



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe it is almost spring! Spring and Easter bring warm days with beautiful flowers blooming. I love this time of year. We had a fun paint in with Sandy in February. We got very close to finishing and it was so fun to see Sandy. She will be teaching again in April. Sign up soon.

Cecelia and her crew are working hard to make our birthday bash so much fun!! Sandy has designed the roster cover and is providing stencils and an e-packet. Watch the newsletter and your e-mail for information about picking up your box of supplies for the birthday project. Those of you that are out of town, will have your box mailed to you. We have a full house in person and lots of zoomers.

"Sisterhood of the traveling brushes" will be here before you know it. Sally is coordinating this awesome event. Teachers are starting to send in projects, voting will be soon. Watch your newsletter and e-mails for information on voting for projects to be taught at AGA.

I am sad to say that we don't have a chair person for the Christmas party. We have the Bali Hai reserved, so we will have a dinner and install our officers. We also will be having a raffle because that helps Rachel's House. Please consider coordinating this event. Because it is later in the year, table center pieces and favors can be purchased rather than painted.

The San Diego Fair is coming up fast. Consider entering a painted piece. Sheri and Andrea will take it to the fair. You just need to bring it to the May paint in for them to pick it up. Sheri has put the information in the newsletter.

Lastly, enjoy your painting time with friends and on zoom. Time together is precious. I am so honored to be a part of this group of women.

Thank you  
Pam

## PROGRAMS

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Hello friends!

February brought us lots of rain and fun too! We had a great class with our friend, Sandy LeFlore. We had a cute and colorful Halloween paint in. We had a good showing of ladies to paint this project and some folks online too.

March is bringing lots of weeds to my yard, as well as flowers. I hope you all are enjoying our early spring. We will have a wonderful design to paint on March 21. It is a Maxine Thomas design, being taught by Linda LaRocco.

Get signed up, we hope to see you all there.

Kind regards,  
Nancy

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	<p><b>MARCH 21</b></p> <p><b>Project: Rockin' Christmas</b>                  Teacher: Linda LaRocco via Zoom                  Designer: Maxine Thomas                  Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00</p>		<p><b>APRIL 18</b></p> <p><b>Project: "Red, White and Bloom"</b>                  Teacher/Designer: Sandy LeFlore via Zoom                  Class Fee: \$25.00 / Non-Member: \$30.00                  Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00                  Surface Fee: Size is 9" x 12", surface of your choice                  Medium: Acrylics                  Skill Level: Intermediate</p>
<p>Packet/Supplies Fee: \$0.00                  Surface Fee: Surface of your choice. Original painted on a 12" wooden scoop plate or 10 ½ inch paper mâché box                  Medium: Acrylics                  Skill Level: Intermediate</p>			





# 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 x\_\_b\_\_n\_\_r\_\_



## 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



**I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT SAN DIEGO BRUSHWHACKERS 2026 memberships have reached 116. Good Job all.**

Welcome to our newest members:

Deborah Mathews 425 681-8575  
10311 Cadena Court Spring TX 77379  
[Dbmathews@att.net](mailto:Dbmathews@att.net) Bday 11/12

Brenda Olsen 602-810-1801  
4628 W. Laurie Lane Glendale AZ 85302  
[Bolsen1958@hotmail.com](mailto:Bolsen1958@hotmail.com) Bday 03/28

We have several returning members  
Ann Passinisi 619 954-2279  
940 South Grade Rd Alpine CA 91901  
[Annspaintingboutique@gmail.com](mailto:Annspaintingboutique@gmail.com) Bday 7/20

Sherry Walker 619 913-7072  
1783 Monte Vista Rd I Cajon CA 92020  
[rvwego@att.net](mailto:rvwego@att.net) Bday 8/24

Corrected email address for Patricia Kaminsky:  
[pattykaminsky@gmail.com](mailto:pattykaminsky@gmail.com)

**Our 2026 membership form is available in the newsletter and on the website.**

Please 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***

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](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)**

**Thank you. Donna Kidd Eledge**



## PANTY RAFFLE SUPPORTS WOMEN IN NEED

Dear Brush Whackers,

Please find this month's newsletter, which includes the announcement of a special raffle to benefit the Rachel Center.

The Rachel Center is a vital organization that serves 100 women daily, providing essential services such as hot meals, showers, clean clothing, computer access, and medical care.

This month's raffle features unique items donated by Jenny Stabile, who has personally painted several pieces for this cause.

For every pair of new underwear you donate, you'll receive a ticket. If you would like to purchase tickets, they are \$2.00 a ticket.

Thank you for your continued support in providing these essential resources to the women in our community.

Best regards,

Joyce Hatch



## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thank you painting buddies for continuing to paint bags for the Monarch School. We have restarted our Wednesday night ZOOM bag painting night. Its nice to paint with others and get ideas for the bags. Come join us Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm. And email will go out prior to the date with ZOOM invite. You can notify me anytime for bags. I am most usually at the paint-ins as well.

The picture is of bags turned in at the February paint-in.

Thank you so much  
Jenny.

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



# Happy Birthday Brush Whackers



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

2ND	KAY FRIED	13TH	JEAN TRIMPE
4TH	LAURA CLEGG	17TH	CAROL BEERS
5TH	SUE KLEIN	25TH	AMY MONTGOMERY
7TH	THERESA BOONE	25TH	BONNIE DOMINGUEZ
10TH	DEBBIE RAMO	30TH	MARTHALENE ROBERTS
11TH	PAT GETTEMEYER		



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

4TH	MARY WEFLEN
10TH	CAROL SANTOS
17TH	KAREN ORTMAN
17TH	CHERYL WASSERBAUER
23RD	SUE LUDLAM
26TH	MADELYNN SANCHEZ



## AUTUMN GET AWAY UPDATE

We are in to our 1st trimester (LOL) of the planning for our awesome event. So much interest from so many of you in bringing this event to our members. If I haven't gotten back to those that have already reached out...hold on...I'm getting to ya!. Be looking for more FB Lives and e-mail blasts for updates. Focus this month is on table decor...think theme, inspirational phrases...and more. Thank you to all. And if you have any thoughts, questions, suggestions please reach out to me at:

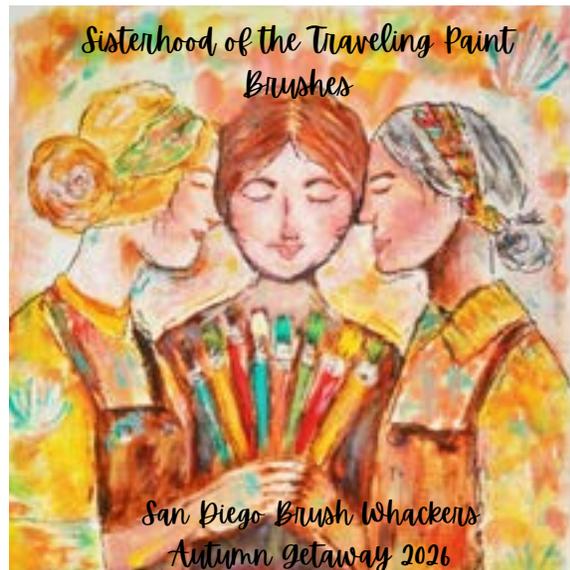
SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com

Text to 619-616-8700

Facebook message SallysSeasonals

Thanks to all!

Sally



## WAYS AND MEANS

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We had a nice raffle at February's paint in. There were give aways as well as the guessing jar. Everyone is getting better at guessing the correct number!! I will not be at the March Paint in. Andrea and Nancy will be setting up the raffle items, mostly Spring and Easter items. Painting in person can be so much fun. Think about joining us if you can.

Happy Painting!

- Pam



## Sisterhood of the Traveling Paint Brushes

San Diego Brush Whackers  
41st Annual Autumn Get-Away

Wednesday-Friday, September 15-18, 2026  
Viejas Casino & Resort  
Alpine, California

This event is always full of fantastic classes, food, fun, friendship, a great raffle, and lots of laughter!

We would like to invite you to submit projects to teach at the Get-Away. This is an *in-person* event. Classes will be held Wednesday through Friday and are for all levels of painters. Submissions using various painting mediums (acrylics, watercolors, pencils, mixed media, etc.) are welcome.

Here are the details:

- **Submissions are due by April 3, 2026**
- **To submit:** Email a high-resolution image (jpeg format) and project description information sheet (see next page) for each submission to [jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com) with [AGA Teacher Submission](#) in the subject line of the email. We recommend your project photo be taken with proper lighting, contrasting background and full-frame (as close-up as possible with minimal background showing). Up to 3 photos per project may be submitted to show all project sides.
- If you are unable to submit your project by email, please mail a 4" x 6" quality photo and project description information sheet (see page 3) to:

Jenny Stabile  
6838 Arverne Ct.  
San Diego, CA 92111-3309  
619-917-7177

- **Project selection:** Projects are voted on by the Brush Whacker members and the projects that receive the most votes are offered at the Get-Away.
- **Project fee:** For all classes that are selected, teachers are required to provide students with prepped surfaces, patterns, instructions, photos, class paint and any materials needed to complete the project (i.e., glue, DecoPage, screws, hanging wire, material for bows, etc.). Teachers should include the cost of these items in their project fee. Project fees are paid directly to teachers by their students at the Get-Away.
- **Specialty items:** Teachers should list any specialty items students need to bring to class on the project description information sheet. Teachers may sell specialty items (stencils, stamps, brushes, etc.) to their students at the Get-Away. Teachers will be provided with the email addresses of their students so they may contact the students and take pre-orders of specialty items prior to the get-away if they wish.
- **Class size:** Maximum number of students per class is 15. If you have a minimum of 8 students enrolled in your class at the registration deadline, you are under contract to teach that class. If there are less than 8 students enrolled, it will be your choice whether to teach the class or not.
- **Class fee:** Teachers will receive \$20.00 per student for a 4-hour class. All classes are 4 hours. Teachers receive class fees for all registered students including any “no shows”.
- **Classroom:** Teachers will need to bring any equipment they wish to use to teach (i.e., camera, projector, screen, extension cords, power strips, etc.). Tables will be provided by the resort. All classes will be held in a large ballroom. Students will be seated two to a table. A staging area will be available to store your class materials. Please label your boxes clearly.
- **Registration:** We would love for our teachers to participate in the entire event, including classes, lodging, and meals. The painting room fees are covered by meeting our hotel and food guarantees.
- Please email me with any questions about individual meal or room costs.
- A mileage reimbursement is **not** provided.
- **Teachers may submit projects for up to 20 hours of class time...in 4-hour blocks.**

Submissions are voted on by the San Diego Brush Whacker membership, using your photo and description alone, so please be detailed about size, surface, medium and include a high-resolution image or quality photograph for each submission. **Voting will take place online from April 13 – 22, 2026.** You will be notified of the results by April 27, 2026.

I hope you will consider sharing your talent with us! This event averages 65 painters which includes our members, along with painters from other clubs. Feel free to email Sally with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

*Sally Anson*

AGA 2026 Chair Gal      Email: [SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com](mailto:SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com)      Call or Text: 619-616-8700

## Photo Submission Information for *Sisterhood of the Traveling Paint Brushes 2026*

Please include this information in your submission email or print legibly if submitting this form with photos.

**Title of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Artist/Designer of Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am the artist/designer of this project OR I have received permission to teach the above-named artist/designer's project.**

**YES NO (Circle one)**

**“Ghost” Opportunity definition** – Teacher is paid full class fee and project fee for a “ghost” student. That student will receive the prepped project, photo, written instructions, and all supplies that a regular student does, although they are not physically in the class. We offer this option for those who sincerely want to take a particular class, but it conflicts with another class they want to take in the time slot it is offered. The “Ghost” opportunity is a teacher’s option.

**Would you like to offer the “Ghost” student opportunity for this project? YES NO (circle one)**

Class length: 4 hours

Difficulty level: Beg Int Adv (Circle one)

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Project cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Surface Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Special supplies students are required to bring for class: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any preferences regarding your teaching schedule? We will have morning and afternoon classes only this year. (i.e., prefer to teach on Wednesday or Thursday, mornings only, back-to-back classes, etc.)? We will do our best to meet your preferences as much as is practicable, but by submitting you are agreeing to be available for any of the class sessions.

If so, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include all information requested above and email it along with your high-resolution image by the **submission deadline of April 3, 2026**, to: [jensbusy@gmail.com](mailto:jensbusy@gmail.com). If mailing hardcopy submissions, send to: Jenny Stabile, 6838 Arverne Ct., San Diego, CA 92111.

Questions? Email Sally at [SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com](mailto:SallysSeasonals@yahoo.com) or text/call (619.616.8700)

## Tentative Schedule for *Sisterhood of the Traveling Paint Brushes 2026*

### **Tuesday, September 15**

5:00-6:30pm

Teacher set-up and check-in for Wed.

### **Wednesday, September 16**

8:00am

Teacher Set-up begins

8:00am

Check-in begins

8:30am

Painting room opens

9:00am – 1pm

**Class Session 1**

1:15pm – 2:00pm

Lunch

2:15pm - 6:15pm

**Class Session 2**

4:00pm

Hotel Check-in Begins

Dinner &amp; Evening fun

On your own

### **Thursday, September 17**

7:30 - 8:30 am

Breakfast

9am - 1:00pm

**Class Session 3**

1:15pm - 2:00pm

Lunch

2:15pm - 6:15pm

**Class Session 4**

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Buffet Dinner &amp; General Meeting

7:30pm - 7:50 pm

General Meeting

8:00pm – 9:30pm

Raffle

### **Friday, September 18**

7:30am - 8:30am

Breakfast

9:00am - 1:00pm

**Class Session 5**

11:00am

Hotel Check-out



### **Competitive Fair Entries are OPEN! Register your Entry NOW!**

Here are the pertinent details:

- Fair entries are \$10 each.
- Max 2 entries per Class per exhibitor. You may enter as many Classes as desired.
- **Entry Deadline: Monday May 4, 7:59 PM**
- Project needs to have been completed within the last 2 years.
- Each exhibitor will receive two (2) Fair Entry Tickets.

### **TO REGISTER**

SD Fair.com MENU choices to entry:

1. Participate
2. Competitive Exhibits
3. Arts & Crafts Competitions
4. Home Arts & Hobbies
5. Decorative Arts & Crafts
6. Decorative Painting (Scroll down to bottom of page. **ORANGE ENTER NOW!** button follows Timeline, Eligibility, 2026 Rules, Entry Fees, Fair Tickets, How to Enter, Judging, Awards, etc.
7. Decorative Arts: Division 112
8. Tole Painting and Folk Art: Class 004. (Note there are different classes for Gourd art, Glass painting & Other Decorative Arts that you may choose).

Brush Whackers, as listed in the Donated Awards section, will provide **4 Donated Awards**.

Three (3) cash awards will be given to adults in the Decorative Painting Division, and 1 award will go to a Youth entry for a painted or colored pencil piece entered in the Youth Competition: Home Arts | Creative Youth (ages 5-17), Division 202 or 203.

**Brush Whacker Fair Entries will be picked at Saturday, May 16 Paint In by 12:00 noon.**

If you would like your fair entry taken with the group, please wrap it safely and attach a copy of your item registration to the package.

### **Expanding Brush Whacker's Fair presence:**

- We hope to showcase our club and our art with many pieces in the Fair Competition.
- We plan to host a Make & Take (date to be determined) for fair participants to learn about decorative painting and, specifically our Brush Whacker's Painting Club.
- We hope a couple members will be willing to actively paint an item during our Make & Take session (maybe on bags for Monarch School, allowing us to promote one of the charities we support).

Watch for additional information in the next couple newsletters!

## PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY PAINT IN WITH SANDY LEFLORE



**BUSY PAINTERS  
HARD AT WORK**



## PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY PAINT IN WITH SANDY LEFLORE

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**HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS!**



## 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.

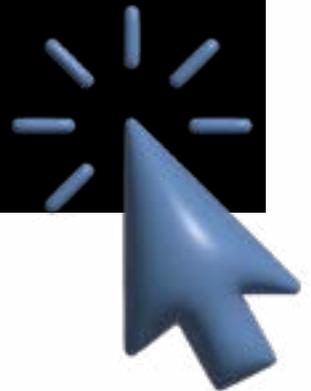
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## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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



## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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. We are still in need of Christmas Party chairperson.

- Sally Anson

# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

**Board Meeting Minutes** for, January 10, 2026, Via Zoom

**Call To Order:** The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:04 am

**Present:** Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, , Maddie Sanchez, Kathy Steffel, ~~Sheri Barker~~, Andrea Toth, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, ~~Charlotte Hicks~~, Nancy Wilson.

**Absent:** Sheri Barker and Charlotte Hicks.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from November 8, 2025, as presented by, Andrea Toth seconded by, Donna Eledge and passed.

Motion to approve minutes from General Membership Meeting on December 1, 2025, as presented by, Carol Phillips seconded by, Donna Eledge and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** ~~Kathy Steffel~~ Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 29,109.93 as of 1/10/2026 motion to approve Treasurer's report as corrected by, Carol Phillips seconded by, Joyce Hatch and passed.

**Communications:** Sandy LeFlore sent a card with check for \$78.10 for the sale of Sandi Strecker items.

**New Business:** Schedule Audit for January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am at Pam's house. Kathy Steffel, Sue Ludlam, Donna Eledge and Pam Lieberknecht.

Statement of information filed with the State of CA.

**Old Business:** 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash, 12 signed up 2 on Zoom.

Further discussion is needed to decide if outside accounting is necessary.

Working on setting up Pay Pal.

## Reports:

**Programs:** Nancy Wilson/Andrea Toth, 17 signed up for January class.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge, 93 members signed up. Sending pins out to new members.

**Newsletter:** Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolf, website updated with newsletter and sign-up forms.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile, might add tole painters unite.

**Ways & Means:** Pam Lieberknecht, organization stuff.

**Hospitality:** Charlotte Hicks, Irma's family sent a thank you note for the club's important part in her life.

**Historian:** Sally Anson, will send pictures to Maddie for the newsletter.

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

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch, Raffle piece donated by Donna Eledge, a snowman topiary.

**Children's Charities:** Jenny Stabile, Zoom bag night January 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm.

Carol Phillips will send mass email on Monday.

**Seminars:**

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, no new news, but will need volunteer for the make and take it session. No set date yet.

**Autumn Getaway:** Sally Anson, doing another Facebook live to get more help. Committee's can meet by Zoom or in person.

**Holiday Party:** discussed changing from Dinner to Lunch. Kathy Steffel will check prices at MCRD.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton, call to see what our donation is needed for.

**Closing Statements:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** February 14, 2026, at 9:00 am,

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Carol Phillips, seconded by Joyce Hatch.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:19 am

**Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton**





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