



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Who knew how much fun it was to color on wood? Rayma came to town and taught a technique I haven't done before. We had no prep and the piece was already lined with the pattern. It was a lot of fun and we finished except for dots.

Our March paint in is another in person, no prep project. Sally Anson will bring the supplies to create her autumn piece. You just need to bring regular painting supplies.

Some of you may remember Bonnie Bell from years past. She was a member of hh for a long time. Sadly, she passed away in February. Her family said that she was always thankful for all her painting friends. Her family donated some beautiful pieces of wood for our raffle. There are also some painting books that are out of print. The books will be available at the next few paint ins on the free table.

Lastly, we need new people on the board. Specifically we need a treasurer and a president. Those are very important positions and without them there can be no club. Please consider joining the board.

I feel very blessed to be part of this amazing group of women.

Thank you,

Pam

PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

Thank you Rayma for a wonderful class! We are so happy you were able to escape the cold for a short time to teach us in person. The Ginger Foxtail was such a fun project! Most finished in class except for the final touches. It was good to see so many ladies paint with us in person. It was good seeing Lois, Evie and Marthalene via Zoom too!

The March Class, “Ahh Autumn”, is designed and taught by our very own Sally Anson featuring multimedia techniques. Sally can provide kits to those out of the area wishing to Zoom, however you will need to contact her directly to purchase kits and arrange for shipping in advance. We hope this advance notice will give those out of the area enough time to obtain a kit to join us via Zoom. Again, good news, this is NO PREP!

The following have signed up for the March paint-in:

Pam Lieberknecht	Kathy Steffel	Cheyenne Volz	Collette Herrick
Regina Taylor	Cecelia Denton	Donna Eledge	Tina Burlason

As we spring into Spring, Penny Hobbs will be teaching the April Paint-In. The “Paint Room” sign is an original design by Penny. Students will learn a barnwood technique as well as design techniques. Penny has provided a list of brushes that she recommends:

3/4” Flat; 1/2” Flat; 3/8” and 1/4” Angle; #4 and #2 Filbert; 10/0 liner; 1/2” and 3/8” stencil Brush such as Royal Longnickel) and Chris Haughey’s Spectacular Stencil Brush #4 from CDWood.com.

Please note that last month’s newsletter had an error in the cost of the surface for Penny’s class. The surface is actually \$12.00 vice \$10.00 as was stated in the newsletter. We apologize for the error.

Note for May class. We wanted to share information regarding the box that Heidi painted “October Garden” on. The box was purchased at Hobby Lobby in the Wedding Section, not the wood section. The SKU# is 1556877, the product name is Studio His & Her, container 5x5x5, \$7.99 regular price but goes on sale regularly for 40% off.

We hope your 2025 is off to a great start!

Kind regards,

SDBW Program Chairpersons

Kathy Steffel, 619-328-3021, kjsteffel@cox.net
Roxanne Walker, 858-699-7843, tole29@yahoo.com

PROGRAMS



March 15

Project: Ahhh Autumn

Teacher/Designer: Sally Anson

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00

Surface Fee:

Medium: Multi Media

Note: Class is hands on, but if students wish to zoom they can contact Sally for the supplies as she can ship but there will be added shipping costs.

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate and NO PREP!

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April 19

Project: Paint Room sign

Teacher/Designer: Penny Hobbs (Via Zoom)

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00 includes:

Packet (5.00) and Lettering Stencil (5.00)

Surface Fee: \$12.00 or surface of choice

18 ¾" x 7" x 1/4 "

Medium: Acrylics

Brushes recommended by teacher: 3/4" Flat; 1/2" Flat; 3/8" and 1/4" Angle; #4 and #2 Filbert; 10/0 liner; 1/2" and 3/8" stencil Brush such as Royal Longnickel and Chris Haughey's Spectacular Stencil Brush #4 from CDWood.com

Skill Level: Intermediate

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May 17

Project: October Garden

Teacher: Heidi Allison

Designer: Sandra Malone

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$0

Surface: Wood Box (Hobby Lobby) or your choice of surface.

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Intermediate

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The project looks like the box is made with slats, but it is not. It is a solid piece of wood on each side painted to look like it is made with slats.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO STAY UP TO DATE

Keep up with the latest information on our website at <https://www.sdbushwhackers.com/>

If you have any pictures you'd like to share for our website please email them to me at wolfepaints@gmail.com

Every month the latest Newsletter is available along with all the forms for the year, membership, Christmas party, and the seminar. All forms can be printed out. Be sure to check out all of the links to see what we're all about. Visit soon!

Carol Wolfe

MEMBERSHIP

Hello Members:

We are happy to report there are 94 members for 2025. We plan to have the Roster completed by the March paint in. If you are unable to attend you can have a friend pick it up for you, saving postage money for the club.

The 2025 membership form can be found in the newsletters and on the website. You can also call me and I can email to you. Be certain that I have all current and updated information for you.

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.

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,

Our club is proud to support the Rachel Center by collecting new underwear every month. We're grateful for members like Elaine Cendali, who generously provided this month's gift! Here's how our Panty Raffle works: for each pair of underwear donated, you'll receive a ticket for a chance to win the monthly gift. The Rachel Center offers essential services, including showers, resume assistance, and clean clothing. We have three months available for volunteer gift providers: August, October, and November. Please consider volunteering for one of these months! Thank you for your kindness and support.

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

WAYS AND MEANS

February's class with Rayma was so much fun. Imagine coloring on wood!! We had a big group of painters and Rayma was in person. The guessing jar was won by Donna Eledge, who also won big in the raffle. Carol P. won the brown bag with St. Patrick towels and jars. It was a lot of fun.

Coming up in March will be some spring and Easter decorations and items to paint. Come join us if you can.

- 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



CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thank you to all the girls who have been painting bags. 21 fantastic bags came in at the February paint-in and 35 went out for painting. See the pic for a sampling of the painted bags. And 8 gals joined in on the February Zoom night. Come join us next time on March 19th. I'll be at the March paint-in if you want more or we can make other arrangements.

Jenny Stabile

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Save the date...

San Diego Brushwhackers

40th Annual Autumn Get-Away

Wednesday-Friday, September 17-19, 2025

Viejas Casino & Resort

Alpine, California

Project submissions are now being accepted.

Please find the Teacher Submission letter & form

on our website.

Questions? Contact AGA Co-Chairs

Heidi Allison or Jolene Cooley

Heidi: 909-583-3169, hallisonpaints2@gmail.com

Jolene: 801-808-0749, joleneaudit@gmail.com

We are looking for pictures from Autumn Getaways over the years.

Please let us know if you have any you can share.

The Fair Is Coming! Have You Decided on a Piece to Enter for this Pet-Tacular?



It is time to register your art for exhibition at the San Diego Fair. The SD Fair.com website looks more like the 2019 version than anything since Covid. I started to write out the entry steps, but I need to clarify how to add Brush Whacker name as group to your entry. If you are interested in entering, you are welcome to enter without designating the group OR you can let Sheri Barker know that you are interested via dr.sheridan.barker@gmail.com OR 619-208-2507 and I will contact you with updated entry information as soon as I receive it.

Wednesday, April 30 by 8:00 PM: **Entry Registration Deadline**

Friday or Saturday, May 16 & 17 Delivery Your Own Entry to the Fair

Saturday, May 17 Paint In @ NOON: **Sheri & Andrea will pick up at NOON at May Paint In.**

Wednesday, June 11, 6 – 8 PM: **Open House – A Celebration of Exhibitors** - Sheri will check all entries and labels on our pieces for accuracy.

Tuesday, July 8, 10 AM – 4 PM: **Entry Pickup by Sheri & Andrea at the Fair**

Saturday, July 19 at Paint In: **Return art to Brush Whacker artists**

Saturday, June 28, 12:00 – 3:00 PM, **Brush Whacker Make & Take**, in the Cabin located in the Home Arts & Hobbies exhibit in the Exhibit Hall, building closest to the Fair Midway. Three sessions will be advertised to learn decorative painting: 12:00, 1:00 and 2:00 PM. We will provide a selection of bookmarks to paint, supplies and one-on-one support to help fair-goers successfully paint something on their bookmark. We need a minimum of four (4) volunteers to make this a possibility. Please contact Sheri or Andrea to volunteer. ;-)

If you have questions about any aspect of the Fair, you are welcome to call directly:

(858) 792-4207 • Monday-Friday from 10am-4pm.

I have found they are extremely helpful and want us to be successful.

Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

2ND	KAY FRIED	11TH	PAT GETTEMAYER
6TH	SANDRA CHACON	17TH	CAROL BEERS
7TH	THERESA BOONE	18TH	JOANNE SILVA
9TH	DEBBIE ARCHAMBEAU	30TH	MARTHALENE ROBERTS
10TH	DEBBIE RAMO		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

4TH	MARY WEFLEN
10TH	CAROL SANTOS
17TH	KAREN ORTMAN
17TH	CHERYL WASSERBAUER
23RD	SUE LUDLAM
26TH	MADELYNN SANCHEZ
27TH	LINNEA RYDOUT



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, January 11, 2025, Via Zoom

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

Present: Pam Lieberknecht, Donna Eledge, Cecelia Denton, Sue Ludlam, Joyce Hatch, Carol Phillips, Roxanne Walker, Kathy Steffel, Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth, Jenny Stabile, Sally Anson, Heidi Allison, Debbie Patenaude.

Absent: Carol Wolfe, Maddie Sanchez, Charlotte Hicks.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 11/09/2024 as presented by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

Motion to approve General meeting minutes from 12/02/2024 as presented by, Carol Phillips seconded by, Sheri Barker and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 26,848.00 as of 1/11/2025 motion to approve Treasurer’s report as presented by, Joyce Hatch seconded by, Kathy Steffel and passed.

Communications: Check from Sandy LeFlore for \$ 67.75 to the Sandi Strecker fund.

New Business: None

Old Business: Schedule audit, Monday January 27,2025 @ 10:00 am at Pam Lieberknecht’s house. Sue Ludlam, Carol Phillips, Pam Lieberknecht, Andrea Toth and Donna Eledge.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker, 17 signed up for January for Donna Carpenter’s class.

5 signed up for February for Rayma Stewart’s class.

Membership: Donna Eledge, 74 as of 1-11-2025. Five are new members.

Newsletter: Maddie Sanchez, Due by the 23rd

Web Editor: Carol Wolfe, Absent

Facebook: Jenny Stabile, Cross posted classes to different Facebook pages.

Ways & Means: Pam Lieberknecht, a few Valentine items and painting supplies.

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks, continues to send out cards as needed.

Historian: Sally Anson, thanks to all who have been taking pictures.

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht, Zoomers would like to see the Raffle.

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch, a beautiful Cottage designed and built by Sue Ludlam.

Children’s Charities: Jenny Stabile, ordered a case with \$25.00 coupon and extra 12 to avoid shipping charges.

First Bag painting night on Zoom is January 22nd.

Seminars: NA

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth, Dates are June 11to July 6th. Will have information in the Newsletter as soon as it is available. April 30,2025 is the entry deadline, and we will pick up and deliver your submissions.

Autumn Getaway: Heidi Allison, Broom Stick Bash is moving along, I am gathering items for the goody bags and working with the committee to make it a wonderful event. Submissions letters to the teachers will go out by the end of January.

Holiday Party: Debbie Patenaude, Gingerbread Christmas is the Theme our planning meeting is January 12th

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton, give Pam Erin’s phone number.

Closing Statements:

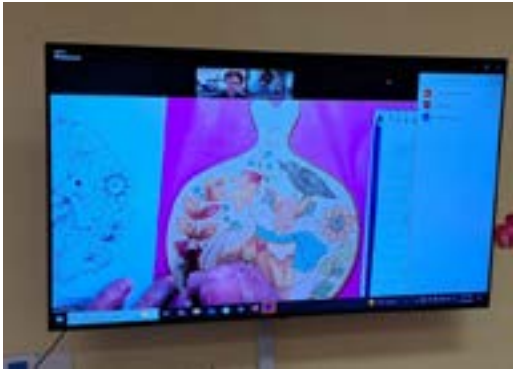
Next Board Meeting: February 8,2025 @9:00am

Motion to adjourn made by, made by, Kathy Steffel seconded by, Carol Phillips

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:51am

Respectfully submitted by: Cecelia Denton

PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY PAINT-IN WITH RAYMA STEWART



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THE PANTY RAFFLE
WINNER, SHERI



PAINT-IN RAFFLE AND A HAPPY
WINNER



PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY PAINT-IN WITH RAYMA STEWART



THANK YOU, RAYMA!



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OCTDP Presents
Debbie Cotton 1-Day Zoom Seminar
Friday, March 14, 2025, 9:00 am (Pacific Time)



We are excited to offer Debbie's exclusive design

"The Meadow"

Debbie painted this on a 9"x12" canvas.

Use a surface of your choice.

This class will be recorded.

Registration Fee:

Members \$45

Non-Members \$50

Note: If you are paying for the seminar via Zelle, please send the registration form to Avis Randall. Your contact information is needed to send you the pattern and Zoom details.

Seminar Registration Form

Please send the completed form to Avis Randall (ardr1@dslextrême.com)

5331 E. Juaneno Avenue
Orange, CA 92867

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Member ☐ Non-Member ☐

Fee Amount _____ Check # _____ Payable to OCTDP

Zelle ☐ Send fee to octdp.treasurer@gmail.com and email or mail form to Avis Randall