



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful class with Penny in April!! I learned a lot about design. We did not have a pattern, but Penny taught us how to paint without a pattern. Everyone's project was different, but beautiful. Thank you Penny!

Next up in May is Heidi Allison with her October Garden. She will be in person. Come join the fun and socialize with other painting friends.

I can't believe it is already May. Heidi and her crew have been working hard on "Broomstick Bash". Did you vote? The choices were amazing, it was hard to narrow it down. The registration for our Autumn Get Away is coming up very soon. Watch your newsletter, website, Facebook and e-mail for information to register.

Be watching your newsletter for information about our Christmas Party. You don't want to miss that. Debbie and her crew are working hard to make it a memorable start to the holiday season.

Watch your e-mail for information about painting bags for the Monarch School. There is a bag painting night once a month on Zoom. It is a fun way to socialize while at home in your pjs.

Lastly, we need new people on the board. Help! Thank you to all who volunteer year after year for different jobs!! You are appreciated.

Thank you,

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

Thank you, Penny, for a wonderful class, on the barnwood technique, pattern placement and design. All of our signs looked like they were made out of recycle barn wood when we were done. The flowers and greenery turned out lovely on each project. It was a really fun day and we appreciate Penny submitting and teaching her design.

May has us getting ready for “trick or treat” with Heidi Alison teaching an adorable Halloween design by Sandra Malone. Heidi painted hers on 5x5x5 box from Hobby Lobby, but this is such a cute design you could adapt it to any size of a box in your stash. As you know Heidi says “use what is in your stash”. Note: The project looks like the box is made with slats, but it is not. It is a solid piece of wood on each side painted to look like it is made with slats.

The box Heidi purchased at Hobby Lobby is in the Wedding Section, not the wood section. The SKU# is 1556877, the product name is Studio His & Her, container 5x5x5, \$7.99 regular price but goes on sale regularly for 40% off.

Currently the following members have signed up for the May Paint-In:

Regina Taylor, Pam Lieberknecht, Diana Ray, Jolene Cooley, Cecelia Denton, Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel, Janet Mitchell, Charlotte Hicks

Rayma Stewart will be teaching a lovely Rosemary West Design, Blue Bird and Pears at the June Paint-In. Rayma painted the design on the back of a plate which adds interest, by providing a nice, fluted edge. Paint this fun design on any surface of your choice, so use your imagination and dig into your stash to find the perfect surface.

In July, we will be getting ready for Halloween with Donna Carpenter teaching a Monika Brint design, Halloween Kitty

We are so lucky to have such wonderful teachers that also happen to be SDBW Members. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming Paint-In.

Kind regards,

SDBW Program Chairpersons
Kathy Steffel, 619-328-3021, kjsteffel@cox.net
Roxanne Walker, 858-699-7843, tole29@yahoo.com

SPECIAL NOTE: Kathy Steffel will be out of town 6/10/25 – 6/19/25. If you sign up for class during that time frame or shortly before and do not receive your prep instructions for June’s class please email Roxanne so that she can email you the prep and in class instructions.

PROGRAMS



May 17

Project: October Garden
Teacher: Heidi Allison
Designer: Sandra Malone
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$0
Surface: Wood Box (Hobby Lobby) or your choice of surface.
Medium: Acrylics
Skill Level: Intermediate



June 21

Project: Blue Bird and Pears
Teacher: Rayma Stewart
Designer: Rosemary West
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00
Surface: 8” round surface of your choice, i.e. bowl, back of plate, etc.
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$0.00
Medium: Acrylics
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

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July 19

Project: Halloween Kitty

Teacher: Donna Carpenter

Designer: Monika Brint

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$5.00 pattern

Surface: Wood Box 8" x 24" Order from Donna

Carpenter or surface of your choice

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

A Desperate Plea

Brush Whackers the AGA committee desperately needs your help! This is the 40th Anniversary of Autumn Get-Away and we are working on a special display. Can you go through your photos, and ask your friends who might not belong anymore, for photos from past Autumn Get-Away's that we can use? (I will make copies and return if needed).

You can send your photos to me or bring them to me as I will be at the May 17th chapter class with Heidi.

Thank you
Janet Mitchell
7375 Earhart Ave
Hesperia, CA 92345

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Brush Whackers. I am excited to advise we have just received our 100th member.

WELCOME THREE NEW MEMBERS:

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onesuzzy@gmail.com

Bday 10/2

Dominquez, Bonnie 623-680-8396

6034 W. Carol Ann Way Glendale AZ 85306

bonnie.ccp@gmail.com

Bday 3/25

Greenman, Sherry 951-834-8491

1956 Brilliance Lane San Jacinto CA 92582

greenmansherry@gmail.com

Bday 8/24

Your membership and/or renewals can always be sent to: Donna Kidd Elledge 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 2025 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.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 ____

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

RACHEL CENTER CHARITY - PANTY RAFFLE

Hello everyone,

The Rachel Center provides essential services to women in need, offering meals, showers, resume assistance, and medical care. To support their efforts, consider donating new underwear or other personal care items.

Additionally, our club has a raffle with a prize, this month a beautifully crafted item donated by Jenny Stabile. By contributing to the Rachel Center, you can help make a positive impact in the lives of the 100 women they serve daily.



Thank you!
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 lets 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.sdbrushwhackers.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

Registration is coming soon!



CHILDREN'S CHARITY

We had another fun night painting bags on Zoom Wed April 16th. Come join us Wed May 14th 7-9pm psdt. Contact me for bags thru email or phone and I am always at the paint-ins. Here are some recently turned in.

Jenny Stabile
619 917 7177. Jensbusy@gmail.com



Save the Date for a Gingerbread Christmas December 1, 2025



More information to come...

WAYS AND MEANS

April's Paint in was a lot of fun. Penny was on zoom but the rest of us were in person. We raised \$100 with the raffle. Sheri Barker won the guessing jar and Carol Phillips won the "brown bag" mystery prize. It was a strawberry cookie jar with cookies in it. For May I will be bringing out summer items for the raffle as well as consumable painting supplies. Hope to see you there.

- Pam



Join the Fun while Promoting Brush Whackers & Decorative Painting!
The San Diego County Fair is almost here – How would you like to get involved?
“Summer Pet-Tacular,” at the San Diego County Fair which runs from Wednesday, June 11 – Sunday, July 6.

You have several opportunities to participate:

1. **Volunteer to help with our Make & Take session on Saturday, June 14, 12:00 – 3:00 PM.** We need at least 4 people at the table during the entire 3-hour session, chairs will be available. Each volunteers will receive 2 free fair tickets for entry. If you like, we can carpool in my 7-passenger VW Atlas from Walmart parking lot at 163 and Clairemont Mesa Blvd. We should be able to get 1 car pass for parking in the green lot directly behind the fair. I need to request fair parking passes well in advance; if you want to drive alone or with family and park, please let me know by the end of April.
2. **Enter one (up to 2 per class per person) of your art pieces to compete at the fair.** There are many locked cabinets to display our work and the facilities are well guarded. Each person entering a piece will receive ONE Fair entry ticket, regardless of the number of pieces entered. Contrary to what I was told before, there is no formal group entry process online. Simply complete your entry online and save a copy of your entry form for me to take to the fair with your item.
3. **Volunteer to help take our pieces to the fair on May 17. Help needed:** Andrea is unavailable to help transport our art to the Fair on May 17. If you are available and willin’ to help, I would sure appreciate it. NOTE: Please wrap your piece for transit and bring a copy of your fair registration form.
4. We will pick the pieces up (with a copy of each entry form) between 1:00-1:30 PM on Saturday, May 17 at the Paint-In. We then drive (using my 7-passenger vehicle) to the Fairgrounds, check each piece in, tag it and turn it over to the Home Arts & Hobbies set-up team.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping in any way! I will be at the April 10 Board Meeting and the April 19 Paint In. You can also reach me at: 619-208-2507, or dr.sheridan.barker@gmail.com

Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

12TH	TERRI WELTER	23RD	JANET MITCHELL
21ST	AVIS RANDALL	24TH	LORETTA TATUM
21ST	REGINA TAYLOR	28TH	LINDA CAMP
23RD	JOANNE FABIAN	31ST	PAT KAMINSKY
23RD	JAN JOHNSON		



JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

8TH	JUDITH GIBSON
15TH	LINDA PIERCE
18TH	SHARA REINER
21ST	PAMELA DUFFEY
29TH	DEBBIE GILL





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, March 8, 2025, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9: 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: Donna Eledge, Debbie Patenaude, Roxanne Walker, Andrea Toth, Charlotte Hicks, and Jolene Cooley.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2025, as presented by, Carol Phillips seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 27,643.45 as of March 8,2025, motion to approve Treasurer’s report as presented by, Joyce Hatch seconded by, Kathy Steffel and passed.

Communications: None

New Business: Fair Awards, make and take it’s. Discussed under Fair Reports.

Old Business: None

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, 9 signed up for March, all in person. 7 signed up for April and 1 for May.

Membership: Donna Eledge, reported 95 members, Rosters will be at the March paint-in.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, website updated, will add newsletter. We are getting about 60 views a month.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, events updated thru next month, will add Heidi’s soon.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, Spring and Easter themed items for raffle.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, sending cards and letters as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson, thanks to everyone who have been taking pictures for me.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, all good.

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, Sally Anson donated the raffle prize for this month and Roxanne Walker will be donating for next month.

Children’s Charities: Jenny Stabile, only a few painters are painting bags on Wednesday bag night. Jenny handed out 25 bags last month.

Seminars:

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, the pick-up for registered entries will be May 17, at St. Maddies. Volunteers needed to work the make and take it booth. Dates to be announced. We will donate 4 \$50.00 awards in 4 different decorative painting categories.

Autumn Getaway: Heidi Allison/ Jolene Cooley, everything moving along nicely.

Holiday Party: Debbie Patenaude, Absent. Reports everything is moving along. Next meeting is March 16, we will be working on centerpieces.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, No report

Closing Statements: None

Next Board Meeting: April 12, 2025, at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Joyce Hatch seconded by Carol Wolfe.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:02

Respectfully submitted by: 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



PICTURES FROM THE APRIL PAINT-IN WITH PENNY HOBBS



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