



# Lemont Artists Guild Newsletter

[www.lemontartistsguild.org](http://www.lemontartistsguild.org)

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
7:00 to 8:30 pm (via Zoom)**

**Free-Hand Textured Painting  
Demonstration Presented by  
Bala Thiagarajan**



On February 10th, the Homer Township Public Library and the Lemont Artists Guild present artist Bala Thiagarajan.

Bala will demonstrate how she paints her free-hand textured acrylic paintings and her incorporation of Indian folk-art forms. She has been painting for more than 10 years in the style of henna body art by piping acrylic paint using piping bags and squeeze bottles. More recently, she has been working on Gond paintings - a form of tribal folk art from India that she does with her textured painting technique. These paintings are done with precise patterns that are repeated consistently to create signature motifs influenced by nature and culture. Her demonstration will include how she brings her own style to these paintings.

Bala is a self-taught artist with a PhD in Biology. After spending 10 years in academia, she started her art career and has now sold more than 700 original paintings to collectors in the past 9 years. She participates in 20 or so juried art fairs in the United States every year and has won awards for her work both at juried shows and local art guilds, including the Elmhurst Artists Guild. She is excited for new inspiration in her new home, now living in Texas. You can see her works and learn more about her at [www.artbybala.com](http://www.artbybala.com).

Note: *You must register to participate.* (SEE LEFT COLUMN)

**OUR MEETINGS ARE  
CO-SPONSORED BY THE:**

**Homer Township Public Library  
14320 W 151st St, Homer Glen, IL  
[www.homerlibrary.org](http://www.homerlibrary.org)  
708-301-7908**

## Winter/Spring 2021

**\*\*\*Please note that our events with the library are taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month via ZOOM\*\*\***

- Feb. 10-7 pm: Bala Thiagarajan-Free-Hand Textured Painting**
- Mar. 10-7 pm: Kathy Newman-Pastels**
- April 14-7 pm: Joseph Barabe-Art Fraud**
- May 12-7 pm: Topic of Photography-TBA**

**YOU MUST REGISTER ON THE HOMER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY WEBSITE TO PARTICIPATE in our monthly program:**

**<https://homerlibrary.org/homer-live-lemont-artists-guild-free-hand-textured-painting-demonstration>**

*(You do not have to be a library or LAG member to attend. See next page for more "Zoom" information)*

### **President's Letter**



Hi all,

**Welcome to February...** and welcome to snow in Northeastern Illinois! I do hope everyone was safe and able to "dig" themselves out of this most recent snowfall,

which really is the most we have had at one time in several years. I hope despite of the work of getting shoveled out, you were able to enjoy the beauty of this past snowfall. I did see some LAG Members' pictures posted here and there on social media of their view of the snow, and they were beautiful!

**The LAG 4<sup>th</sup> Virtual Member Art Show is up for viewing if you were not aware.** Just go to our website at:

**<https://lemontartistsguild.org/4th-virtual-show-jan-21>**

**Also, here are a couple upcoming dates that we invite you to join us for some Zoom conversation, you can share what you are up to in your art world, and/or see what others are up to themselves.** We are going to try to have more of these **Zoom Visits:**

**LAG Zoom Morning Get Together: Fri. Feb. 5, 2021 at 10 am CST:**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85371374993?pwd=RSStueXcydDdZUjQxMTJvTHNmOTdLUT09>

Or Enter Meeting ID: 853 7137 4993  
and Passcode: 837704

**LAG Zoom Evening Get Together: Mon. Feb. 8 at 7:30 pm CST**

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83913157505?pwd=UHNZRktqenNuSTdNK1diaXRIT01kQT09>

Or Enter Meeting ID: 839 1315 7505  
and Passcode: 359587

Hope your February is great! We are looking forward to Bala Thiagarajan speaking on Feb. 10, she is a member of the Elmhurst Artists Guild and her artwork is so unique! We hope you will join us by registering at the library link on the previous page. Also, please stay posted in your email for upcoming information, check your junk e-mail in case we go in there (as we are now using our [lemontartistsguild@gmail.com](mailto:lemontartistsguild@gmail.com) address for emailing things.) And...Finally to all of you.....

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

Sincerely,

Liz Connelly, LAG President

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**Notes from the Editor:**

Information for the LAG newsletter should be given to Betty Kirk by the first of the month (630) 257-0565, or [bbkirk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbkirk@sbcglobal.net) or [bettykirk321@gmail.com](mailto:bettykirk321@gmail.com).

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Or go to [https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lemont-Artists-Guild107474634245261/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Lemont-Artists-Guild107474634245261/posts/?ref=page_internal)

**ZOOM INFORMATION:** LAG Zoom meetings with the library are open to the public and will take place as Zoom Interactive Calls. (Zoom is an application that you can download to your smart phone via the Apple Store or Play Store app. Or, you can also download it to your computer/laptop/tablet by visiting <https://zoom.us/signup>. Then, you can attend by registering through the Homer Township Library website (website link is above). After registering, you will receive in your e-mail a link to the Zoom meeting at least 15 minutes or more in advance of the program. If you don't see the link to the Zoom meeting from the library in your e-mail, make sure you check your spam/junk folder! If you need help, we can try to guide you, but please call a few days ahead of time, contact Liz at 815-341-1145 or email [lemontartistsguild@gmail.com](mailto:lemontartistsguild@gmail.com). You can also check out <https://zoom.us/resources> to help you work with Zoom!

**Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)**

The next AFA meeting will be Mon., Feb. 8 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. If you want to participate, please check with Liz. The AFA website is [www.allianceoffineart.org](http://www.allianceoffineart.org). (Check out what all the other local guilds are doing as well at the AFA site, there are links to over 10 guilds on their website!) They are currently planning the 2021 Best of the Best Show to be at the DuPage Art League and Gallery, stay tuned for future details!

**Savings to inspire you this month:**

*You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequences of your choices.-A Universal Paradox*

*If you can't get a compliment any other way, pay yourself one. -Mark Twain*

*My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me. -Henry Ford*

*The best way to pay for a lovely moment is to enjoy it. -Richard Bach*