

A gallery wall featuring several abstract paintings. The most prominent one on the left is a large, vibrant piece with a yellow top section, a red middle section, and a dark purple bottom section. To its right, there are several smaller, framed abstract paintings in various colors and styles, including one with a prominent blue and yellow vertical stripe. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **Society of Layerists in Multimedia Have you Seen the Arch?**

Conference 2019 in  
St Louis, MO

The SLMM conference in St. Louis began with a short board meeting at the Moonrise Hotel Business Center on Tuesday, October 8. At registration, old friendships were rekindled as guests poured into the lobby, and new friendships were made. Mary Carroll Nelson, Win Ratz, Jaleh Etemad, Sharon Eley and Shirley Nachtrieb manned the registration tables. (Also pictured is our newest member, Cindy DuBois, in black). Thirty-three members including guests registered. Two new members included, Cindy DuBois of MO and Beth Ann DeMont of KS. Attendees were excited to experience the history, culture, food, art and architecture that was vibrant in the St. Louis area.



Sharon Eley, Shirley's sister, demonstrated how to fold 8 ½" x 11" paper into small book pages. Shirley followed with her art demonstration using dry watermedia. This included watercolor pencils, watercolor crayons, and watercolor bricks. Supplies were shared and small paintings were created and washed with water to make the colors flow together. When dry, they were folded and used as the book cover for the small folded pages made earlier. A ribbon held the book together. Shirley showed several options of using scrap, painted papers to create colorful design formats.



Moonrise Hotel was wonderful. The group enjoyed the opening social with heavy hors d'oeuvres in the Apollo 8 room where more visiting commenced. Afterward, many went up on the open roof top to admire the ten-mile view of St. Louis. 2 On Wednesday, SLMM members boarded the bus to visit the St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre in St. Peters, MO where the SLMM National Exhibit was on display. Mayor Len Pagano greeted the members. Loaded back onto the bus, SLMM members enjoyed traveling to St. Charles, seven miles away to have lunch at the Lewis and Clark Restaurant on Main Street. At 1:30 the members returned to the SPCAC for dessert and a mini workshop. Cindy DuBois, art leader at SPCAC, supplied a tempting array of desserts and coffees.



Thursday, SLMM members boarded the bus to tour St. Louis area landmarks. Included in their travels was the St. Louis Arch, the St. Louis Art Museum, and Cahokia Mounds in Illinois. Some members climbed to the very top and were inspired. A few of the members travelled to see the “Who Is God?” Exhibit at the Union Avenue Christian Church on Union Avenue around the corner from the Hotel. Visitors studied the many variations on the subject, curated by Mary Martin of St. Louis. Shirley had two paintings juried into that exhibit. Back to the bus and on to the Hotel. Rest was short-lived when a delicious banquet was soon served in the Apollo 8 room at 7 pm. More visiting and picture taking.





