



# THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I hope everyone is staying cool with these hot August temperatures. It is a perfect time to stay in the air conditioning and paint. SMSC has very good air conditioning, so you might want to come paint with us in August. Rayma is teaching a really pretty sunflower. You could paint it on all sorts of surfaces. I hope to see you there.

Karen's "Vintage Greeting" project was really fun. I have trouble painting anything realistic, but Karen walked us through the poinsettias step by step. We were all able to complete a realistic looking flower. Thank you, Karen, for a wonderful class.

"Festive Fall" is just around the corner. Carol P. and Cecelia have been working really hard to make this an awesome time for everyone. At this event, you will be able to sign up for the Christmas party, renew your membership for 2024 and vote for projects for 2024. I can't wait to see you all there.

Christmas is coming and Karen and Charlotte have been busy with all the details for "Come home for Christmas". It is at the beautiful Bali Hai. Don't miss this wonderful celebration!

What is more fun than FREE? The March seminar is free to members. You will only need to get your own surface and paints. The teacher will be on zoom, but we will be painting at SMSC. Of course, you can always zoom as well. To participate in this free event, you must have your membership turned in before the end of 2023.

So much is happening in our club. Please join us for any events that you can. Participation is very important to a volunteer organization. We will be looking for volunteers to take over some board positions at the general meeting in September at Viejas.

Happy painting.

Pam

## PROGRAMS

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President Pam's Painted Poinsettias Presented as on-Point Perfection. Like the alliteration? Well, Karen's "Vintage Greetings" was quite the challenge for a few and really brought out the best in all. Karen gave out loads of information, ie, using oil techniques while painting with acrylics, the blending, warm vs cold. Almost hard to keep up – sure am glad it was recorded so I can go back and review. Many finished and the rest are on their way. Karen, thank you for sharing your talents with us and a wonderful day of painting.

Next up ... the sunflower from the sunflower state will be teaching – what else – the "Sunflower" by Rosemary West. This is an "exercise" I dry-brushing – you will be an expert by the time we are done. Come paint with me on August 19th. Cost is \$25 (\$30 for non-members). Registration is open. FYI: Minimal prep!!!!

Autumn Get-Away's "Festive Fall" is happening in September. So excited.

Heidi Allison will be sharing Chris Thorton-Deeson's "Trick-or-Treat" on October 21st. For all who love Halloween – or know someone who does – this is the perfect piece. Super cute. Registration is \$25 (\$30 non-member). Surface is 10.5" x 12" and available through Pinecraft (\$24.95 approx.) A discount code is available once registration is received. Class is filling, so hurry.

Janet Mitchell will help us get ready for Christmas by teaching "The Ornament Collection" by Sandra Malone on November 18th. Cost is \$25 (\$30 non-member). Janet's classes are always fun.

That does it for 2023 Paint-Ins. Hint. Hint. Hint. Teachers, submissions are due by August 15th and we certainly hope you will be sending in a few selections for voting in September via email or while at AGA. Thank you.

See you in August all my flower-children.

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## CHILDREN'S CHARITY

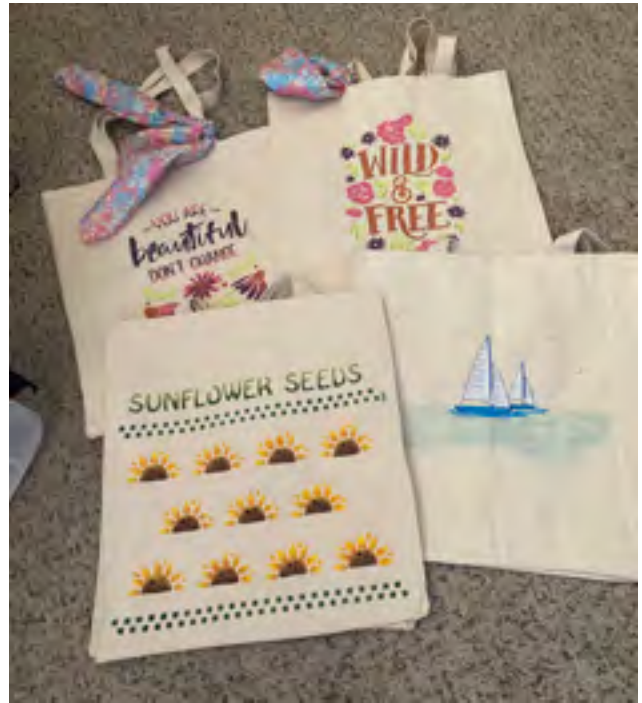
Hi Brush Whackers friends,

I would love to see bags turned in at Autumn Get Away. REMEMBER, you will get one ticket per bag for the general raffle. I will be at the August paint-in if you want to pick up bags, or give me a call or text and we can make arrangements to get you some so you have time to get them painted up. Of course, you can turn them in any other time as well.

Here is a picture of some recent bags.

Looking forward to hopefully see some of you in September at Autumn Get Away.

Jenny. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com



## SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS' AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

<b>2ND</b>	<b>TERI HAYES</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>SHANNON ERLANDSEN</b>
<b>12TH</b>	<b>KATHY STEFFEL</b>
<b>13TH</b>	<b>RAYMA STEWART</b>
<b>17TH</b>	<b>CINDY WORTHY</b>
<b>19TH</b>	<b>DEIRDRE PARKINEN</b>
<b>22ND</b>	<b>NANCY DONAHUE</b>
<b>29TH</b>	<b>SASUE NICKLAS</b>





## FACEBOOK NEWS

Hi Painting Friends,

We've solved the issue for our Facebook page. It will have the same name. It is now a **GROUP** that members can post in. Before it was a page, so only admin were able to post things. You can go to the new **GROUP** at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandiegobrushwhackers> and Click on the **JOIN** button. Looking forward to seeing you. Show us what you have been working on, tell us about new products you've tried and an upcoming class you would to share with us. Lets have fun.

Please note: The **GROUP** is open now and the old **PAGE** is now shut down.

Jenny Stabile 619 917 7177  
jensbusy@gmail.com



## WAYS AND MEANS

I hope everyone is trying to stay cool. Perfect time to paint. Hope you can join us in August for Rayma's Sunflower. The Christmas in July raffle was a lot of fun!! We earned \$191. What a generous group of ladies! Carol P. won the most. The really cute gingerbread guessing jar (donated by Jenny) was won by Joyce. August will be all about supplies. With our "Festive Fall" get away coming up, you may need the extra supplies. There will be a fall guessing jar.

Happy Painting!!

- 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 [claudysc@rocketmail.com](mailto:claudysc@rocketmail.com).

Thank you,  
Claudia



## PANTY RAFFLE

Hi Everyone, Hope your summer is going well. Our Club donates underwear to the Rachael Center, a day time safe house, located in downtown San Diego. A place to get a meal, take a shower, get clean clothes, help with a resume, use of a computer, even see a doctor. Every month someone has volunteered to provide a gift to encourage members to bring in new underwear. You receive a ticket for every pair you bring to our Paint-In. The volunteer this month is a painted basket by Sue Ludlam.

Hugs,

Joyce Hatch



**Have you saved the date yet???**  
**March 16, 2024...Holly Hanley Seminar....YES! She will be bringing us her fun, happy style of painting via ZOOM to our St. Maddie's Sophie Center Classroom.**  
**Make plans to join us now. Project details next month....for now, know this....it will be FREE to all SDBW members if you have joined by 12/31/23...yes FREE! You will be responsible for surface and supplies, but that info will come later. We will have a raffle for all to participate even if you choose to zoom seminar from your own craft room.**  
**Stay tuned for all the deets!**

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Keep up with the latest information on [www.sdbushwhackers.com](http://www.sdbushwhackers.com)

Download or print out the new 2023 Paint In schedule. All forms for the year are available to print out.

Be sure to check out all of the links to see what we're all about. Visit soon!

Thank you,  
 Carol Wolfe

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is holding at ninety five.

New membership and renewals can always be sent to:  
**Donna Kidd Eledge**  
**144 Landis Ave**  
**Chula Vista, CA 91910**



Be certain to completely fill out the form and attach your check for \$15.00. Make your check payable to:

***SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS***

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

### **FANS OF DECORATIVE PAINTING ASKING FOR INFO**

Our 2023 Brush Whackers' Make & Take Booth at the Fair was a HUGE success. We had a full table of participants within 30 minutes of opening the booth at noon until the session ended at 3:00 PM. We estimate 40-50 men, women and children painted with us that afternoon, and several asked specific questions about how to get lessons or join Brush Whackers. Our website was on every bookmark that was painted, and some took additional bookmarks to paint at home! Thank you to our volunteers for making this a fun and exciting afternoon—Donna Eledge, Debi Byrd, Andrea (and Chris) Toth, and Sheri Barker.

Plan ahead to join us next year—by entering a HomeMade project (or 2 or 3) for competition AND/OR joining us for another Make & Take session. You get a free Fair ticket for each competitive entry, two or more free tickets if you RSVP for the HomeMade reception on opening day (a great day to visit the fair!!), and a free ticket with a parking pass on the day of our Make & Take. (I have been promised the info will be available much earlier next year, so we can plan more effectively to participate). We look forward to having you join us next year at the San Diego Fair!!

Thank you,  
 Sheri Barker



**It's almost time for our "Festive Fall" Get-Away!!**

**Are you ready for a fun-filled few days with friends?**

**The Autumn Get-Away raffle is the largest of the year and it is amazing because of you, our generous attendees.**

**We appreciate your donations.**

**The proceeds of the raffle go towards Brush Whacker's annual operating expenses.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE AN EXTRA RAFFLE TICKET  
OR TWO OR THREE OR ???**

Please bring your painted canvas bags for the Monarch School and you will receive an extra raffle ticket per bag.

If you need bags, please contact Jenny Stabile 619-917-7177

**Students, you will receive an email from Cecelia with your class schedule & event check-in details by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>**





## Paint In Projects for 2023



AUGUST 19, 2023

Project: SUNFLOWER

Teacher: Rayma Stewart

Designer: Rosemary West

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge

Surface Fee: Surface of choice

7" resize as needed



October 21, 2023

Project: TRICK OR TREAT

Teacher: Heidi Allison

Designer: Chris Thornton-Deason

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge

Surface Fee: Ordering information coming soon.

Surface of choice

10.5" x 12"



NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Project: ORNAMENT COLLECTION

Teacher: Janet Mitchell

Designer: Sandra Malone

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: No Charge

Surface Fee: Surface of choice

13" x 10"



# 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: Rayma Stewart 17355 Plaza Maria, San Diego, CA 92128-2246	

Save the Date...



and...

## "COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS"

If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendars and get ready to join us for the annual Brush Whackers Painting Club Christmas/Holiday party!

Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bali Hai Restaurant in San Diego, 6:00 p.m.

A few fun details...

- Keep painting, crafting, making, finding donations for our amazing raffle. We look forward to this one ALL year!
- You don't have to bring an ornament this year (pew). We might have a special one for you instead (wink, wink).
- You will get TEN bonus raffle tickets with early sign up.
- We're still working on our registration flyer, so hold on tight.

Your committee is working hard to prepare a wonderful evening for you and we can't wait to have you join us.

See you soon!

Karen Ortman, Charlotte Hicks & our amazing Committee

# SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS, INC.

**Board Meeting Minutes** for, June 10, 2023. Via Zoom

**Call To Order:** The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:06 am

**Present:** Pam Lieberknecht, Carol Wolfe, Donna Eledge, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Rayma Stewart, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Charlotte Hicks.

**Absent:** Cecelia Denton, Maddie Sanchez, Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth, Claudia Sepulveda, Karen Ortman, Kathy Steffel.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from May 13, 2023, as presented by, Charlotte Hicks, seconded by Rayma Stewart and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Ludlam reported a balance as of \$23,514.08 as of June 10, 2023. Motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by Donna Eledge, seconded by Joyce Hatch, and passed.

**Communications:** Pam Lieberknecht notified SMSC of June cancellation.

**New Business:** June Paint-in cancelled. Discussed ways to promote club events. Suggestions were advertising/promoting club events in other clubs' newsletters, through various Facebook painting groups, teachers possibly promoting their class on Facebook. It was also discussed to do a member survey as to why members are not participating.

**Old Business:** It was decided to keep non SDBW classes as a separate addendum sent along with the newsletter.

## Reports:

**Programs:** Rayma Stewart/Carol Wolfe: 4 people are signed up for July Paint-in. 3 people are signed up for August Paint-in. Submission letters are going out for the 2024 paint-ins. Need to promote submissions/possibly subject matter.

**Membership:** Donna Eledge- 95 Members. Inform Donna of any corrections needed for Roster. 2024 Membership forms ready to go in AGA goodie bags.

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

**Web Editor:** Carol Wolfe- Adding separate addendum of other clubs projects to website.

**Facebook:** Jenny Stabile – Facebook has been updated. We are now a “group”. Anyone can post on our page.

**Ways & Means:** Pam Lieberknecht- July raffle will be “Christmas in July”.

**Hospitality:** Claudia Sepulveda – Sending cards as needed

**Historian:** Sally Anson- No report

**Audio Visual:** Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht- Kathy Steffel will do Zoom for November Paint-in.

**Charities/Panty Raffle:** Joyce Hatch – Carol Wolfe is donating panty raffle prize for July.

**Children’s Charities:** Jenny Stabile – 34 bags were delivered to Monarch School. Paint & brushes from Kathy Smith were also donated.

**San Diego County Fair:** Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth- Pam reported that 4 people volunteered for “Make-it, Take-it” session. The space to display our artwork is good.

**Seminars:** Sally Anson - Holly is working on a design (no gnomes). Seminar will be free to members if membership is renewed by Dec 31, 2023. Open to non-members. Cost to be determined.

**Autumn Getaway:** Cecelia Denton/Carol Phillips - 69 people have registered. 6 classes are full, with ghost option still available. 4 classes have a few seats left; all others have seats available.

**Holiday Party:** Charlotte Hicks, Karen Ortman- All plans are going well. Details coming soon in the newsletter. Registration form will be added to the AGA goodie bag.

**SMSC Liaison:** Cecelia Denton – No report

**Closing Statements:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** July 8, 2023, at 9:00 am.

**Motion to adjourn made by:** Donna Eledge, seconded by, Jenny Stabile.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:07am**

**Respectfully submitted by:** Carol Phillips for Cecelia Denton



## **San Diego Brush Whackers** **2023 Annual Membership Form**

**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 2023 are \$15.00**

Please make checks payable to: **San Diego Brush Whackers**

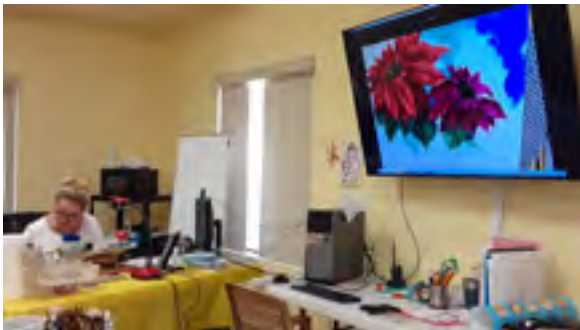
Mail check to our Membership Chairperson:

Donna Kidd Eledge  
144 Landis Ave  
Chula Vista CA 91910

Questions: [jdbeldg@yahoo.com](mailto:jdbeldg@yahoo.com)  
or 619-857-8096

## PICTURES FROM THE JULY PAINT IN WITH KAREN ORTMAN

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