



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**Wow! It is already February. January's class was so relaxing and fun. Rayma taught her pencil technique to us and except for dots and embellishments we finished. Thank you Rayma for an awesome class.**

**In February we are going to be with Sandy LeFlore doing her holiday hat design. Sandy will be on zoom from Oklahoma. She is really a fun teacher! You can take the class at SMSC or on zoom or have the recording for a month if you sign up. We have a lot of fun at SMSC taking the classes. Think about joining us for this class.**

**In March is our seminar with Holly Hanley. It can be painted on a stepping stone or wood. We will be learning a lot of new techniques and creating something beautiful. Holly will be on Zoom. You might want to join us in person or you can Zoom or have the recording for a month. The raffle prizes are gift cards, so you can win even if you Zoom.**

**I want to thank everyone who volunteered for board positions and committee positions. It takes a lot of people to keep our club going. We will be needing a treasurer in 2025. Please consider doing this job. Sue will walk you through all the procedures. We need someone to keep our finances in order so we can continue to operate.**

**Thank you,**

**Pam**

## Year End Charity Report

It is important that all of the members of Brushwhackers know the good that we do for our community. So this is a report on our giving for 2023.

We donate regularly to Rachel's House. Joyce collects underwear for women at this facility. This year she collected 282 pairs from all of you. We also donated \$1000 to Rachel's House from our Christmas raffle.

Our second charity is canvas bags for the Monarch School for homeless children. Thanks to Jenny's arm twisting and your painting we donated 110 bags in 2023.

We also donate to SMSC's art program. We donated \$250 in 2023 for their art supplies. Cecelia usually calls and finds out what they need for their art programs.

Thank you so much to these members who organize and follow through on our charities. And thank you to all of our members who give so generously to our raffles that allow us to donate.

## PROGRAMS

Happy New Year! Roxanne and I will be taking on the Programs Chair, and what a hard act to follow behind Rayma and Carol! Thank you Rayma and Carol for all you did over the past four years and continue to do for SDBW!

We started 2024 with a very fun class, the Quirky Quail, an Erika Joanne design, taught by our very own Rayma Stewart. Thank you Rayma for a wonderful class that was not “Quirky”, but was easy and relaxing. Most finished, with just having to do the finishing touches (gems and dots) at home. We had a brand-new member attend in person, welcome Jenny Dawson. Linnea Rydout painted and finished two pieces! Thank you, Linnea and Pam Duffey for Zooming with us.

The February paint-in will be February 17<sup>th</sup> with Sandy LeFlore teaching her “Holiday Hat”. The cost is \$32 (class fee plus pattern) for members, \$37 for non-members. We will be meeting in person at St Madeline’s for those that would like to paint amongst friends/fellow painters with Sandy joining us via Zoom. Surface: 10-inch diameter plate available through pine craft or surface of your choice.

March is the Seminar with Holly Hanley, look for more info from Sally Anson in this newsletter.

April we will be saying “Yes You Can” while Sally Anson teaches us her very own mixed media design. If you have taken a class with Sally in the past you know how creative and fun she is. You won’t want to miss this! The cost is \$35 (class fee plus supplies) for members, \$40 for non-members. The surface is flour sifter or surface of your choice.

We have Donna Carpenter lined up to teach us her original design, Snowman Topiary in May. **Special note on this class**, Donna needs to order the wood kits and needs a count **by March 15**. If you plan to order the wood kit please contact Donna by the deadline so you don’t miss out. The cost is \$55 (class fee, pattern and wood kit) for members, \$60 for non-members. You may paint this on the kit from Donna or a surface of your choice, dimensions are 21” x 3”.

We hope to see you at an upcoming Paint-In.

Kathy Steffel, 619-328-3021, [kjsteffel@cox.net](mailto:kjsteffel@cox.net)

Roxanne Walker, 858-669-7843, [tole29@yahoo.com](mailto:tole29@yahoo.com)



### FEBRUARY 17

Project: Holiday Hat  
 Teacher/Designer: Sandy LeFlore (Zoom)  
 Medium: Acrylic  
 Packet/Supplies Fee: \$7.00  
 Surface Fee: 10” scoop plate available from Pinecraft or surface of choice

## PROGRAMS

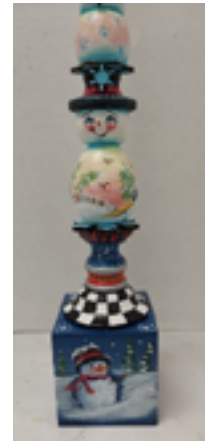
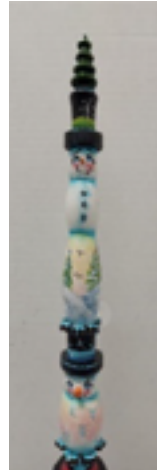
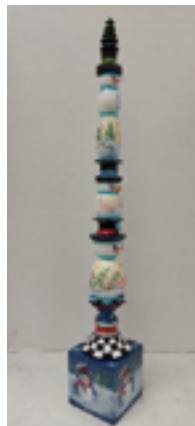
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### APRIL 20

Project: Yes You Can!  
Teacher/Designer: Sally Anson  
Medium: Mixed Media  
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00  
Surface Fee: Flour Sifter or  
Surface of choice.  
Flowers not included.

### May 18



Project: Snowman Topiary  
Teacher/Designer: Donna Carpenter  
Medium: Acrylic  
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$5.00  
Surface Fee: \$25.00  
**Purchase from Donna** or  
surface of choice 21" x 3"

**DONNA MUST HAVE YOUR ORDER BY  
MARCH 15, 2024**



## 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](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com)



## WAYS AND MEANS

Hey, Y'all. I'm back – as “someone” else. Go figure. I enjoy being with my painting friends so much - even if I am not painting – I might as well volunteer to help. So here goes another year of me. Ha. Ha. Ha.

There were a lot of wonderful items in the raffle this past month, especially for the beginning painter – or the one who needs to organize her supplies for class – or what to paint next. You shoulda been there.

We raised \$130 for our Club which is a wonderful thing. Thank you to all who donated and congratulations to those who received those super items.

I look forward to bringing you new and wonderful “stuff” in 2024. I'm even bringing back the “Brown Bag Raffle”. Oooooohhh. Intriguing? Mysterious? Confused, even? Well, you gotta be there to find out.

That's all, painters. Come join us.

Rayma

## 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](mailto:charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Charlotte



# Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

**9TH NINA PIERSON**

**22ND JUDY COATES**



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

**2ND KAY FRIED**

**6TH SANDRA CHACON**

**7TH THERESA BOONE**

**9TH DEBBIE ARCHAMBEAU**

**10TH DEBBIE RAMO**

**11TH PAT GETTEMEYER**

**15TH SARA FRUTOS**

**17TH CAROL BEERS**

**18TH JOANNE SILVA**

**30TH MARTHALENE ROBERTS**



## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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This is a great time of year to work on the canvas bags for our Children's Charity, the Monarch School. Cooler and wet weather may be keeping you in, so get those brushes moving. Also they are nice to get done before you get busy with holiday projects for friends and family or painting for Autumn Get Away or the Christmas Party. I have a new nice canvas bag, same size, same quality canvas, still has a flat bottom, it just doesn't have a sewn gusset along bottom and sides.

Please help and give me a call to make arrangements to pick up or ill meet you or let me know if you're coming to a paint-in and I will have some for you.

Jenny. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com

## PANTY RAFFLE

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Hi everyone,

Our club helps the Rachel Center with new underwear every month. Someone volunteers to provide a gift each month. For each pair of underwear donated, you get a ticket and then a name is drawn for the gift. This month's gift was provided by Sandra Chacon, a Gift Certificate for Art Creations! Thank you for your kindness and support for this worthy cause.

Joyce Hatch,  
Rachel Center Charity

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

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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 of the Christmas party please email them to me at [SDBrushWhackers@outlook.com](mailto:SDBrushWhackers@outlook.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!

Thank you,  
Carol Wolfe

## MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 103 members for 2024, which includes 16 new Brushwhackers. With all members pitching in we should have a wonderful 2024. We are welcoming our newest members:

Jenny Dawson [fam4dawson@yahoo.com](mailto:fam4dawson@yahoo.com)

Pamela Duffy [PDuff621@yahoo.com](mailto:PDuff621@yahoo.com) and

Virginia Mann [Jcramann@charter.net](mailto:Jcramann@charter.net)



We will be arranging the printing of the 2024 Roster soon. I hope to have it available in person for the March Seminar at St. Maddies. It is important to always keep us informed of any changes to your contact information.

Attached is 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. Please 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.sdbushwhackers.com](http://www.sdbushwhackers.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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# 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: Kathy Steffel, 10714 Sayers Ct, Santee CA 92071	

**Attached is Registration Form for the Holly Hanley Seminar 3/9/24. You must return this form if you are attending in person, via Zoom, or wish to view the recording of the seminar.**

**Attendees who have already registered should have received the e-packet via e-mail on 1/21/24. Others will receive as registration is received. If you sent a check for raffle tickets, they will be held until the day of seminar. All prizes will be gift cards only.**

**Looking forward to an oh so fun day!**

**Any questions, please email Sally Anson at [SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com](mailto:SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com)**



# HOLLY HANLEY SEMINAR

March 9, 2024

9 a.m. To 3 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As of 12/31/2023 are you a member of San Diego Brush Whackers? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending the seminar live at St. Maddie's Center? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be Zooming the seminar from your home computer? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

San Diego Brush Whackers will supply you with picture, pattern and list of supplies via e-mail only **upon receipt of this registration form.**

Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Raffle will be available to live and virtual attendees as gift cards will be the offered raffle prizes. How many tickets would you like to purchase? \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
Checks to be made out to **San Diego Brush Whackers.**

Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and water will be provided by SDBW.

***\*\*\*the only way you will be able to view the recorded video is if we receive this registration form back\*\*\****

Please send this completed registration form to:

E-Mail to: [SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com](mailto:SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com)

OR

mail to: Sally Anson, 323 Evergreen Avenue, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

**REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

(but remember, you are responsible for surface and paint so give yourself time for that)



# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

**Board Meeting Minutes** for, November 11, 2023, 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, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Rayma Stewart, Maddie Sanchez, Sheri Barker, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman.

**Absent:** Andrea Toth, Claudia Sepulveda, Kathy Steffel

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from October 7, 2023, as presented by, Carol Phillips seconded by Sheri Barker and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$28,688.03 as of November 11, 2023, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Carol Wolfe seconded by, Donna Eledge and passed.

**Communications:** Thank you letter from St Maddie's.

**New Business:** Discuss New Lady Bug / Or try new Cable. Investigate cost of new camera, if needed the cost can come from the Sandi Strecker fund.

**Old Business:** Approve Budget, Charlotte Hicks made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget, seconded by Carol Phillips, all were in favor, and it was passed.

An audit was scheduled to be done by Carol Phillips and Donna Eledge.

## Reports:

**Programs:** Rayma Stewart/Carol Wolfe, 19 signed up for the November class. Getting notebook ready to turn over to new chairladies.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge, 76 total, 8 are new members.

**Newsletter:** Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December Newsletter will be out by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolfe, will make web payment by end of December.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile, No Report

**Ways & Means:** Pam Lieberknecht, Lots of free wood and Holiday items.

**Hospitality:** Claudia Sepulveda, No report

**Nominating committee:** need Programs and Christmas Chairs

**Historian:** Sally Anson, needs pictures taken at Paint-in in November.

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

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch, Karen will do April and Sally Anso May of 2024.

**Children's Charities:** Jenny Stabile, 12 bags left will bring to Christmas Party.

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, Theme "Let's Go Retro" 50's to the 90's Getting more information in January.

**Seminars:** Sally Anson, Hummingbird Believe by Holly Hanley, will advertise on website, Facebook and Newsletter.

**Autumn Getaway:** Cecelia Denton/Carol Phillips, AGA 2023 Is completed.

Elaine Cendali is Chairing AGA for 2024, September 18th-20<sup>th</sup>. I ( Cecelia ) have been in communication with Viejas regarding next year's event and I'm happy to say the contract is signed and the deposit is made. The only change is the room rate, it has increased \$5 dollars a night, they are giving us the same food prices as this year.

**Holiday Party:** Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman, 52 signed up so far. We are ready for a fun time.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton

**Closing Statements:** Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**General Membership Meeting :** Will be held at Bali Hai December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Next Board Meeting:** January 13,2024, at 9:00 am.

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

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:59am

**Respectfully submitted by:** Cecelia Denton

San Diego Brush Whackers, San Diego, Ca  
 General Membership Meeting Minutes for December 4,2023  
 At the Bali Hai Restaurant Christmas Party

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 8:10 pm

Pam mentioned that we still needed someone to volunteer to do the 2024 Christmas Party.

Pam Recognizes the 2023 Board and Committees and Thanks and gives each a gift.

Pam presented Karen and Charlotte with their Thank you gifts for chairing the Christmas Party.

Rayma and Carol Wolfe present Pam with the Presidents Thank You gift, Gift cards to Art Creations Plus and Rosie's Fabric Store. Also, a Beautiful box painted by Sue Ludlam and an Ornament made by Carol Wolfe.

Sally Anson then installed the 2024 Board and committee members very creatively as usual.

Karen and Charlotte thanked and recognized their committee and all who helped to put on this wonderful event.

Carol Phillips and Cecelia Denton volunteered with agreement from their committee to Co-Chair the Christmas Party for 2024.

Installation of Officers for 2024

### 2024 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

• President	Pam Lieberknecht
• 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs	Kathy Steffel/Roxanne Walker
• 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	Jenny Stabile
• Seminar	Sally Anson
• Ways & Means	Pam Lieberknecht
• Historian	Sally Anson
• Hospitality	Claudia Sepulveda
• Panty Raffle	Joyce Hatch
• Children's Charity	Jenny Stabile
• AGA Co-Chairs	Elaine Cendali/Sam McCracken
• Christmas Party	Cecelia Denton/Carol Phillips
• St Madeline's Liaison	Cecelia Denton
• San Diego Fair	Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth
• Audio Visual	Carol Phillips, Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy Steffel

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sally Anson and seconded by Carol Phillips meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

## PICTURES FROM THE JANUARY PAINT IN WITH RAYMA STEWART







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	Kathy Steffel	kjsteffel@cox.net

# SEMINAR

**LIBT will be hosting a Seminar with Linda Sharp on  
Friday and Saturday, May 31 & June 1, 2024**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Doors open at 8:30 am**

**At Trinity Lutheran Church**

**3950 N. Valorie Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ**

Cost for each day will be \$40.00 with no additional cost for non-members. Linda Sharp teaches with Traditions Paint. Therefore, there is an additional palette fee of \$5.00 each day. Students will receive their own paint in cubbies which are labeled and contain all mixtures and colors listed in the instructions.

The Friday project is a Give Thanks Pumpkin Plate on a pumpkin shaped surface. We will be ordering the surfaces for those who want them for \$7.00 each.

The Saturday project is called Enchanted Christmas on a 12" double beaded plate. We will be ordering the surfaces for those who want them for \$22.00 each. Of course, you may use a surface of your choice.

All class and surface fees are due in March. Prep instructions and line drawing will be provided prior to the seminar. They may be downloadable.

For lunch we will have a Pot Luck each day. Friday will be salads and Saturday will be sandwiches. Water and snacks provided by LIBT.

We will Zoom for any participants out of the area.

To register, please contact Tava Ekstrom-Lang

Email: [tava\\_ekstrom@aol.com](mailto:tava_ekstrom@aol.com) 928-642-6763

Friday Project



Saturday Project

