



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great time we had at August's paint-in!! Christine taught us "Fall is..." from Maxine Thomas's pattern. Most of us finished. We had a lot of in person painters and that was really great. In October, we have Ann P. teaching her own pumpkin design. She will be in person.

This month is our "Broomstick Bash" at Viejas. I can't wait. Heidi and Jolene have worked really hard for this event. Please consider painting, making or buying something for the raffle. The money from this raffle helps offset the cost of the Christmas party.

The Christmas party at Bali Hai is a fun way to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. You will find information about this event in the newsletter. Debbie and her crew are working at making this a night to remember. You don't want to miss it.

You may not know this, but 2026 is SDBW's 50th anniversary. Yes, our club was started in 1976. We are planning a celebration for this anniversary. Be sure to renew your membership by January 31st, if you want to be a part of this party. There will be freebies and fun.

Please check this newsletter for all the information about events for our club.

Lastly, we need a treasurer!!!

Thank you,
Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

We had another great class with Christine Taylor-Leonard who got us in the mood for fall, even with this heat. She taught a Maxine Thomas design, "Fall is...". We are grateful to Maxine for allowing teachers to teach her designs. It was nice to see so many people in person. Thank you, Christine, for a wonderful class and all of the helpful tips you shared with us.

There will not be a Paint-In the month of September as that is our membership drive and SDBW is hosting Autumn-Get-Away. We can't wait to see what Heidi Allison and her Committee have planned for this wonderful event. I have heard they have been working hard to get things ready for us. Hope to see you all there.

We are excited to welcome Ann Passanisi back in October. Ann will be teaching her own design. It is such a cute fall design with a scarecrow and pumpkins. The design can be painted on any surface of your choice, or you may purchase the surface Ann used from either Pine Craft or Smooth Cut Wood.

We will finish our 2025 Paint-In schedule with Janet Mitchell getting us ready for Christmas teaching a Prudy Vannier design, "Hangin' the Welcome". Janet painted her design 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.

Watch your inbox for the upcoming 2026 SDBW Paint-In Project Vote. All members will be able to vote electronically the week of Autumn Get Away (AGA) or, both members and non-members attending AGA will be able to vote in person at AGA.

Note: Roxanne will be out of town visiting her grandkids for a couple of months. Any questions, please send Kathy Steffel an email.

Kind regards,

SDBW Program Chairpersons

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

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

PROGRAMS



October 18

Project: Bountiful Harvest

Teacher & Designer: Ann Passanisi

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: 10.00

Surface Fee: Order from Smooth Cut Wood or
Pinecraft \$13.99 size is 9 ½" x 20" or surface of your
choice

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Intermediate



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



2026 San Diego Brush Whackers **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Find us at: www.sdbrushwhackers.com

Name _____

Last

First

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Phone ----- Birthday (optional) ____/____

month day

E-mail _____ Cash _____ Ck# _____

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 _____ Level of painting: Beginning _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Please check all that apply: Student _____ Teacher _____ Business _____

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

MEMBERSHIP

Hope you all enjoyed your summer.

Autumn Getaway is our membership drive. If you are attending, you will find a membership application and envelope in your AGA goodie bag. This will allow you to complete and attach your cash or check for \$15 and you will be ready for 2026. A basket will be available for you.



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

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS

The membership form can be found in the newsletters and on the website. You can also call and I can email to you. Be certain that we always have your 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

ART PROJECT SUPPLY REQUEST

Hi Ladies,

The art teacher at Del Lago Academy (high school in Escondido) has asked me to help her round up a few things for a club project. She is collecting men's neck ties, fancy buttons, and ribbons. If you happen to have any of these items that no longer bring you joy, please email me to arrange a way for me to get them from you.

Thank you in advance,

Charlotte Hicks

(charlotte.a.hicks23@gmail.com)

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - TREASURER NEEDED!

Okay ladies, time to think about stepping up to help the club. We still need a Treasurer for next year. Team work makes the dream work! We are all here to help you. Step up, contact a board member if you are interested....gotta keep our club going....BUT we need you!

Sally Anson

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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



CHILDREN'S CHARITY

I delivered 70 painted bags to the Monarch School last week. They were delighted to receive them as school has just started. Please continue to paint bags. Notify me if you want bags to paint. If you're coming to Autumn GetAway please bring your bags and your name will go in a special raffle. I will make another delivery after AGA.

We had our last of the year ZOOM bag painting night on the 20th. We will start up again in January.

Jenny.

619 917 7177. Jensbusy@gmail.com



BROOM ALERT

AUTUMN GET AWAY 2025!!!

SEPTEMBER 17-19

ATTENDEES

GET READY TO BE "SWEPT AWAY"

GET YOUR BROOMS READY! GO CRAZY, THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, BE CREATIVE. THERE WILL BE A CONTEST!!

BRING YOUR BROOMS DAY OF REGISTRATION.

"VALET PARKING" PROVIDED



DONATIONS FOR RAFFLES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

For suggested items and drop off/pick up

CONTACT:

JOLENE COOLEY, joleneaudit@gmail.com / 801-808-0749

OR

HEIDI ALLISON, periwoods@aol.com / 909-583-3169

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 RACHEL CENTER

Hi everyone, there will be no Panty Raffle as we're going to Broomstick Bash, always look forward to the week "out of town". See you soon.

Joyce Hatch

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,

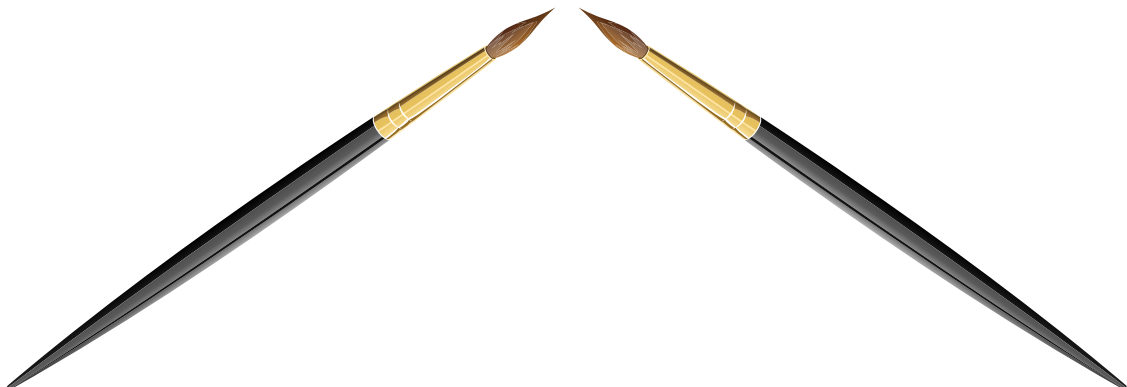
Charlotte



WAYS AND MEANS

We had a really fun time at August's paint-in. The raffle earned the club \$117. There were pumpkins and boxes and Christmas patterns with the wood, lots of fun stuff. Next month is "Broomstick Bash" with a huge raffle. I hope to see a lot of you there.

- Pam



Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

8TH	BILLIE ROTAN
15TH	PATTI WOLINSKI
16TH	JENNY DAWSON
17TH	RAMONA JACOBS
20TH	MAXINE THOMAS
23RD	SANDY LEFLORE
26TH	CARMELITA BROOKER
27TH	ANNE ENGLE

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

2ND	SUSAN PHILLIPS	13TH	JENNY STABILE
4TH	CAROL PHILLIPS	18TH	JOLENE COOLEY
7TH	TAMARA MANNONN	20TH	BARBARA TRENT
8TH	KATHERINE HELLESEN	21ST	LAURIE BOSCH
9TH	ELAINE CENDALI	23RD	CHARLOTTE HICKS
9TH	JOYCE HATCH	27TH	SHERI BARKER
9TH	ANNIE GRIMSHAW	27TH	DONNA CARPENTER
13TH	DEBI BYRD	28TH	MARY MONTOYA
13TH	PATRICIA PEPIN	31ST	CECELIA DENTON





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

SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

Board Meeting Minutes for, July 10 , 2025, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:00 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, Maddie Sanchez, Kathy Steffel, Andrea Toth, Sally Anson.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from June 14, 2025, as presented by, Carol Phillips seconded by, Sheri Barker and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 61150.28 as of 7/12/2025, motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Joyce Hatch seconded by, Donna Eledge and passed.

Communications: Thank You email from STMSC. For \$250.00 for Art supplies.

New Business:

Old Business: 50th Birthday event for SDBW. , Still looking for someone to chair the committee. Use Sandi Strecker fund for BD Party.

Waiting on the cost for St. Maddie's next year.

New place for paint-ins. For consideration, Debbie Patenaude's church facility or Donna's shop. Possibly Zoom only for next year.

Discuss using Pay Pal for registrations for classes, etc.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, 10 registered for July and 4 for August.

Membership: Donna Eledge, 108 members. New membership forms are ready for AGA.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, website is up to date,

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, continuing to add classes for sign-ups.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy Steffel and Carol Phillips will set up the raffle for July.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, sending card as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson, thanks to the picture takers.

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

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, donated raffle piece painted by Carol Wolfe.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile, Bag painting night is Wednesday the 16th of July.

Seminars: NA

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, had a nice turnout for make and take its, not as many as last year. Member entries were way down this year. Next year's theme is " Happily Ever After "

Autumn Getaway: Heidi Allison, it is good, sending room and food counts to Sam at Viejas. Broom contest going well. Finishing up goody bags. We will have an in-person meeting at end of August.

Holiday Party: Debbie Patenaude, getting all the loose ends together, finishing center pieces. Registration forms in goody bags at AGA and in the newsletter.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, nothing to report.

Closing Statements:

Next Board Meeting: August 9th, 2025, at 9:00 am,

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

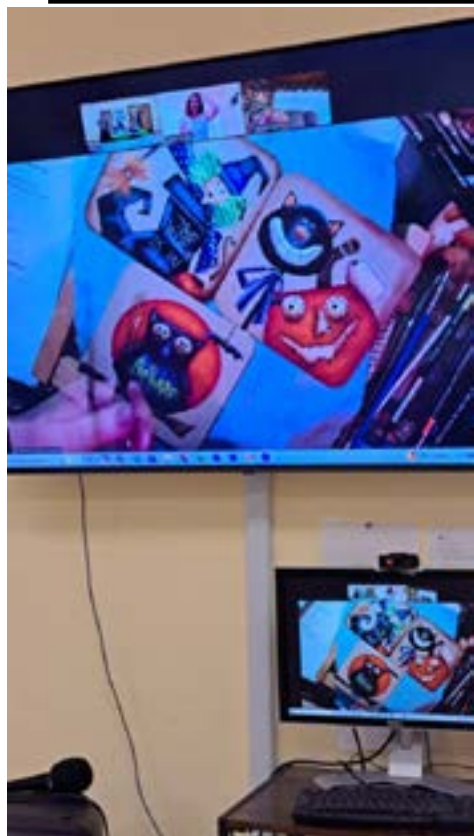
Meeting Adjourned at: 10:11

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton

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



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