



THE BRUSH WHACKER BEE

President's Message

Merry Christmas to all of you!! I hope that everyone has time to enjoy family and friends. By the time this newsletter is out, our Christmas party will be over. But I want to thank Cecelia and Carol P. for all the work they put into this special event. I am also grateful to those of you who have agreed to stay on the board for another year.

November's class was so much fun!! Janet Mitchell was in person and such a relaxing teacher. I loved the little white teddy bear!! There was a decent number of people at STMSC and Rayma joined us on Zoom. Most of us got really close to finishing. Thank you Janet.

Our first paint-in of 2025 is with Donna Carpenter. It is a really sweet snowman piece. Donna will be in person and she is a great teacher! Sign up soon for this fun class.

Please don't forget to renew your membership. We would like all the names in the roster so we can all keep in touch. Thank you to all who have already renewed their membership in SDBW.

I pray for each of you to have a safe and happy holiday season!!

**Thank you
Pam**



PANTY RAFFLE

The Rachel Center has had an amazing year of donations! 394 pairs of underwear and numerous essential hygiene items like soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, socks, makeup, toothbrushes, and toothpaste will undoubtedly make a significant impact on the lives of those served by the center. And what a lovely touch - Sue Ludlam donation for January "A Cottage" Thank you for your tireless efforts and dedication to supporting the Rachel Center!

It's a paper mache house that opens for candy or misc. It's 7 inches tall!

Joyce Hatch



PROGRAMS

Hello Everyone!

Janet Mitchell finished the year off teaching a very cute design by: Isabella Pasquato called "Santa Bear". Most of us finished and we had a good turn out at St Sophie's with Rayma joining us via Zoom. Thank you, Janet and Heidi, for driving down to teach and take a class with us in person!!!! We greatly appreciate it and enjoy see you ladies in person.

There will not be a paint-in for the month of December. But we will be taking signups at the Christmas party as well as distributing patterns and kits for January and February classes.

Donna Carpenter will be kicking us off in January with a Monica Brent design in acrylics, "Snowmen Melt Your Heart". This is painted on a 12" x 12" surface available through Donna at Art Creations. You may contact Donna at 619-440-3320 (shop phone number). This design would be cute on any surface in your stash, just shrink or enlarge the pattern.

Rayma Stewart is teaching a very sweet Erika JoAnne design, "Ginger Foxtail". The kit is \$10.00 and comes with the surface and pattern. This is painted with JoSonja paints and shaded with Prismacolor colored pencils.

Wishing you and yours a "Magical Holiday Season". 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

PROGRAMS



JANUARY 18

Project: Snowmen Melt Your Heart

Teacher: Donna Carpenter

Designer: Monica Brint

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$5.00 Pattern

Surface Fee: \$14.00 Wood 12 x 12

Order from Donna Carpenter or
surface of your choice

Medium: Acrylics

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate



FEBRUARY 15

Project: Ginger Foxtail

Teacher: Rayma Stewart (Via
ZOOM)

Designer: Erika JoAnne

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

Packet/Supplies Fee: \$10.00

Surface Fee: Included in
Packet/Supplies Cost

Medium: JoSonja Paints & Prisma
Colored Pencils

Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Here is slate of officers and committee chairs as it will be presented and voted upon in December. Never to late to let us know in what capacity you are interested in serving our committee...just sayin! Thank you to all!

Pres - Pam Lieberknecht

1st VP Programs - Kathy Steffel, Roxanne Walker

2nd VP Membership - Donna Eledge

Secretary - Cecelia Denton

Treasurer - Sue Ludlam

Newsletter - Maddie Sanchez

Web - Carol Wolfe

FB - Jenny Stabile

Seminars - Sally Anson

Ways & Means - Pam Lieberkencht

Historian - Sally Anson

Hospitality - Charlotte Hicks

Panty Raffle - Joyce Hatch

Children's Charity - Jenny Stabile

AGA Heidi Allison

Holiday Party - Debi Patenaude

SD Fair - Sheri Barker, Andrea Toth

SMSC Liaison - Cecelia Denton

Audio Visual - Carol Phillips, Pam Lieberknecht, Kathy Steffel

- Sally Anson

WAYS AND MEANS

The raffle brought in \$120 in November. Joyce won the brown bag which was full of Thanksgiving items. The raffle each month at our paint ins helps cover the cost of STMSC rent. We have a lot of fun at our paint in Saturdays. Come and join us any time 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



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.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177. jensbusy@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Thank you Thank you Brush Whackers for painting hard this year. I was able to deliver another 69 bags the beginning of October, most of which were collected at Autumn Get Away. That brings the total to 149 this year so far. Please continue and contact me anytime for bags. Again I will be at most paint-ins. Please let me know so I am sure to have enough with me.

We will be continuing ZOOM bag painting night beginning in January 2025 . Stay tuned for details.

And I wants to share this thank you I received after the August delivery.

Jenny Stabile. 619 917 7177. Jensbusy@gmail.com

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

The Fair is Coming! The Fair is Coming!

Plan now to paint, sew, craft, needle, bake or prepare another HomeMade item to enter in the 2025 San Diego Fair. The theme, Summer Pet-Tacular has been announced, so if you want to submit something that reflects the theme, start thinking about it today. Of course, there is no requirement to submit something that fits the theme—any work can be submitted. Andrea and I deliver the Brush Whackers' items to the fair in early to mid-May.

There hasn't been a requirement that the item be prepared within a year or two since Covid shut everything down, so you might look around . . . do you have something with a pet theme already completed? Feel free to get creative and we look forward to taking a record number of Brush Whacker entries this year. ;-)



Happy Birthday Brush Whackers

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

3RD	DEBBIE CRANDALL	16TH	SUSAN MCCRACKEN
6TH	CLAUDIA SEPULVEDA	20TH	PAM LIEBERKNECHT
10TH	LOIS DENTON	24TH	NEDRA HATHERILL
11TH	MARIE VELOZ	24TH	DEBBIE WELTER
12TH	CAROL WOLFE	25TH	PENNY HOBBS
15TH	PAM RESSLER	31ST	HEIDI ALLISON

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

9TH	CAROL WHITTON	18TH	NANCY WILSON
10TH	MARILYN WINDER	19TH	JACKI NORTHING
12TH	DONNA ELEDGE	20TH	ANDREA TOTH
16TH	GINGER MEARS	21ST	EVIE VACCARO
18TH	DEBBIE PATENAUDE		

MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to report that we have 69 members who have signed up for 2025.

We are welcoming here our newest member:

MARY MONTOYA

750 Mable Court Santa Maria CA 93455

805 345-9405

Mont28@hotmail.com BDAY 10/28



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 information for you as we will be preparing for the 2025 roster in the new year.

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.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday and New Year.

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.sdbrushwhackers.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



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 October 19,2024, Via Zoom

Call To Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Pam Lieberknecht at 9:01am

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, Charlotte Hicks, Elaine Cendali.

Absent: Rayma Stewart, Sam McCracken, Sally Anson

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from August 10,2024 as presented by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

Motion to approve General meeting minutes from September 19,2024, as presented by, Donna Eledge seconded by, Jenny Stabile and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ludlam reported a balance of \$ 26,486.76 as of 10/19/2024 , motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented by, Joyce Hatch seconded by, Charlotte Hicks and passed.

Communications: None

New Business: Cost for St. Maddie's is \$3000 a year, should we consider going to Zoom only? Tabled until later meeting.

2025 Budget: We Discussed and adjusted the Budget for 2025, we will vote on adjusted Budget at the November meeting.

Who can buy Raffle tickets at events: We discussed it and decided in fairness to those who paid for the event, that only registered guest will be able to purchase Raffle tickets.

Old Business: Executive board voted to let Sue Ludlam and Cecelia Denton to serve 1 more year in their current positions.

Secured our dates, signed the contract, and paid the deposit for AGA at Viejas for September 17-19, 2025.

Paid the \$3000 rent for 2025 at STMSC. Contract signed and all dates are secured.

Renewed Zoom contract: cost is \$159 and renews on October 31,2024.

Reports:

Programs: Kathy Steffel / Roxanne Walker: 7 signed up for Janet Mitchell's class in November.

Working on Year at a Glance it will be in November Newsletter. Donna Carpenter will be teaching in January and Rayma Stewart will teach in February.

Ways & Means: Rayma Stewart/ Pam: No Report

Hospitality: Charlotte Hicks: No Report

Historian: Sally Anson: No Report

Audio Visual: Carol Phillips, Kathy Steffel and Pam Lieberknecht: No Report

Charities/Panty Raffle: Joyce Hatch: November Raffle prize is an Advent Calendar made and donated by Pam Lieberknecht, Jan's prize will be from Sue Ludlam.

Children's Charities: Jenny Stabile: No Report

Seminars: Sally Anson: Completed

San Diego County Fair: Sheri Barker/Andrea Toth: No Report

Autumn Getaway: Elaine Cendali / Sam McCracken: Completed. Thanks to all .

Holiday Party: Cecelia Denton / Carol Phillips: 46 signed up as of now.

SMSC Liaison: Cecelia Denton: Will call to see if they have any need for fabric.

Closing Statements:

Next Board Meeting: November 9, 2024, at 9:00 am,

Motion to adjourn made by: Carol Phillips seconded by Donna Eledge.



PICTURES FROM THE NOVEMBER PAINT-IN WITH JANET MITCHELL



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