

# Sangita Ray, Artist of the Month



I was born in Kolkata, India. I completed my Masters Degree in Physics from India. Then, I completed a second Bachelor Degree in Drawing and Painting from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, India.

I grew up in the Himalayan foothills of North Bengal in a town with great natural beauty, lush green tea gardens, wildlife-rich tropical forests, silvery mountain streams, quiet tribal villages, and the wonderful majestic Himalayan mountains. We loved the place and my father used to tell us, "You don't take a photograph, you make it," which was the inspiration to start my art.

When I was in grade 5, my father put me in an art class in our town. Later I joined a distance art program from the University in Kolkata. I started learning about different artists, and I started drawing some of their paintings. I love water color and sketches very much. My father was also a very good artist, and my father's uncle was a great artist too. I displayed a talent for painting and achieved many trophies and certificates in drawing and paintings throughout my school life in different competitions. My paintings also were selected for a library exhibition in the UK.

I have made new friends from a lot of different cultural backgrounds as I lived in different places in India as well as in Europe and America. Because of my husband's job, we moved to Connecticut. I now work in the Rocky Hill Public school district, and I have a son in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

In spite of everything, when I see a white piece of paper, I feel like drawing!! When I visit a scenic place, I like to take my brushes and paint.

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