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Spotlight on our new favorite beekeeper: Meet Kemi!



SAVAGE BEE-CHES, the signature boutique brand of O'Shun's Orchard, offers San Diego a uniquely bee-centered experience shaped by ecological curiosity and crop diversity. Founded by Navy veteran Kemi Pavlocak, the company's commitment to responsible beekeeping and support for agricultural crop pollination results in an array of small-batch, seasonally distinct hive products, each reflecting the changing landscapes that the bees forage.

As San Diego's only dedicated honey (maybe even bee) boutique, SAVAGE BEE-CHES provides the community with opportunities to explore the world of bees through honey tastings, informational bee talks, and hands-on workshops including salve and mead making. The focus extends beyond honeybees: the business actively promotes the incorporation of native habitat into residential, hospitality, and commercial spaces to support native bees essential to local ecosystems. SAVAGE BEE-CHES is also actively combating the misinformation of the "save the bees" campaign that is causing a harmful increase of honeybee rearing in low forage areas, particularly by corporations.

Together, O'Shun's Orchard and SAVAGE BEE-CHES aim to make the science, stewardship, and everyday wonder of bees accessible to the community—one tasting, class, or conversation at a time.

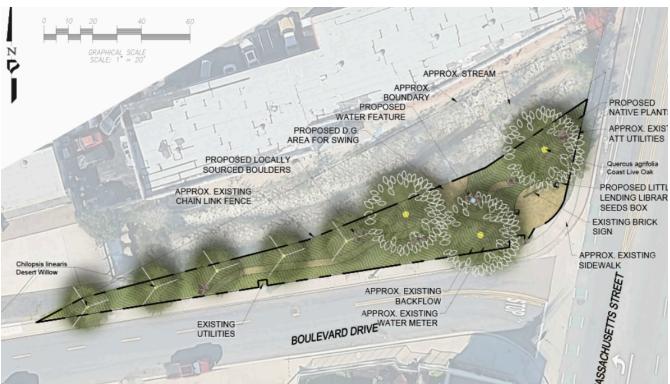
Best Regards, <u>Kemi Pavlocak</u> Owner and Managing Member 760 892 2650 <u>SAVAGE BEE-CHES® | San Diego Gourmet Honey</u> <u>San Diego Business Journal Article</u>

Visit their location in Old Town for all your sustainable holiday shopping at <u>2802 Juan Street</u>, Unit 19, right across from the Bazaar del Mundo.



Thank you Jeanine Sharkey!

...for being our fearless Secretary while you earned your Landscape Architecture degree, and for lending Wild Ones your expertise by creating plans for our recent grant-winning native garden proposals. On the left is a picture of Jeanine and Miranda receiving a \$5000 grant from the American Society for Landscape Architects to install a new Pollinator Pocket Park in the heart of La Mesa. Below is part of the initial design, with Jeanine's description of our vision for the community. We will be breaking ground this month, and we look forward to seeing you at our ribbon cutting party this spring!



"Wild Ones San Diego's vision is to transform this space into a vibrant southern California native plant garden and urban green space that fosters biodiversity, improves water quality, and offers a welcoming environment and sense of place for community engagement. The proposed design includes a meandering footpath, a comfortable swing bench for relaxation, a sustainable water feature, and a small free book and seed library. Educational signage will provide interpretive content to inform and inspire visitors of all ages about the native plant and animal species the Community Pocket Park supports and their history in the area."



'Twas the month of the Yuletide So Wild Ones all vowed To gather at Hayley's, and Craft in a crowd:)

Above: Three projects Hayley is offering to provide at this year's Wild Ones Holiday Party. Join us this Sunday, 12:00 - 3:00, in Chula Vista for food, festivity, and friends. Feel free to bring guests and please RSVP to wildonessandiego@gmail.com

Recipe Corner: Pollinator Bundt Cakes

Sift 1.5c flour, .25c cornstarch, 2t baking powder, .25t baking soda and .5t salt.

In a separate bowl, whisk 1c sugar, .5c oil and .25c melted butter for 1-2 minutes until the mixture starts to change color.

Add 2 eggs, 1 egg white, and 2t vanilla, whisk for another 1-2 minutes.

and serve!

Alternate adding .5c buttermilk and the flour mixture to the wet ingredients with a rubber spatula gently until mixed in.

Prep a bundt pan by brushing generously with oil and dusting with granulated sugar. Pour the batter into the pan, Bake at 350F ~30min. Dust with powdered sugar

New Year's Resolutions from the Board

Ken: "My resolution is to use less disposable plastic."

Hayley: "My resolution is to replace five plants in my yard with natives."

Chelsea: "My resolution is to get at least six more native gardens installed in

Lemon Grove."

Hayley: "Geez − put me to shame! 😂

Elena: "I would like to teach more environmental classes to elementary

schoolers."

Miranda's Resolution: I resolve to maintain our Adopt-a-Plot in Morley Field to the best of my ability, especially the new babies we planted this month. This includes asking for help! Below is the fruit of our most recent efforts. Now we need help watering $\[\] \]$ Email us to volunteer and I will personally show you how to use the quick coupler and bring rain to our southern California clime.



Visit the garden at Morley Field to see if you'd like to contribute to the cause.

Holiday Gift from all of us at WWSD: Sleeping bee photos...shhhhh:)













UPCOMING EVENTS

Planting at Morley Field

When: Saturday 12/13/25 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Where: California Native Plant Demonstration Garden

2201 Morley Field Dr, San Diego CA

Info: We had so much fun the first time, we're doing it again!

Holiday Craft Party & More!

When: Sunday 12/14/25 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Where: Hayley's house

1302 Morgan Hill Dr, Chula Vista CA

Info: Come join us for a holiday-themed craft party & more!

Feel free to bring a dish to share.

Garden installation at the Vedic Center

When: Saturday 12/20/25 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Where: Vedic Cultural and Spiritual Center of San Diego

16315 Pomerado Rd, Poway CA

Info: We will be helping the Vedic Center to plant their native garden with the plant grant they were awarded by the Xerces Society. It's a beautiful location, and we are delighted to help install a large native garden to support and beautify this cultural

space.