



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Heidi and Jolene with their crew did an amazing job on "Broomstick Bash"! We had so much fun and laughter. I really enjoy my time with all of you ladies. If you couldn't come to our get away this year, hopefully you can come in September 2026.

For October, we have Ann P. painting her own blue pumpkin design. It is just in time for fall and Thanksgiving. It is a beautiful piece and Ann is a wonderful teacher. It can be painted on any surface. It is not too late to sign up.

Jenny collected a lot of bags for the Monarch school. They were all so fun and every one was unique. Thank you to all who painted a bag or two or more. Wednesday, bag painting night, will be back in the new year. It is a lot of fun to get together and share ideas. It is on zoom so you can participate in your pajamas.

Christmas Party is just around the corner. If you didn't sign up at AGA, look in the newsletter for the registration. The AGA raffle subsidizes the dinner so members just pay \$25. Bali Hai is a beautiful venue. Debbie P. and her team have worked very hard all year to make this a really fun celebration. It comes at the beginning of the holiday season. Hope you can join us.

Lastly, 2026 is our clubs 50th anniversary. Yes, SDBW was started in 1976. There will be a special paint in to celebrate. Be sure to renew your membership by January 31st to participate in our party. Check your newsletter in the months to come for more information.

Thank you to all who continually volunteer!!

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PROGRAMS

Hello everyone!

We want to give a BIG shout out to Heidi Allison, Jolene Cooley, their committee and all the teachers and other volunteers that made Autumn Get Away an awesome event this year. We had a fantastic time at the Broomstick Bash! We had so many new first-time attendees and people traveled from all over the U. S. to attend the SDBW AGA. It was a grand time and great to see old friends and meet new friends.

We are excited to welcome Ann Passanisi back for this month's Paint-In. Ann will be teaching her own cute design featuring a scarecrow, sunflowers and pumpkins. The design can be resized to fit any surface of your choice, or you may purchase the surface Ann used from either Pine Craft or Smooth Cut Wood. There is still time to sign up.

The following are signed up for the October paint-in:

Lorna Parong, Joyce Hatch, Kathy Steffel, Sheila Elliott, Barbara Trent, Carol Phillips, Jenny Stabile, Pam Lieberknecht, Debbie Gill, Charlotte Hicks, Marilyn Winder, Nancy Wilson and Andrea Toth

In November Janet Mitchell is 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.

Thank you to all who voted for the 2026 Paint-Ins. The year at a glance will be published later this month.

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
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your pattern to something in your stash

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Intermediate



San Diego Brush Whackers

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

 Last Name First Birthday ____/____
 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

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MEMBERSHIP

Autumn Getaway was a fabulous time. I am happy to report we have already received 43 new and renewed 2026 membership forms. The 2026 membership form will be available now in the newsletter and on the website.



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

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You can also call and I can email to you. Be certain that we always have 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

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

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Our slate of officers will be in November newsletter. Please let us know if you are interested in helping on any of the positions.

Sally Anson

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



CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Hello my painting friends ,

38 painted bags were turned in at Autumn Getaway. Thank you so much. Debbie Patenaude won the Painted Bag raffle . I'll be taking nearly 50 bags to the Monarch School in a few weeks. We will resume ZOOM bag night in January. You can contact me anytime for pick up or dropoff.

Here is a selection of the latest bags turned in.

Jenny.

619 917 7177. Jensbusy@gmail.com



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

Rachel Center is providing essential support to women in need, and our club is contributing by donating an item to be won in exchange for underwear donations. Heidi Allison's donation this month is greatly appreciated.

The center offers vital services like meals, showers, and clean clothes. Donating underwear can significantly impact the lives of these women, providing dignity and comfort.

If you're interested in supporting Rachel Center by donating an item to be given at the monthly meeting, please let me know which month you'd like to participate next year. Every contribution counts!

Thank you for your continued support,

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,

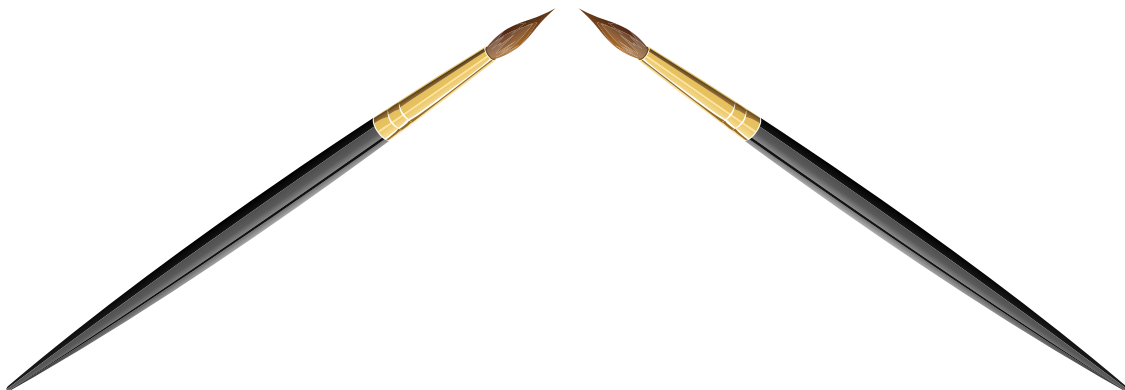
Charlotte



WAYS AND MEANS

Next month we will have a free table as well as raffle items. The items will be Fall and Halloween as well as painting tools. There was a huge raffle at our Broomstick Bash!! It was amazing. Thank you to all who donated.

- Pam



Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

5TH	CHARLENE BUTLER
14TH	MARION BARNETT
16TH	LESLIE PILCHER
17TH	PATTY NEWELL
18TH	CHRISTINE TAYLOR-LEOI
20TH	KATHI HILL
20TH	DIANE JENSEN
22ND	JAN MCCRACKEN
26TH	SALLY ANSON
27TH	JUDY KOVI
27TH	ESTHER CARRION





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

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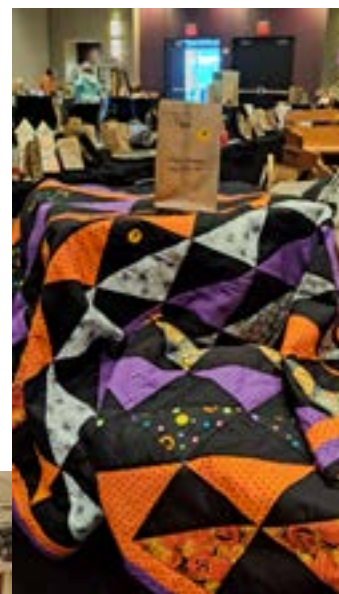
OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS!



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A BIG RAFFLE AND JUST A FEW OF OUR HAPPY WINNERS!





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