



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great time with Christine in July. The piece was a lot of fun and we got close to finishing. It was so nice to paint with friends. It was nice and cool inside the building, so very comfortable to paint.

Jenny and Carol will be hosting one more bag painting night in August. Watch your e-mail for information. The bags go to homeless kids at the Monarch facility. You can bring your painted bag to Jenny at AGA.

I can't believe we are only a month away from "Sisterhood of the Traveling Brushes". I got my list of classes and am ready to spend a few days with painting friends!! Thank you to Sally and ALL her helpers. So many people participated in helping Sally with this event.

At AGA you will be able to sign up for our Christmas party. Heidi and her crew are working to make this a fabulous event. There will be membership forms to sign for 2027 and you can turn those into Donna Eledge. Also, Nancy and Andrea will have pictures of projects submitted for 2027. You can vote on which ones you would like to take. (If you are not coming to AGA, you can vote via e-mail.) It is important that you vote for classes you would like to attend.

As we are approaching the end of this year, we need to look for volunteers for 2027. We will need someone to do AGA, Christmas party and several board positions. Please think about grabbing a friend and taking on one of these positions.

As always I would like to thank all of you that volunteer to keep our organization going forward.

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Fellow Painters.

If you didn't come to our paint in on July 18, you missed out on a good one! We had Christine Taylor-Leonard teach us the Maxine Thomas piece "Santa Is". It turned out really cute and we all had fun painting together.

August brings us to another Monika Brint piece entitled "Santa's on the Way". Donna Carpenter will be teaching the class and she has the wood for the class to purchase, if you are interested. Sign up to join us on August 15 for the class.

All members please be aware that we now take payment by PAYPAL!!!! If you are out of the area or out of state this is a good, fast way to get your payment made for classes. It took some time and lots of effort (thanks to Kathy Steffel) and now we have this amazing new tool to use.

We look forward to painting together in August. It will be too hot to do anything else anyway, so come join us! :)

Kind regards,

Nancy Wilson

2026 SDBW Program Chairpersons Contact Information

Nancy Wilson, 619 619-517-6930, nwilson35@cox.net

Andrea Toth, 619-920-2897, andra120@aol.com



AUGUST 15

Project: Santa's on the Way

Teacher: Donna Carpenter

Designer: Monika Brint

Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-

Member: \$30.00

Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge

Surface Fee: Size is 10" x 16" or surface of your choice.

Note: Leaves can be cut from

Roc Lon black out fabric, Donna can also have some cut for approximately \$4.00.

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Beginner



OCTOBER 17

Project: Fraktur of Autumn

Teacher: Rayma Stewart via Zoom

Designer: Erika JoAnne

Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-

Member: \$30.00

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00

Surface Fee: Included in supply fee

Medium: Jo Sonja's acrylics and colored pencils

Skill Level: All levels

Special supplies: Pencil sharpener



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 2027.

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, Nancy Wilson, nwilson35@cox.net, 1525 Fargo Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92019 by August 31, 2026. Please also cc: Andrea Toth, andra120@aol.com.

We would love to have you submit, so please think about teaching for the Brush Whackers. Teachers will be notified in September 2026 as to the outcome of the voting. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Wilson (619)517-6930, or Andrea Toth (619) 920-2897.

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. 16 – Feb. 20 – Mar.20 - Apr. 17 – May 15 – Jun. 19 – Jul.17 – Aug. 21- Oct. 16– Nov. 20.



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: Nancy Wilson, 1525 Fargo Ave, El Cajon CA 92019		

Questions/Concerns: Contact Nancy Wilson at nwilson35@cox.net and Andrea Toth at andra120@aol.com

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

President needed for next year ya'll. We will find you :)

PANTY RAFFLE SUPPORTS WOMEN IN NEED

Happy Summer Painting Friends -

August is the hottest month of the year. Our club helps the Rachel Center, a safe place to get off the street and take a shower, get clean clothes, help with a résumé receive a hot meal and access to lots of resources and help. We donate new underwear every month, they serve 100 women a day. Every month someone volunteers to donate an item as a reward, the members who donate the new underwear receive a ticket and win the reward, this month Kathy Steffel is providing the gift!

Keep painting, Joyce Hatch



San Diego Brush Whackers

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

 Last Name First Birthday ____/____
 month/day

Street _____

City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact & relationship _____ Phone#: _____

All newsletters will be emailed to members. We will print your name, address, phone #, e-mail and birthdate in our membership roster unless you circle information that you DO NOT want printed in the roster. Thank you for filling out our form clearly and completely.

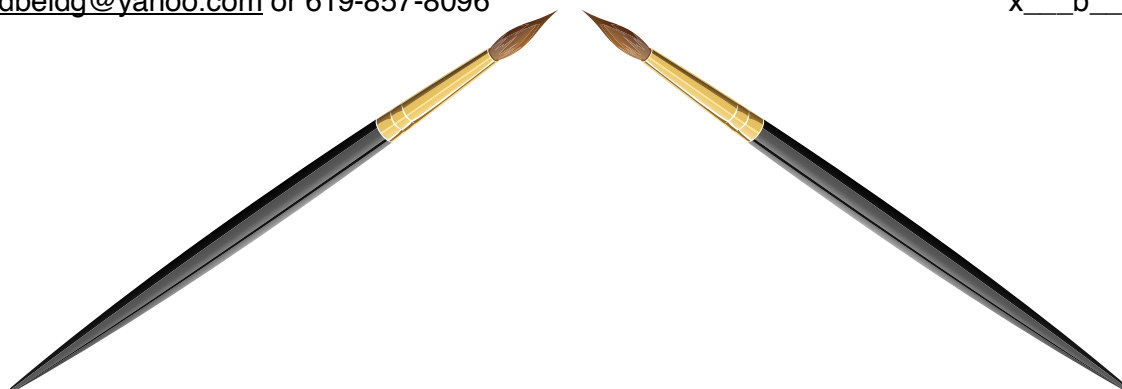
Annual membership dues are \$15.00.

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

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MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to report our Brush Whackers membership is now at 127.

We are pleased to welcome our newest member:

MARDELLE LUSTIG

2864 Utica Drive San Diego CA 92139

619-342-5948

Mylustig@yahoo.com B-day: June 1



In advance of Autumn Getaway I am advising that you will be able to renew your membership at that time. Membership forms will be in your goodie bag and a basket will be available to deposit them. The membership cost is remaining at \$15.00 for 2027. When you are getting ready your teacher fees remember to gather the fee for membership. Thank you.

Our membership form is available in the newsletter and on our website. Please send membership applications and renewals to Donna Kidd Eledge, 144 Landis Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91910. Please complete the form clearly and in full, even if no information has changed, and include your check for \$15.00. Make checks to

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS

Please help us keep your membership information current and up to date. If you have any changes, questions, or comments, please contact me at 619-857-8096 or jdbeldg@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

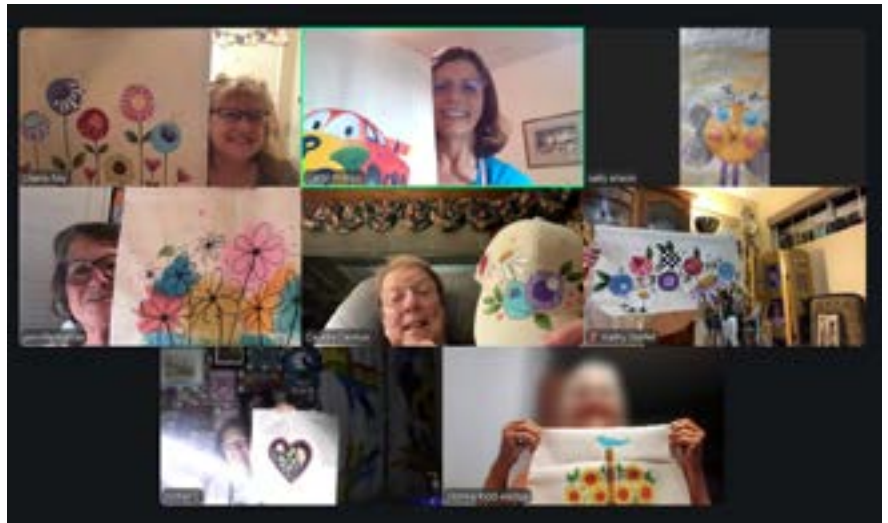
Donna Kidd Eledge

CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Hello Painting Friends,

We had a lovely time at our July Zoom bag painting night. Join us August 19th for the last one of the year. Get your bags painted to turn in at Autumn GetAway. I will have a drawing with names of all people turning in bags at AGA and also from June, July and August. A nice grouping of bags was turned in July. See you at August paint-in.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177. or jensbusy@gmail.com



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Stay informed by visiting our website at <https://www.sdbrushwhackers.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



Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

2ND	TERI HAYES	14TH	VIRGINIA MANN
4TH	BEVERLY MORN	19TH	DEIRDRE PARKINEN
4TH	SHANNON ERLANDSEN	22ND	NANCY DONAHUE
11TH	DIANA RAY	24TH	SHERRY GREENMAN
12TH	KATHY STEFFEL	24TH	SHERRY WALKER
13TH	SHARON REEVE	29TH	KENDRA CHAVEZ
13TH	RAYMA STEWART	29TH	CAROLYN SCOTT

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

8TH	BILLIE ROTAN	23RD	SANDY LEFLORE
9TH	FRAN WILSON	26TH	SHEILA ELLIOTT
15TH	PATTI WOLINSKI	26TH	CARMELITA BROOKER
17TH	RAMONA JACOBS	27TH	ANNE ENGLE
20TH	MAXINE THOMAS	27TH	DANA RISVOLD

AUTUMN GET AWAY UPDATE



Any questions, reach out to me.

Sally Anson

AGA Chairgal

619.616.8700

SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com



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



WAYS AND MEANS

Ways and means helps to pay for our venue. The monthly raffle covers part of the cost of our room at STMSC. Carolyn Scott seemed to be the biggest winner at July's paint in. Kathy Steffel won the guessing jar. In August, I hope to have supplies for you to win and take to AGA in September. There will also be some fall and Halloween items to remind us that cooler weather will eventually be here. Hope to see you at August's paint in.

- Pam



Pictures of the fair submissions! Thank you to those that participated this year!





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SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes for, June 13, 2026, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:02 am

Present: Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, ~~Joyce Hatch~~, Carol Phillips, ~~Maddie Sanchez~~, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth, ~~Jenny Stabile~~, Sally Anson, ~~Charlotte Hicks~~, Nancy Wilson, ~~Heidi Allison~~.

Absent: Jenny Stabile, Heidi Allison, Joyce Hatch, Charlotte Hicks, Maddie Sanchez.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from May 9, 2026, as presented by, Sheri Barker seconded by, Donna Eledge and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Steffel reported a balance of \$ 27,873.93, as of June 12, 2026, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Carol Wolfe seconded by, Carol Phillips and passed.

Communications: None

New Business: None

Old Business: Discussed having the Christmas at Bali Hai during the day. Pam will call about time frame, cost, and menu.

Reports:

Programs: Nancy Wilson/Andrea Toth, 2 signed up for July. Submission letters for teaching in 2027 have been sent out.

Membership: Donna Eledge, we have three new members bringing our total to 126 members.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, all updated, we had 136 views this month.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, all updated.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, July's paint-in will have Christmas in July and other items.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, sending cards as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson, thanks for the class pictures.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, no report.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile, hoping to collect bags at the Birthday Bash. Bag painting on Zoom June 17th from 7 to 9pm.

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, awards ceremony, we are donating one of the awards for the youth category.

Autumn Getaway: Sally Anson, coming together with a lot of help. We're at 63 right now, deadline is June 20th.

Holiday Party: need volunteers to paint table favors, can use some help.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, No Report

Closing Statements: Good to see everyone.

Next Board Meeting: July 11, 2026, at 9:00 am,

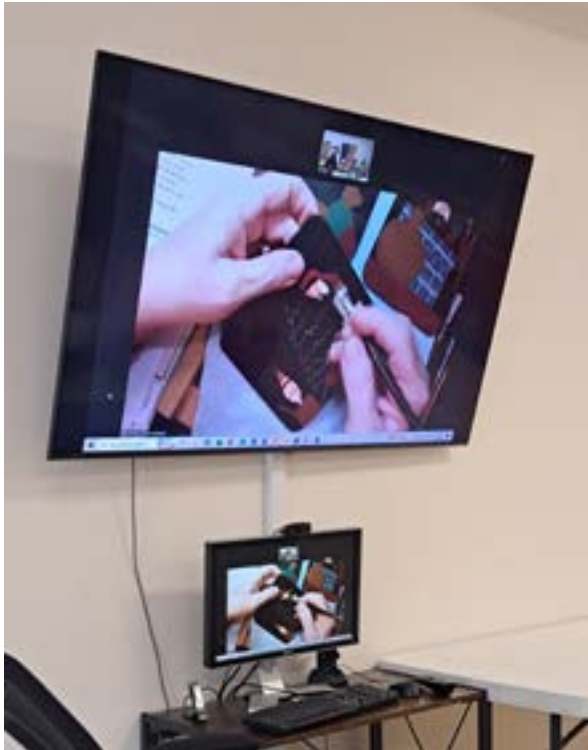
Motion to adjourn made by: Donna Eledge seconded by Andrea Toth.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:49

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton



PICTURES FROM THE JULY PAINT-IN WITH CHRISTINE TAYLOR-LEONARD



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California Rosemaling Association Newsblast

Number 16

July 11, 2026

Reminder about September 8-10, Adventures in Telemark Zoom Class and CRA 2026 Convention

We are inviting you to join us in one of these two events coming up soon. Please register as soon as possible and pass the word on to fellow rosemalers. We've included some basic information and photos in this Newsblast. These events are on our website with additional information and registration. Both teachers will use acrylics in teaching. **DETAILS AND REGISTRATION :** www.califrosemaler.org (on event tab.).

ADVENTURES IN TELEMARK WITH JULIE ANDERSON!



9/8/26 to 9/10/26

Adventures in Telemark Rosemaling with Julie Anderson

Class Time: Daily 8:30am-11:30am Pacific Time

Recorded and available for 6 months.

Cost of Class:

\$60: 2026 Members

\$75 all others (2026 membership is included)

The design will be explored using different background colors so if you'd rather have a light or medium background you can choose it. Julie will teach in acrylics but also is an experienced oil teacher as well.

Join Julie Anderston on Zoom in exploring Telemark Design either using her design and color suggestions or your own. Above is the box she has chosen to use from Mike Lusk Woodworks (Curved Top Box, #282) which needs to be ordered immediately if you wish to use it as your design surface. It is 8" long x 6" wide and 5" high with slanted sides.

Julie is a powerhouse of possibilities and an experienced teacher who is highly recommended. If you're new to Telemark rosemaling she'll help get you going. Great class for beginners through advanced. **Spread the news to all your painting friends.**

Questions: Contact Katie Allen at: katie.d.allen68@gmail.com.

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California Rosemaler Newsletter

July 11, 2026

CRA CONVENTION 2026



SACRAMENTO HERE WE COME

Join us at our 2026 Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sacramento from October 28-November 1, for another fun time painting with VGM Nancy Odalen, a talented rosemaler from Wisconsin. She will lead us through painting a Ryfylke catch-all made by Larry Pickett. Only acrylic paints will be used.

Included in this year's convention registration cost are: **the large bare wooden catch all**, a banquet dinner, **two lunches**, paints, mediums, instruction and other convention goodies.

An optional BYOB Sip and Paint class will be held on Thursday where Nancy will teach a cute bunad purse or ornament (pix online and included in cost). Great fun!

CRA offers a Tradefloor where you can buy and sell items. For details contact Joyce Field: jafeld@verizon.net.

Any questions: contact Pennie Wilkins by text or cell (530-949-7181) stating it's concerning CRA Conv.; state your name & contact info/& your question.

Ryfylke Rosemaling



10/28/26 to 11/01/26

Place: Hilton Garden Inn, Sacramento Airport
Natomas

Teacher: Nancy Odalen, VGM (teaching in acrylics)

Convention Fee: \$300

Optional Class fee: \$30

Special Hotel Rate: \$159 +/n

Registration and details on hotel at our website:
www.califrosemaler.org/