



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Sally's class was so much fun!! We got to paint and modge podge and cut and paste. It was a really fun piece that we finished. I love all the little things she adds to her pieces.

Penny will be teaching via zoom in April. The only prep is to base coat the entire piece in one color. No pattern to put on as she will be teaching layout. It is not too late to sign up. Be watching your newsletter for information about "Broomstick Bash" voting. Teachers are submitting their pieces and you will be able to vote for the pieces you want taught at the getaway. Then we will send out registration information. It is very important that you read your newsletter to know what is going on in our club. You don't want to be left behind.

The other important date is for the San Diego Fair. Sheri will pick up registered pieces that you would like to submit to the fair at the May paint in. There are registration deadlines as well as information about helping with our "make it take it" booth. Sheri has an article in the newsletter detailing all the information.

Rosters are done. Please contact Donna Eledge to pick up yours or have a friend get it at April's paint in. It is really nice to be able to stay in contact with our painting friends.

Finally, please consider being on the board. We need your help. We need a treasurer and president for sure. We will all help you do these volunteer jobs.

Thank you,

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

The creative juices were really flowing at the March Paint-in with Sally Anson’s multi-media class. Thank you Sally for a fun, stress free class. Each project was unique, with a little of this and a little of that.

The April Class, “Paint Room”, is designed and taught by our very own Penny Hobbs via Zoom. Students will learn a barnwood technique as well as design techniques. Penny has provided a list of brushes that she recommends:

3/4” Flat; 1/2” Flat; 3/8” and 1/4" Angle; #4 and #2 Filbert; 10/0 liner; 1/2” and 3/8” stencil Brush such as Royal Longnickel) and Chris Haughey’s Spectacular Stencil Brush #4 from CDWood.com. Penny is recommending 2-3 stencil brushes 1/2" or larger that are rounded and firm for the background. She used Royal Langnickel stencil brush #M77DR (or similar). Laurie Speltz, creative coach stencil brushes are an option also.

Chris Haughey’s Spectacular Stencil Brush#4 was used for the lettering.

The following have signed up for the April paint-in:

Pam Lieberknecht	Kathy Steffel	Carol Phillips	Carol Wolfe
Joyce Hatch	Cecelia Denton	Roxanne Walker	

Please let us know if you would like to sign up for the April class so that arrangements to get the prep and wood are made.

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.

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

PROGRAMS



April 19  
Project: Paint Room sign  
Teacher/Designer: Penny Hobbs (Via Zoom)  
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00 includes:  
Packet (5.00) and Lettering Stencil (5.00)

Surface Fee: \$12.00 or surface of choice  
18 ¾” x 7” x 1/4 “

Medium: Acrylics

Brushes recommended by teacher: 3/4” Flat; 1/2” Flat; 3/8” and 1/4" Angle; #4 and #2 Filbert; 10/0 liner; 1/2” and 3/8” stencil Brush such as Royal Longnickel and Chris Haughey’s Spectacular Stencil Brush #4 from CDWood.com

Skill Level: Intermediate



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

## PROGRAMS



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

## MEMBERSHIP

Hello and Happy Spring to all. I am pleased to report we have 96 members for 2025.

The Rosters have been distributed. Please review as it contains useful information.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member and update your new Roster.

**JEAN TRIMPE 440-842-5580**

**6857 Greenleaf Avenue**

**Parma Heights OH 44130**

**Jtrimpecdown@aol.com BDAY 3/13**

Also add returning member:

**DEIRDRE PARKINEN 949-290-9395**

**22835 Rumble Drive**

**Lake Forest CA 92630**

**dparkinen@gmail.com BDAY 8/19**



Your membership and/or renewals can always be sent 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

***SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS.***

The 2025 membership form can be found in the newsletters and on the website. You can also call me or I can email to you. Be certain that I have all 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](http://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](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)  
or 619-857-8096

## RACHEL CENTER CHARITY - PANTY RAFFLE

Hello everyone,  
The Rachel Center provides essential services, and our club's support through the gift raffle and donations of new underwear and also everyday essentials is fantastic. Soaps, shampoo, conditioner etc. from hotels or gifts given, larger sizes.  
It's heartwarming to see people making a positive impact in our community.

The shelter sees 100 women a day, we provided underwear and it's clear that our club's efforts are helping to make a positive impact.  
This month Roxanne is donating the gift! She's traveling and will be home in time.  
Thank you for your consistent support!!  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## WAYS AND MEANS

It was so much fun to do Sally's class. There was a lot of moving around and crafting as well as painting. Who knew what you could do with old books, cardboard boxes and some gears. It was fun and we had a wonderful raffle. Kathy S. and her cousin Collette won the guessing jar. Joyce won the brown bag mystery. We earned \$105. Thank you. In April there will be spring items as well as some supplies. Be sure to sign up for Penny's class in April.

- Pam

## 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



## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Six wonderful members dropped in last month for our Zoom bag painting night. Look at what they painted. And some more were turned in at the last paint-in. Need a bag to paint? Just holler.

Jenny Stabile  
619 917 7177. [Jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:Jensbusy@gmail.com)



Save the date...

San Diego Brushwhackers

40th Annual Autumn Get-Away

Wednesday-Friday, September 17-19, 2025

Viejas Casino & Resort

Alpine, California

Project submissions are now being accepted.

Please find the Teacher Submission letter & form  
on our website.

Questions? Contact AGA Co-Chairs

Heidi Allison or Jolene Cooley

Heidi: 909-583-3169, [hallisonpaints2@gmail.com](mailto:hallisonpaints2@gmail.com)

Jolene: 801-808-0749, [joleneaudit@gmail.com](mailto:joleneaudit@gmail.com)

We are looking for pictures from Autumn Getaways over the years.

Please let us know if you have any you can share.





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



**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		





## 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 “ <b>San Diego Brush Whackers</b> ” and mail to: Kathy Steffel, 10714 Sayers Ct, Santee CA 92071	

Questions/Concerns: Contact Kathy Steffel at [kjsteffel@cox.net](mailto:kjsteffel@cox.net) or Roxanne Walker at [tole29@yahoo.com](mailto:tole29@yahoo.com)

## SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

**Board Meeting Minutes** for, February 8, 2025, Via Zoom

**Call To Order:** The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:00am

**Present:** Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Maddie Sanchez, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Heidi Allison, Debbie Patenaude.

**Absent:** Roxanne Walker, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth, Charlotte Hicks.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from 1/11/2025 as presented by, Carol Wolfe seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 27,258.31 as of 2/08/2025 motion to approve Treasurer’s report as presented by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Joyce Hatch and passed.

**Communications:** None

**New Business:** buying classes after the class was discussed, it was decided not to allow classes to be purchased after the class was held.

**Old Business:** Audit completed, everything balanced.

**Reports:**

**Programs:** Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, we have 15 students signed up for February, 5 students for March and 6 for April.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge, 89 members, 8 are new. Emailed those who have not renewed, a gentle reminder.

**Newsletter:** Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23<sup>rd</sup>, send new member emails to Maddie.

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolfe, all forms and updated newsletters are on the website.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile, all updated

**Ways & Means:** Pam Lieberknecht, Spring items for the Raffle.

**Hospitality:** Charlotte Hicks, send new members information to Charlotte so she can send a welcome note.

**Historian:** Sally Anson, thanks to all who take pictures.

**Audio Visual:** Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, no report

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch, February’s raffle prize was donated by Elaine Cendali. Sally Anson will donate the prize for March.



**Children's Charities:** Jenny Stabile, Donna has a list of 4 members who need bags to paint.

Promote bag painting night on zoom, all are invited.

**Seminars:** None

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, there is a flyer in the newsletter, we need to submit painted pieces and Sheri and Andrea will pick them up and deliver them to the fair. Need volunteers for the make and take it during the fair, date to be set later.

**Autumn Getaway:** Heidi Allison, Jolene Cooly, submissions are coming in, the form is on our website. Carol Phillips is putting together the voting Brochure. We are working on the pins and goody bags.

**Holiday Party:** Debbie Patenaude, well under way, next meeting in March.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton, No Report

**Closing Statements:**

**Next Board Meeting:** March 8, 2025 @ 9:00 am.

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Donna Eledge, seconded by Joyce Hatch

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 9:38

**Respectfully submitted by:** Cecelia Denton



## PICTURES FROM THE MARCH PAINT-IN WITH SALLY ANSON





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