in person will be meeting at St. Madeline's please come join us we would love to see you in person.

We currently have the following members signed up to take Deb's class:

Regina Taylor, Cecelia Denton, Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Phillips and Kathy Steffel

It is not too late to sign up for July, please contact Kathy Steffel if you are interested as Roxanne is on vacation for the month of July and part of August.

A little about, Deb started painting in 1987, took her first class at a Tole Shop in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Being a military family kept them moving every three years. It wasn't until 2007 she heard of Painting chapters and joined Desert Quail Toler. Deb finds teaching interesting because she always hopes to share something special with the class, yet she feels like she always takes away a little knowledge from the participants. Deb's favorite seasons are Fall and Christmas. She loves patriotic and her favorite medium is acrylic. However, she has taken colored pencils, watercolor and mixed media. Deb encourages painters if they haven't tried a specific medium, they should.

August, we welcome back Janet Mitchel who will be teaching us a Susie Saunders design, "A Midnight Clear" in August. This is a wonderful winter scene painted on a board, but for those of you who have taken classes with Janet before, know she says "dig into your stash" this can be painted on anything of your choosing, a sled or a bucket, use your imagination. Janet is all about using up 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

PROGRAMS

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"

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR UPDATE: LET'S GO RETRO!



WAYS AND MEANS

What a mighty few! Where were you for Christmas in July? YOU missed out! There were freebies for all who wanted to partake – early Christmas gifts, you might say. Oh, well. You snooze, you lose.

The raffle was a great success for the handful that was there. We raised \$101 for the Club – not bad for the six or seven in attendance. Everyone was a winner. Cecelia Denton won the Brown Bag – the cutest couple of snow folks. And then she guessed the exact number of candy in the jar of peanut butter cups – 26.

August will be “Back to School” or “Back to Autumn GetAway” – you pick what you want to call it – but it will be a great time. Hope you show up.

Rayma

Mad Hatter Tea Party 2024

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

Are you ready for a Mad
Hatter of a good time?

The Date for our TEA PARTY
Is almost here!!

SPECIAL EVENT
WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:30-7:30

Be ready for some fun
immediately after classes

Don't be late now...



The Autumn Get-Away raffle is the largest of the year

It is amazing because of you, our generous attendees

We appreciate your donations

The proceeds of the raffle go towards Brush Whacker's
annual operating expenses

Please bring your painted bags for Monarch School and you will receive
one (1) extra raffle ticket

Attendees, you will receive your class list and schedule details in early September



We are looking forward to seeing you in September,

Elaine & Sam, AGA Co-Chairs

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are continuing our search for a Treasurer...step up ladies....we need ALL of us to make this club work! Our President position will be open soon as well. Join us on the board to get a flavor and feel for the operations.

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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up with the latest information on our website at

<https://www.sdbushwhackers.com/>

If you have any pictures you'd like to share for our website please email them to me at 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

CHILDREN'S CHARITY

11 Brush Whackers from near and far joined out Bag Painting Night on July 17th. Thank you for everyone who has been participating. It is a good way to paint bags together and gather ideas and friendship. We will be doing it again on Wed, AUGUST 14TH at 7pm. Please join us. I will have about 75 to take to Monarch School before they start this year. And will still have 30 plus brought to Autumn Getaway to drop off later. Thank you for all your participation. We won't meet again until October.

Please contact me anytime to deliver or pick up bags. I will not be at the Augusts Paint-in (grandson duty) but will send some for pickup.

Look at these fabulous bags recently turned in.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177.

jensbusy@gmail.com



PANTY RAFFLE

Hi everyone!! This month's Panty Raffle Gift is from Rayma. We will miss her!!

Our Club supports the Rachel Center with new underwear for women who live on the street. The center see 100 a day, for showers and clean clothes. It's a safe place to get off the street, to get a meal. There's a computer they can use to look for a job and help with a resume and even see a doctor.

Joyce Hatch,
Rachel Center Charity



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
29TH	SASUE NICKLAS
29TH	KENDRA CHAVEZ



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

2ND	IRMA ARAMBULA
15TH	PATTI WOLINSKI
16TH	JENNY DAWSON
17TH	RAMONA JACOBS
20TH	MAXINE THOMAS
23RD	SANDY LEFLORE
27TH	ANNE ENGLEL



MEMBERSHIP

Hope you all are enjoying your summer. Our membership is holding at 107.

At Autumn Getaway we will provide membership forms for 2025 for all attendees. Thereafter we will post the membership form in the newsletter and on the website. You can always call me and I can email it 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.

Also remember to keep us informed of any changes to your contact information.

Please make your check payable to **SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.**

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



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 8, 2024, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:03 am

Present: Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Sue Ludlam, Carol Phillips, Rayma Stewart, Roxanne Walker, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Elaine Cendali.

Absent: Cecelia Denton, Joyce Hatch, Maddie Sanchez, Charlotte Hicks, Sam McCracken, Andrea Toth.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from May 11, 2024 as corrected by, Rayma Stewart, seconded by Donna Eledge and passed.

Correction: Ways & Means; May Raffle- Patriotic Items, June Raffle-Summer items

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance as of \$24,183.03 as of May 11, 2024. Motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Kathy Steffel, seconded by, Jenny Stabile, and passed.

Communications: None

New Business: All 2025 paint-in dates have been secured for SMSC.

Old Business: Accepting checks written for more than one class. This issue was discussed and decided for various reasons, that separate checks need to be written for each class. Checks written for dates past 6 mos. in advance will not be accepted unless post-dated. Programs will handle this issue on a case-by-case basis. **"One check per class"** will be added to the paint-in registration form

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker- June paint-in has 14 registered, July paint-in has 3 registered, Aug. paint-in has 4 registered. Sending the 2025 paint-in submission form to teachers, other clubs and posting on various social media sites.

Membership: Donna Eledge – 109 Members. Sending new member birthdays to Charlotte

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez – Articles due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe - Added Paint-in Submission form. Will add newsletter and pictures from May Paint-in on website.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile – Added June-August events, Paint-in submission form. Contacted other chapters regarding paint-in submissions.

Ways & Means: Rayma Stewart – Raffle themes: June- Summer items; July – Christmas in July; August – Back-to-School

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks - Sending cards as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson - taking pictures and sending to Maddie

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht – All going well.

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch – (Absent) June's donation from Carol Wolfe; Bee Theme, July's donation from Donna Carpenter.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile – First Bag Painting Zoom night was fun and successful. Will continue monthly until AGA and start again in spring of 2025. Next Zoom night is June 24, 2024. Ordered 2 doz. Bags.

Seminars: Sally Anson - Completed, no report

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth – June 11, 2024: Fair Open House 6-9PM for those who submitted. Sheri will find out about parking for this event. June 12, 2024: Fair opens. All set for Make-it, Take-it's on June 22, 2024.

Autumn Getaway: Elaine Cendali / Sam McCracken – 67 registered attendees!! All classes are filling. Will notify attendees of classes after registration closes. Updating teachers weekly on their classes. The committee working away to make this a fun event.

Holiday Party: Cecelia Denton / Carol Phillips – All is going well.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton (absent) No report

Nominating Committee: Treasurer needed for 2025

Closing Statements: None

Next Board Meeting: July 13, 2024, at 9:00 am

Motion to adjourn made by: Rayma Stewart, seconded by Donna Eledge

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:42 am

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Phillips for Cecelia Denton

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



RAYMA'S FAREWELL

As some of you know, my husband and I are moving back to Missouri. We sold our condo and will be on our way about the time you read this. It is with a heavy heart I leave my son and his family and my very dear friends, and, of course, San Diego Brush Whackers. My family is there but I have no idea of a painting club or guild nearby – I will be – well, without. And those who have moved before me are in the same situation.

So I was thinking about the definition of community. What is community? (Right out of google) I see it is as a feeling – a fellowship with others sharing a common interest – decorative painting. A social group. So. This makes me wonder – where are my fellow painters? You have a wonderful opportunity to be TOGETHER, share your love of art, enjoying the fellowship of just being a part of a community. Where are you? ZOOM is fine and may have to do, but it just not the same.

As a teacher, I sometimes wonder why bother if so few show up. YOU voted for the project – so there was some interest somewhere. But, where are you? I know life gets in the way – but every month! You don't even show up on ZOOM. I love this art so much – and I love to teach and share it WITH you. Teachers work hard to get the project ready for submission, then to share if selected. But it still kinda hurts when so few attend either in person or ZOOM. Yes, I will be using ZOOM but would much rather be there IN PERSON. So, I will continue to submit and hope you like what I have for you.

Being a member of San Diego Brush Whackers is more about belonging to a Club – it is about doing something TOGETHER – and I stress TOGETHER – that makes belonging matter.

Sign up for Paint-Ins. Support your Club. Support your teachers. SHOW UP. Because there clubs that are hurting because there is no community.

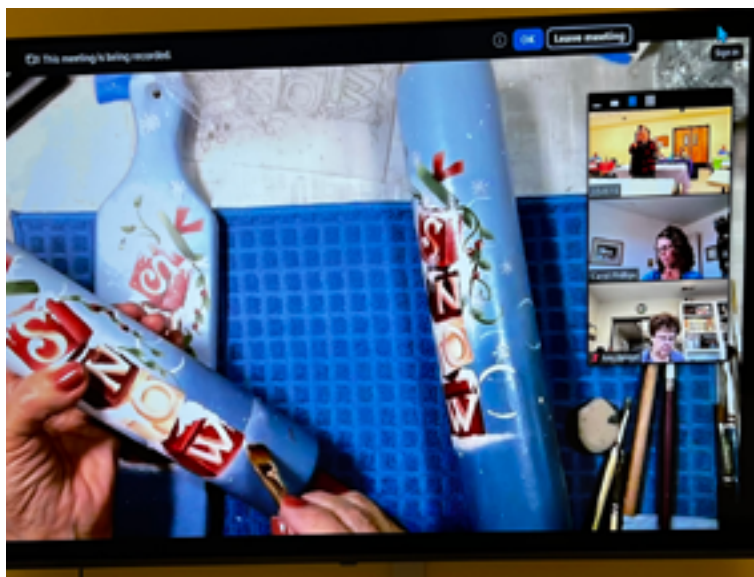
I know I rambled on and on, but it needed to be said. I hope to see you on ZOOM in October and, who knows, in person every now and then.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of your community – serving wherever I could.

All my love from the soon to be “Show Me” state of Missouri,

Rayma

PICTURES FROM THE JULY PAINT-IN WITH DEBBIE RAMO



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



***San Diego Brush Whacker's
Annual Holiday Party***

“Caroling on Candy Cane Lane”

***Monday, December 2nd, 6:00pm at the
Bali Hai in San Diego***

Be on the lookout for the registration form. It will be in your goody bag at Autumn Get-Away and available on the website in September.

If you sign up by October 15th you will receive extra raffle tickets.

We will have our wonderful raffle and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Rachel Center.





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