



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe we are at Thanksgiving again. Fall weather is so nice with warm days and cool nights. I love being able to wear jeans and sweatshirts.

October's class with Ann was so much fun. Ann kept us going with instructions and candy. The piece was a lot easier than it looked. Thank you Ann!!

In November we can look forward to painting with Janet. She is always fun and a wonderful teacher. It is not too late to sign up and the prep isn't too much. Join us in person or on zoom.

I can't wait for our Christmas party in December. Debbie and her crew have been working very hard to make this a fun celebration to start off the season. The Bali Hai is such a beautiful venue. Hope I see you there.

San Diego Brush Whackers 50th birthday celebration is coming on June 20th. Be sure to renew or join by January 31st. If you want to participate in the party (which is free) you must fill out the registration by March 1st. (Registration will be in the newsletter, December, January and February.) We need to know how many in person and zoom people will be attending.

Thank you to Andrea and Nancy for taking on programs. Also, thank you to Kathy for taking on treasurer. These are both big jobs and the club can't function without them. Lastly, thank you to Sally for volunteering to chair our AGA for 2026. We only need someone to take on the Christmas Party to complete our 2026 board/committees roster.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!! I am so grateful to have all of you in my life!

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello everyone!

October's "Bountiful Harvest" class with Ann Passanisi was wonderful. Thank you, Ann, it was nice to have you teach SDBW members again! We look forward to future classes with you. It was lots of colors, but a fun time. All the pieces looked beautiful. We had quite a few ladies on Zoom, thank you for painting with us.

We are finishing out the year with our last Paint-In in November with Janet Mitchell getting us ready for Christmas teaching a Prudy Vannier design, "Hangin' the Welcome". This is an adorable design. Janet painted hers on an 11" X 13" wood tag. However, if you have painted with Janet before, you know she says "use what is in your stash and adapt your pattern". Painting with Janet is always a great time! We look forward to welcoming her back.

Currently the following are signed up for the November Paint-In:

Lorna Parong, Amy Montgomery, Regina Taylor, Jean Trimpe, Nancy Wilson, Sheila Elliott, Barbara Trent, Andrea Toth, Bibiana Martinez-Ziegler, Kathy Steffel, Charlotte Hicks, Christine Leonard-Taylor, Kay Fried, Marie Veloz, Carolyn Scott, Pam Liebernecht, and Sally Anson

We will be kicking off our 2026 Paint-in year in January with Deb Ramo teaching Candied Santa Friends, a Diane Marie Kellogg design. It is designed to be painted on a scallop landscaping brick, however this design can be painted on anything, such as 3 separate Christmas Ornaments.

Thank you to all the teachers that submitted for the 2026 Paint-In schedule. There were so many wonderful choices, and we wish that all of them could be scheduled but only had nine classes for 2026. Also, thank you to all who voted for the 2026 Paint-In projects, we hope to see many of you at an upcoming class. The year at-a-glance is included in this newsletter as well as posted on the website: <https://www.sdbushwhackers.com> and don't forget to check out the SDBW Facebook page for current news.

Kind regards,

SDBW Program Chairpersons

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

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

PROGRAMS



November 15

Project: Hangin' the Welcome

Teacher: Janet Mitchell

Designer: Prudy Vannier

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge

Surface Fee: Surface of choice, 11" w x 13" h is what Janet painted but she says adapt your pattern to something in your stash

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Intermediate



JANUARY 17

Project: Candied

Santa and Friends

Teacher: Deb Ramo

via Zoom

Designer: Diane Marie Kellogg

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$0.00

Surface Fee: Scallop brick or surface of your choice.

This would be cute to paint on three separate ornaments.

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Beginner

Note: If painting on a scallop brick, Deb suggests bringing a Lazy Susan to place the brick on for ease of moving the brick around as it can be quite heavy to turn as you are painting the brick.



San Diego Brush Whackers

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

_____ Birthday ____/____
 Last Name First month/year

Street_____

City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact & relationship _____ Phone#: _____

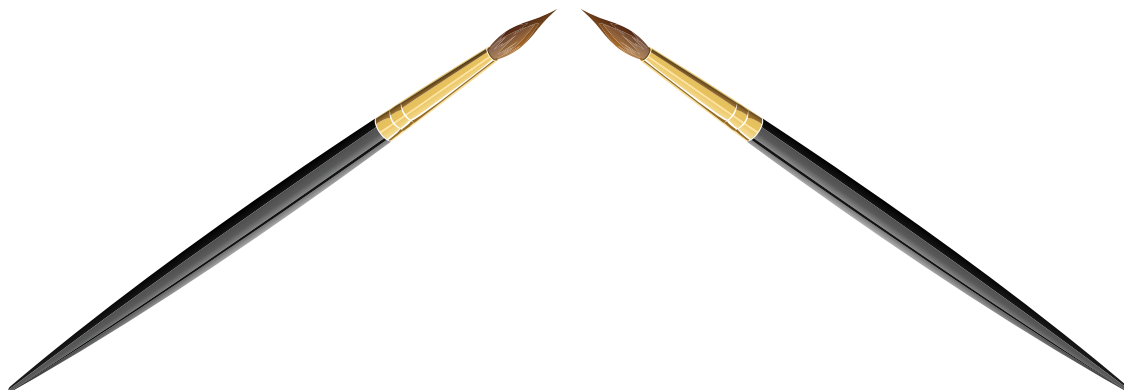
All newsletters will be emailed to members. We will print your name, address, phone #, e-mail and birthdate in our membership roster unless you circle information that you DO NOT want printed in the roster. Thank you for filling out our form clearly and completely. **Annual membership dues are \$15.00.**

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

Happy November. 56 members have already completed and renewed their 2026 membership forms. The 2026 membership form will be available now in the newsletter and on the website.

Join me in welcoming 4 of our newest members:

Dana Risvold 805-501-7811

7368 Brush Creek Road Fairview TN 37062

danarisvold@gmail.com Bday 09/27

Sue Klein 661-713-7981

20018 Dorthy St Canyon Country, CA 91351

Klein_11@sbcglobal.net Bday 03/05

Carolyn Scott 858-525-5133

28751 Glen Oaks Drive Sun City CA 92586

Carolynscott1216@yahoo.com Bday 08/29

Sharon Reeve 760-891-9963

444N. El Camino Real #70 , Encinitas CA 92024

1craftygirl46@gmail.com Bday 08/13



You can always 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:

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Be certain that we always have your current & updated information.

Feel free to contact me for any changes to your information, questions or comments: 619-857-8096 or jdbeldg@yahoo.com

Thank you. Donna Kidd Eledge

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

CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Hello my bag ladies,

Thank you for your awesome support for our bag program for Monarch School. I delivered 49 more bags on October 8th for a total of 119 this year. Thank you so much for your support. I will not be able to make the November paint in as I'm in a craft show that day. I can arrange for someone to deliver and pick up bags if you notify me. I will also bring some to the Christmas Party. And we will restart our Zoom Bag painting night in January.

Jenny.

619 917 7177. 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



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

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN NEED: THE RACHAEL CENTER

Hello everyone,

We're excited to announce that our Panty Raffle gift this month is generously donated by our President, Pam!

We're collecting new underwear in all sizes to support the Rachael Center, a vital resource for homeless women in our community.

The Rachael Center provides a safe haven for women to access essential services, including meals, showers, clean clothes, job search support, and medical care. As a club, we've been proud to support this amazing organization for years, donating not only underwear but also toiletries from travels, like soap, shampoo, and conditioner.

We're looking for volunteers to donate a prize for next year's Panty Raffle! If you're interested in supporting this worthy cause, please let us know which month you'd like to donate. Your prize can be a handmade item, gift card, or anything you think would be a great prize. We appreciate your involvement and can't do it without you!

Thank you for your support, and special thanks to Pam for ending this year's donations!

Best,

Joyce Hatch



WAYS AND MEANS

Thank you to all of you who helped me clear out some free stuff. I didn't have to bring any of it home. We made \$100 off our raffle.

For November, I have some Thanksgiving and Christmas items. There will also be some supplies. Remember that the raffles each month help us pay rent at SMSC.

- Pam

Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

5TH	CHARLENE BUTLER
14TH	MARION BARNETT
16TH	LESLIE PILCHER
17TH	PATTY NEWELL
18TH	CHRISTINE TAYLOR-LEOI
20TH	KATHI HILL
20TH	DIANE JENSEN
22ND	JAN MCCRACKEN
26TH	SALLY ANSON
27TH	JUDY KOVI
27TH	ESTHER CARRION



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

3RD	DEBBIE CRANDALL	20TH	PAM LIEBERKNECHT
10TH	LOIS DENTON	24TH	NEDRA HATHERILL
11TH	MARIE VELOZ	24TH	DEBBIE WELTER
12TH	CAROL WOLFE	25TH	PENNY HOBBS
15TH	PAM RESSLER	31ST	HEIDI ALLISON
16TH	SUSAN MCCRACKEN		



In Memoriam

Irma Arambula

Our sweet friend Irma passed away on October 1st at the age of seventy-eight. She was a talented crafter, florist, gardener, and painter. Irma loved telling us stories about her five daughters and her flowers. Most of all, Irma loved to paint and hang out with her Brush Whacker friends. She painted many of our monthly projects, and enjoyed Autumn Get Away and our club Christmas party. She will be missed.

Merle Avery



Our long-time member and dear friend Merle passed away on October 24th at the age of eighty-eight. She was not only an accomplished knitter, quilter, painter, teacher, and Certified Decorative Artist (CDA) but a quiet mentor to many of us. Merle was an active member of Brush Whackers for many years before joining Palomar Heritage Painters when the club was newly formed. Always keeping her hands busy, Merle was creating holiday cards and painting Christmas ornaments for family and friends right up until her very last week. We will miss her dearly.



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

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Okay all. We have a slate of officers to be voted upon at our General Meeting during the Christmas Party on 12/1 at Bali Hai....got your ticket yet?

2026 San Diego Brush Whacker Board

President - Pam Lieberknecht

1st VP Programs - Andrea Toth and Nancy Wilson

2nd VP Membership - Donna Eledge

Secretary - Cecelia Denton

Treasurer - Kathy Steffel

Newsletter Editor/Publisher - Maddie Sanchez

Web Editor - Carol Wolfe

Ways & Means - Pam Lieberknecht

Historian/Seminar - Sally Anson

Hospitality - Charlotte Hicks

Panty Raffle for Rachel's Center - Joyce Hatch

Children's Charity/Facebook - Jenny Stabile

Autumn Get Away - Sally Anson and SDBW Members

SD Fair - Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth

Holiday Party - TBD

SMSC Liaison - Cecelia Denton

A/V - Kathy Steffel, Carol Phillips & Pam Lieberknecht

Thank you to all who have stepped up...again...we need all of you, our SDBW members to help and participate in the running of the club. All the positions listed above can always use YOUR help. Try it....you'll like it!

- Sally Anson

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



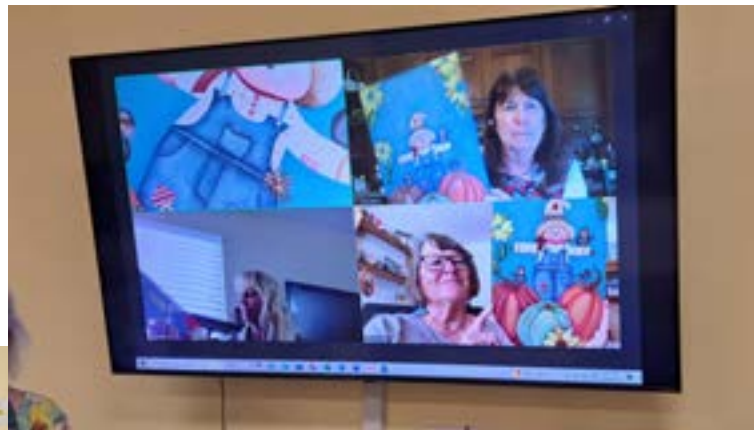
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HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS



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San Diego Brush Whackers, San Diego, California
General Membership Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025
Autumn Get-Away
Viejas Casino and Resort

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 7:11pm.

Pam Presented:

2026 Pending Slate of Board and Committee Positions

• President	Pam Lieberknecht
• 1st Vice President, Programs	Andrea Toth & Nancy Wilson
• 2 nd Vice President, Membership	Donna Eledge
• Secretary	Cecelia Denton
• Treasurer	Kathy Steffel
• Newsletter Editor	Maddie Sanchez
• Web Editor	Carol Wolfe
• Facebook Editor	Jenny Stabile
• Seminar	Sally Anson
• Ways & Means	Pam Lieberknecht
• Historian	Sally Anson
• Hospitality	Charlotte Hicks
• Panty Raffle	Joyce Hatch
• Children's Charity	Jenny Stabile
• AGA Co-Chairs	Sally Anson
• Christmas Party	OPEN
• St Madeline's Liaison	Cecelia Denton
• San Diego Fair	Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth
• Audio Visual	Carol Phillips, Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy Steffel

Announced Nancy Wilson & Andrea Toth have volunteered to take Programs. Kathy Steffel volunteered to be Treasurer. Sally Anson is considering AGA Chair. Christmas Party is open.

Motion to accept slate of Board & Committee positions along with the installation of officers will be held at the Christmas party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANK YOUS

- ❖ Pam thanked and presented gifts to Heidi Allison & Jolene Cooley for chairing AGA.
- ❖ Announced 50th Birthday Bash for 2026. Free to members, must be a member by Jan. 31, 2026, to attend. More details to follow.
- ❖ 3 Goodie Bags are left. Accepting a \$25 donation per bag to go to raffle income.
- ❖ Christmas party is Dec. 1, 2026. Dinner is \$55, members pay \$25.
- ❖ Heidi thanked the AGA committee and presented awards:
 - Attended the most AGA's: Nedra Hatherill

- First to sign up & New attendee: Carm Brooker
- Most Spirit: Jan Johnson & Joanne Fabian
- Traveled the Furthest to attend: Kathy Helleson from Bartlett, IL

Heidi acknowledged all the first-time attendees and all of those who traveled to attend.

- ❖ Deb Ramo presented the Broomstick Bash Broom Contest awards
 - Most Creative: Joanne Fabian
 - Funniest: Jan McCracken
 - Witchiest: Judy Coates

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Sheri Barker, seconded by Donna Carpenter
Meeting Adjourned 7:27pm.

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes for, August 9 , 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: Roxanne Walker, Andrea Toth, Maddie Sanchez, Heidi Allison, and Jolene Cooley.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from July 10, 2025, as presented by, Sheri barker seconded by, Carol Phillips and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 61,330.28 as of 8/9/2025 motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Debbie Patenaude and passed.

Communications:

New Business: Budget meeting in October.

Old Business: Agreed to try to get Pay Pal up and running by the end of 2025. Donna Carpenter has agreed to let us use her shop for Paint-ins if needed. 50th Birthday Party was discussed, and a decision was made to form a committee and start planning it.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, 12 signed up for August.

Membership: Donna Eledge, reported that we now have 111 members.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, the newsletter and paint-in registration forms are on the website. We had 81 visitors.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, will add October and November classes after the August Paint-in.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, this month we will have Fall stuff and supplies.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, please continue to let me know of anyone in need of a card.

Historian: Sally Anson, thank to everyone who took pictures.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, Donna Carpenter donated a Snowman Topiary for August. Heidi Allison will donate something for October.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile, Tote Bag painting Wednesday August 13th at 7:00 pm.

Seminars: NA

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, thanked Jenny for supporting the fair with her entries. Have someone doing a Demo, hopefully going back to previous categories. The theme for next year is "Happy Ever After".

Autumn Getaway: Heidi Allison, going along fine.

Holiday Party: Debbie Patenaude, just fine, moving along nicely. Registration forms for the party and membership will be in the goody bags.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, NR

Closing Statements:

Next Board Meeting: October 11, 2025, at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Sheri Barker, seconded by Charlotte Hicks

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:01 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton



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