



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Finally the days are starting to cool down. I love this time of year with shorter days and cool nights. It is perfect to get cozy and do a little painting or maybe relax and read a book, or maybe go to a paint in with friends. Our last paint in with Heidi was such fun. The trick or treat piece was finished just in time for Halloween.

Coming up in November is Janet's ornament board. It is so pretty and just in time for Christmas. She is so much fun and there is still time to sign up.

In December we have our "Come Home for Christmas" Party. Karen and Charlotte have an awesome celebration planned for all of us. It is the first Monday in December. The venue is the beautiful Bali Hai right next to the water. It will be a great way to start the holiday season. Sign up soon so you don't miss out.

One final plea. We need someone or two someones to take over programs. Without programs there are no paint ins. Grab a friend and volunteer for this job, please! We also need a Christmas party chair for 2024. We will all help you. You are never alone doing any job for our club.

Thank you to all of the current volunteers who serve SDBW. You truly are appreciated!

Happy Painting,

Pam

## PROGRAMS

Heidi Allison brought the “Trick – or – Treat” to our October Paint-In. What fun! While painting the Chris Thornton-Deason project, Heidi demoed her “trick” to getting soft floats and “treating” us with fun stories about her travels and conventions. We also received a goodie-bag. And finished the project! What more could you are for?!?!? Thank you, Heidi for making the trip and sharing a great day of painting with us.

Don't know about you but I am ready to close out the year with Sandra Malone's “Ornament Collection” being taught by Janet Mitchell. It's a good thing she has us on her calendar cuz she is one traveling lady. It seems she likes to come to San Diego in November to help us get ready for the Holidays. Please join us on November 18th for a day of fun and painting. The cost is \$25 (\$30 for non-members). Prep instructions will be emailed to you once you are on the list. Class is filling so get your “check in the mail.”

This newsletter has the 2024 schedule with photos so that you can save and print. Woo-hoo.

On January 20th I will be sharing “Quirky Quail” by Erika Joann with you. It is another paint and pencil designs that are fun and easy to do. Sign up is \$35 (\$40 non-member); this includes registration and packet. It will be available at the Holiday Party.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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Carol Wolfe

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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





## 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 -

Every month our club supports the Rachel Center, a safe place for woman during the day, where they can get a hot meal, see a doctor, use a computer, take a shower, get clean clothes, they also can get help with a Job Resume and use the center for an address. Also I collect any shampoos, soaps, conditioner from hotels, or those gifts that aren't the right scent, sorry no tickets for those. The Center has a place where they keep business clothes. The ladies must earn tickets by doing chores around the Center, like sweeping, serving food or just cleaning up in the house. The ladies do not sleep there.

Our Club helps out monthly by providing much needed, new underwear.

This month's Panty Raffle Prize was provided by Kathy Steffel, a candle holder and holiday inserts Thank you. You won't want to miss the opportunity of winning her piece and doing something really nice for women.

Hugs,

Joyce Hatch



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Programs VP is in need of you to step up and help out in 2024. Rayma and Carol W. have been at it and doing a great job for years now....it's time for you! Grab a friend, Rayma and Carol will get you oriented.

Treasurer in 2025 will need a nominee. Again, Sue has been at this a long time. We can all help you. Let us hear from you!

Christmas Party 2024 will need a chairgal and committee...talk to your friends...it's a fun experience!

- Sally

## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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Thank you all for continuing to paint our bags for Monarch School. I will not be at the November paint-in. I will have a supply at the Christmas Party if you want some then. Remember, we can meet up anytime for pickup or delivery. Just let me know.

Jenny. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com

## WAYS AND MEANS

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I know I say this every month, but we have a very generous group of ladies. The raffle in October brought in \$150. Lots of winners. Joyce won the guessing jar. Good job!

For November there will be holiday items. Think of Christmas presents. I will also be bringing a box of plate type surfaces for the free table.

See you in November!

- Pam

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

- 5TH CHARLENE BUTLER**  
**13TH SHIRLEY LEDBETTER**  
**16TH LESLIE PILCHER**  
**17TH PATTY NEWELL**  
**18TH DOROTHY PERKIO**  
**20TH KATHI HILL**  
**20TH DIANE JENSEN**  
**26TH SALLY ANSON**  
**22ND JAN MCCRACKEN**  
**27TH JUDY KOVI**  
**27TH ESTHER CARRION**



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE**

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Keep up with the latest information on <https://www.sdbrushwhackers.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(coming soon). 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

## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you all who have completed and turned in your 2024 membership forms. We currently have 72 members already for 2024.

Deirdre Parkinen has a new email: dparkinen@gmail.com

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.

We are attaching to this newsletter 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](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)

Thank you. Donna





# **2024 Annual Membership Form** **San Diego Brush Whackers**

Find us at: [www.sdbbrushwhackers.com](http://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](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)  
or 619-857-8096

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## FINAL PAINT-IN OF 2023!



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 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 Whackers announce the 2023 Christmas Party

# Come Home for Christmas



Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

**Bali Hai Restaurant 2230 Shelter Island Drive**

*The door is open. The house is bright. Good music,  
food and friends will make this a magical night.*

Ticket price is a \$55.00 value offered for \$25.00 per member, \$55.00 for non-members.

Please consider donating items for the Christmas Raffle. In giving from your heart,  
a generous portion of the raffle proceeds provides a significant donation to Rachel House.

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All registrations must be received by November 15, 2023

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: San Diego Brush Whackers (not SDBW) Mail to:

**Charlotte Hicks**

**1386 South Hale Avenue**

**Escondido, California 92029**

**Questions? Contact Karen @kleortman@gmail.com**

# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

**Board Meeting Minutes** for, August 12, 2023, 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, Rayma Stewart, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Sally Anson, Karen Ortman.

**Absent:** Jenny Stabile, Maddie Sanchez, Andrea Toth, Claudia Sepulveda, Charlotte Hicks.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from July 8, 2023, as presented by, Carol Phillips seconded, by Donna Eledge and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$55,168.56 as of August 12, 2023, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Rayma Stewart seconded by, Kathy Steffel and passed.

**Communications:** Working on Dates for 2024 paint-ins.

**New Business:** Move October Board meeting to the 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussed having 4-hour classes for \$20.00 for AGA instead of 3-hour classes, will bring it to the teachers at this year's event. We need to work on budget for 2024.

**Old Business:** Research date and time change for the Holiday/ Christmas Party.

## Reports:

**Programs:** Rayma Stewart/Carol Wolfe, 16 signed up for Sunflower on August 5 for October and 5 for November. We have 5 teachers and 10 projects submitted for the 2024 schedule so far, extended the submission deadline to August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge, we currently have 95 members, 2024 membership forms will be in the goody bags at AGA. The 2024 form will be updated on the website.

**Newsletter:** Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolfe, updated current pictures and newsletters.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile, post your projects.

**Ways & Means:** Pam Lieberknecht, August raffle will have a lot of supplies.

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

**Historian:** Sally Anson, nothing new.

**Audio Visual:** Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch, Raffle prizes: August, Sue Ludlam, October, Rayma Stewart, November, Kathy Steffel.

**Children's Charities:** Jenny Stabile, sending reminders.

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, should have info in January for 2024 Fair.

**Seminars:** Sally Anson, still in communication with Holly regarding project.

**Autumn Getaway:** Cecelia Denton/Carol Phillips, we are ready to go. Sending out class list, general information, and the Gazette on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

**Holiday Party:** Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman, getting it put together and finishing up details. The cost for members will be \$25.00 and guests will be \$55.00.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton, nothing new.

**Closing Statements:** Budget on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, The General Meeting is at AGA Sept.14<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Board Meeting:** October 7, 2023, at 9:00 am

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Karen Ortman seconded by Sheri Barker

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:42am

**Respectfully submitted by:** Cecelia Denton



**Seminar Date Update...Have you saved the date yet??? Seminar date is now....March 9, 2024...Holly Hanley Seminar....YES! She will be bringing us her fun, happy style of painting via ZOOM to our St. Maddie's Sophie Center Classroom. Make plans to join us now. Project details next month.... for now, know this....it will be FREE to all SDBW members if you have joined by 12/31/23...yes FREE! You will be responsible for surface and supplies, but that info will come later. We will have a raffle for all to participate even if you choose to zoom seminar from your own craft room. Stay tuned for all the deets!!**

San Diego Brush Whackers  
 San Diego, California  
 General Membership Meeting  
 Minutes for September 14, 2023  
 Viejas Casino and Resort

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 6:24pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are looking for volunteers for next year.
- **Positions available: Christmas Party and Programs.**
- Sign up for the December 4, 2023, Christmas Party, Come Home for Christmas. See Karen or Charlotte for signup sheet. Some of the raffle money from AGA is used to subsidize the cost of the Christmas Party for Members.
- RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024. \$15.00 see Donna Eledge. Everyone who is a member by December 31<sup>st</sup> will get the March Seminar free.
- PAINT CANVAS BAGS for Monarch School, Thank You, Jenny collected 65 bags at AGA.
- VOTING for 2024 Paint-in Projects. Please vote only for paint-ins that you think you will attend. Ballot box is in the Painting room.
- SEMINAR 2024 Sally Anson. The date has changed from March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>. Holly Hanley will be Zooming from Canada; the class will be recorded and available for registered members only.
- NOMINATIONS: Nominating committee chair.
- Nancy Wilson President of PHP shared information about the November 11<sup>th</sup> Marco Aquilar seminar.
- We will need a new Treasurer for 2025, step up now to learn about the position.
- Thank you's to the AGA Committee

Nominating Committee: Sally Anson Presented the nominations for 2024

**OPEN Positions: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs, Holiday Party**

SLATE OF 2024 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| • President                                  | Pam Lieberknecht |
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs   | OPEN             |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership | Donna Eledge     |
| • Secretary                                  | Cecelia Denton   |
| • Treasurer                                  | Sue Ludlam       |
| • Newsletter Editor                          | Maddie Sanchez   |
| • Web Editor                                 | Carol Wolfe      |

- Facebook Editor
  - Seminar
  - Ways & Means
  - Historian
  - Hospitality
  - Panty Raffle
  - Children's Charity
  - AGA Chair
  - Christmas Party
  - St Madeline's Liaison
  - San Diego Fair
  - Audio Visual  
Steffel
- Carol Wolfe
  - Sally Anson
  - Pam Lieberknecht
  - Sally Anson
  - Claudia Sepulveda
  - Joyce Hatch
  - Jenny Stabile
  - Elaine Cendali
  - OPEN
  - Cecelia Denton
  - Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth
  - Carol Phillips, Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY:

SECONDED BY:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7pm





## PICTURES FROM THE OCTOBER PAINT IN WITH HEIDI ALLISON

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## PICTURES FROM THE OCTOBER PAINT IN WITH HEIDI ALLISON





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