



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a pretty full class for Heidi's project in May. It was a lot of fun and I learned some new techniques. She is such a fun teacher and so patient. Can't wait to take her classes at Autumn Get Away.

Have you signed up for "Broomstick Bash" yet? The deadline is approaching. There will be lots of fun and surprises as we celebrate 40 years of AGA. Hope to see you there.

Did you get your item in the fair? Sheri has been working hard at this fabulous outreach opportunity for our club. If you go to the fair you might want to check out entries from your fellow Brush Whackers. Also, there is a need for helpers at the "make it take it" our club is sponsoring. Contact Sheri Barker for any information. There is also more information in this newsletter.

Jenny and Carol P. host a monthly zoom for painting bags for the Monarch School. Watch for information in your e-mail. It is a fun way to paint a bag and talk to painting friends.

Watch for information about our Christmas Party that takes place in December. It is at the beautiful Bali Hai. It is our gift to the membership. If you are a SDBW member, the cost is only \$25.

Lastly, we are in desperate need of a treasurer and other board positions. Please consider joining the board. The meetings are all on Zoom. You can contact any board member if you are interested.

Thank you,

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

We had a great class in May with Heidi Allison! It was great to host her in person, and she brought Janet Mitchell and Jolene Cooley with her. The Sandra Malone design, October Garden, was so cute and whimsical. We all had a fun time and enjoyed painting with several out-of-town members via Zoom. Heidi shared many tips and tricks with us.

Rayma Stewart will be visiting and teaching us in person in June. She will be teaching a lovely Rosemary West Design, Blue Bird and Pears. Rayma painted the design on the back of a plate which adds interest, by providing a nice, fluted edge. Paint this cute design on any surface of your choice, so use your imagination and dig into your stash to find the perfect surface.

Currently the following members have signed up for the June Paint-In:

Patty Pepin, Cecelia Denton, Lois Denton, JoAnne Silva, Kathy Steffel, Sue Ludlam, Tina Burlason, Donna Eledge, Debi Byrd, Carol Phillips and Carol Wolfe.

In July Donna Carpenter will be teaching a Monika Brint design, Halloween Kitty. This is a fun design that can be adapted on any surface. If you would like to purchase the wood piece that Donna used, you may contact her at Art Creations, 619-440-3320.

Our August Paint-In is a Maxine Thomas Design, Fall Is..., taught by Christine Taylor-Leonard (via Zoom). The wood piece can be purchased through Pine Craft; students will be given a 20% discount code when signing up or you may paint the design on any surface of your choice.

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the year. We hope to see 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

SPECIAL NOTE: Kathy Steffel will be out of town 6/10/25 – 6/19/25. If you sign up for class during that time frame or shortly before and do not receive your prep instructions for June’s class please email Roxanne so that she can email you the prep and in class instructions.

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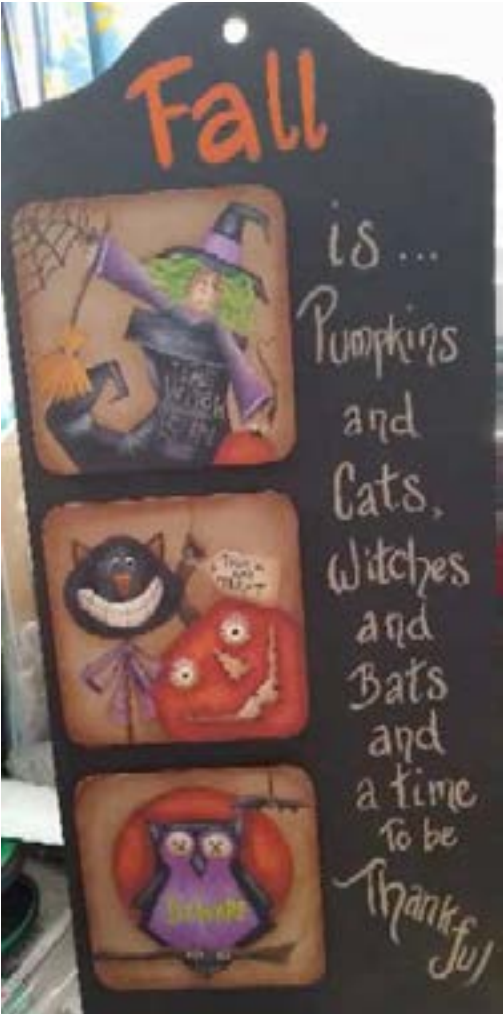


June 21
Project: Blue Bird and Pears
Teacher: Rayma Stewart
Designer: Rosemary West
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00
Surface: 8” round surface of your choice, i.e. bowl, back of plate, etc.
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$0.00
Medium: Acrylics
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate



July 19
Project: Halloween Kitty
Teacher: Donna Carpenter
Designer: Monika Brint
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00
Packet/Supplies Fee: \$5.00 pattern
Surface: Wood Box 8” x 24” Order from Donna Carpenter or surface of your choice
Medium: Acrylics
Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

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August 16
Project: Fall is...
Teacher: Christine Taylor-Leonard (via Zoom)
Designer: Maxine Thomas
Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00
Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge
Surface Fee: Size is 19"x8 1/2" wood w/3 small 4 1/2" wood squares order through Pine Craft SKU #819003
20% discount code will be given on prep when sign up or surface of your choice
Medium: Acrylics
Skill Level: Intermediate

A Desperate Plea

Brush Whackers the AGA committee desperately needs your help! This is the 40th Anniversary of Autumn Get-Away and we are working on a special display. Can you go through your photos, and ask your friends who might not belong anymore, for photos from past Autumn Get-Away's that we can use? (I will make copies and return if needed).
You can send your photos to me or bring them to me as I will be at the May 17th chapter class with Heidi.

Thank you
Janet Mitchell
7375 Earhart Ave
Hesperia, CA 92345

Remembering Our Sasue

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sasue Nicklas, our long-time friend and fellow painter, on May 5th, 2025.

Sasue painted for more than 25 years with the South Bay ladies in Judy Helton's and in Elaine Cendali's classes. She served as Treasurer and as Hospitality chair for the Brush Whackers, taking great pleasure in bringing the donuts and coffee each month to share. She was always willing to lend a hand, and a paintbrush, when a committee was putting on a Christmas party or an Autumn Getaway.

Sas was passionate about animals, particularly cats, and sought out any projects that involved painting them. She was a lover of books, painting, sewing, stitchery, baking, all holidays, glitter, and anything sparkly and pink. She loyally cared for her family, friends, and critters. We will certainly miss our dear, funny Sasue with all our hearts.

Many thanks to Audrey, of the Feral Cat Coalition, and to Charlene Butler for assistance with Sas's cats and belongings. Donations in her memory can be made to the Feral Cat Coalition, 7125 El Cajon Blvd., Suite #1, San Diego, CA 92115.



MEMBERSHIP

It has been a busy month. We have eight new members which we are listing here, making our total 108. Welcome to each one of you to our club.

1. Katherine Hellesen 630-291-7527
1129 Independence Dr Bartlett IL 60103
khellesen@comcast.net Bday 10/8
2. Elizabeth (Liz) Sharp 623-466-3682
15652 W. Shangri-la Road Surprise AZ 85379
Sharpliz64@yahoo.com Bday 4/13
3. Carmelita Brooker 909-838-36566
101 West Sunset Drive Redlands CA 92373
carmbrooker@gmail.com Bday 09/26
4. Gloria Baros 505-249-6152
3639 Tower Rd SW Albuquerque NM 87121
gebaros@yahoo.com Bday 02/27
5. Sue Shimansky 925-683-1347
2349 Hilliard Circle Antioch CA 94509
shimansky@msn.com no Bday listed
6. Billie Rotan 562-8576550
4634 Coldbrook Ave Lakewood CA 90713
Anniebooty53@gmail.com Bday 09/08
7. Amy Montgomery 607-748-3662
630 Fredericks Rd Johnson City NY 13790
Amontgom@stcy.rr.com Bday 03/25
8. Deborah Sigman 562-833-1521
5019 Adenmoor Ave Lakewood CA 90713
MOMZILLA49@hotmail.com Bday 07/30

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 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



2025 San Diego Brush Whackers
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Find us at: www.sdbbrushwhackers.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
or 619-857-8096

**RACHEL CENTER CHARITY -
PANTY RAFFLE**

Hello everyone!

We're excited to announce that this month's Panty Raffle Gift is generously donated by Rayma! She'll be bringing it with her to the June Paint In.

But that's not all - we're also collecting new underwear to support The Rachel Center, a wonderful organization that serves 100 women daily, providing them with essential services like showers and clean clothes.

Let's come together to make a difference! Please consider donating new underwear to support this amazing cause. You can drop off your donations with Joyce Hatch.

Thank you for your kindness to help.

Thank you!

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 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



More info to come in the July Newsletter!

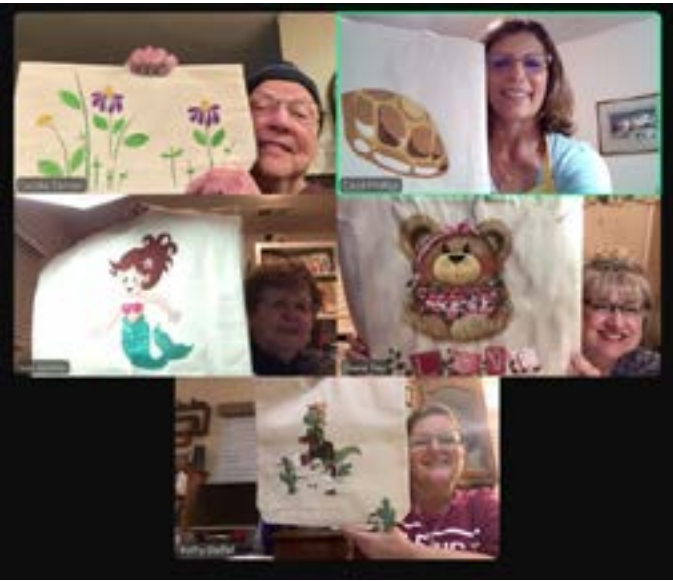


CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Bags continue to be painted for our charity project, The Monarch School, a school for homeless children , grades K- 12. We continue to meet monthly on Zoom to paint and chat with other and throw ideas around. Please join us on June 18th @ 7pm PSDT.

Here are pictures of some recent bags turned in and last months Zoom night. Contact me for bags!

Jenny Stabile
619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com



Save the Date
for a
Gingerbread Christmas
December 1, 2025



More information to come...

WAYS AND MEANS

What a nice turn out for Heidi's October Garden paint in. The raffle was full of home made items and summer fun items. Sue L. won the guessing jar. There were many different winners for the raffle this time.

For June's raffle there will be lots of patriotic items. There will be a patriotic bag and a red, white and blue table runner. The brown bag mystery item will be patriotic. Then in July we will have a "Christmas in July" raffle. So come join the fun.

- 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.

Thank you,
Charlotte



NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Okay ladies, time to think about stepping up to help the club. We will need a Treasurer and a President 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

In Loving Memory

On May 25th, Judy Meirow passed away unexpectedly. Our hearts are with her family at this time. Some of you may have known her from the Shara Reiner Seminars.



THE SAN DIEGO FAIR IS COMING: *Join the Summer Pet-Tacular!*

1. **Open House for Fair Exhibitors on Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.** Sheri and her husband, Dave, will be going to the Opening Day of the Fair and the Open House. She will check each of our entries for accurate and appropriate display.
2. **One More Volunteer NEEDED for our Make-It & Take-It on Saturday, June 14, 12:00–3:00 PM at the San Diego Fair.**
 - a. We need ONE more volunteer to provide the Make-It & Take-It at the Fair. The space is marked with clear signage and recognition of Brush Whackers Painting Club. Last year we handed out several sets of directions on how to get started painting and we were busy the entire 3 hours. Every bookmark someone paints includes the Brush Whacker contact information on the back.
 - b. You can carpool with Sheri; she can take 6 passengers and all our equipment from the Walmart parking lot at I-15 & Claremont Mesa Blvd. We received one Green Parking Pass for parking directly behind the Midway at the fair, as usual.
 - c. If you prefer to drive on your own vehicle, we received one extra parking ticket for a car to park at Horse Park.
 - d. Please contact Sheri Barker if you can help with this important community outreach and recruitment activity for Brush Whackers.
 - e. Sheri has the admission tickets and the parking passes for June 14. Please coordinate with Sheri to get your access.
3. **Pick up from Fair on Tuesday, July 8, about 1 PM.** Andrea and I will be picking up the submitted items on July 8. You are welcome to pick up your own piece if you desire. We will take all submissions to the July Paint-in for distribution.
4. Questions? Sheri Barker, 619-208-2507, dr.sheridan.barker@gmail.com

Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

8TH JUDITH GIBSON

15TH LINDA PIERCE

18TH SHARA REINER

21ST PAMELA DUFFEY

29TH DEBBIE GILL



JULY BIRTHDAYS:

3RD LORNA PARONG

4TH ROXANNE WALKER

6TH INA SCHAEFER-CHAVEZ

13TH TINA BURLASON

20TH GAIL SMITH

30TH DEBORAH SIGMAN

31ST CHERYL POWELL





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 April 12 , 2025, 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, 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.

Absent: Maddie Sanchez, Andrea Toth, and Heidi Allison.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from March 8,2025 as presented by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Sheri Barker and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 27,690.99 as of 4/12/2025, motion to approve Treasurer’s report as presented by, Joyce Hatch seconded by, Carol Phillips and passed.

Communications: None

New Business: 50th Birthday for SDBW, Discussion; Many thoughts for ideas, will discuss further at next meeting.

Old Business: None

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, 8 signed up for April’s class, 4 signed up for May.

Membership: Donna Eledge, 99 members 2 from AZ. Rosters are out.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, Updated with pictures and newsletter.

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, Bag painting date updated.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, supplies and wood also a free table.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, sending out Beautiful handmade cards.

Historian: Sally Anson, plans to be at paint-in to take pictures.

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

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, Raffle prize today wooden wreath painted by Roxanne , May will have a hanging mat.

Children’s Charities: Jenny Stabile, Bag painting night Wednesday the 16th of April.

Seminars: NA

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, Club donation categories are, Fair theme, Natural, Other, Holiday. Send \$50 gift cards to winners from the club. Reception for Entrants is Wednesday June 11th from 6 to 8pm. You get 2 tickets for your entry. Make and Take is June 14th from 12 to 3pm.

Autumn Getaway: Heidi Allison, all submissions in, there are 50 from 14 teachers. Voting Brochure out this week.

Holiday Party: Debbie Patenaude, trotting along, painting party today. Some things already done. Send save the date for December 1st.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, NR

Closing Statements: Happy Easter!!!

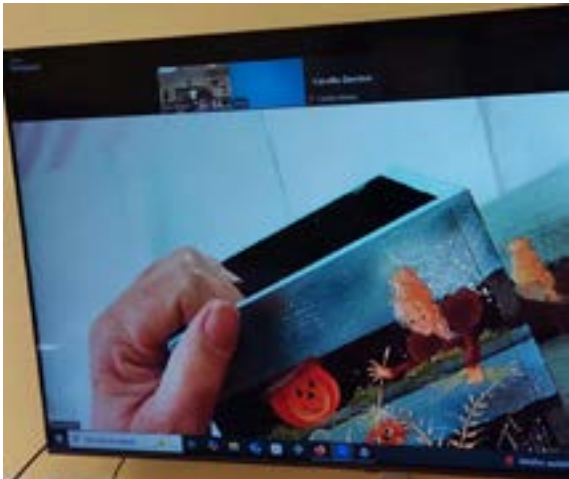
Next Board Meeting: May 10, 2025, at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Carol Phillips seconded by Jenny Stabile

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:18am

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton

PICTURES FROM THE MAY PAINT-IN WITH HEIDI ALLISON



PICTURES FROM THE APRIL PAINT-IN WITH PENNY HOBBS



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