

“TO THE STARS”

The Society of Layerists in Multi-Media
2025 National Conference & Exhibition
Hays, KS
September 16-20th

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY at www.SLMM.org

AmericInn, 377 West Mopar Dr, Hays, KS **Call for reservation:** (1-785-625-3344)

Mention SLMM for the special nightly rate of **\$110.45 tax included**. A hot and cold buffet breakfast is included and all rooms have a mini-fridge and microwave oven. There is a heated indoor pool, hot tub, and a fitness room. To get this discounted rate, hotel reservations must be made by **September 1st**. The hotel has a free cancellation policy if done no later than 24 hours before reservation date.

Check in time is 3 pm. Checkout is 11:00 am.

TUESDAY, September 16

For those coming in early or staying an extra day, plan a visit to the world renown Sternberg Museum of Natural History to see the amazing fossil, “Fish-Within-a-Fish”. The OLD Fort Hays, another popular attraction, is located on the southwest edge of town. The Hadley Foundation Art Collection can be found in the halls of Hays Medical Center. At the Robbins Center, on the west side of the campus at Fort Hays State University, you’ll discover another impressive collection of Kansas art where hundreds of original postcard-size art are displayed on its walls. In nearby Ellis, there is a Railroad Museum as well as the boyhood home of Walter P. Chrysler.

There will be an evening **Welcome Reception in the hotel breakfast room** between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. SLMM President Barbara Jo Stevens will greet those arriving at the hotel with some snacks and beverages. It will be a time to greet others who are arriving for the conference.

WEDNESDAY, September 17

Continental buffet breakfast is available from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Shuttles will be available for all events. Shuttle schedules will be in the packets.

9:30am to 10am REGISTRATION at the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main Street.

Welcome bags, information packets and name tags.

10am to 11am General Meeting at the Schmidt Gallery at the Hays Public Library.

11am to 12:45pm Lunch at the Paisley Pear, one block south of the library. Your own expense.

12:45 pm to 2:45 pm Bus Tour of the highlights of Hays, narrated by Mary Ann Thompson, Kansas Historian.

3:00 pm- 5:00 pm. WORKSHOP “SCRATCH BLOCK/ALUMINUM CASTING” at the University, Fort Hays State University Foundry & Sculpture Studio. Instructor: Tobias Flores, FHSU sculpture professor and SLMM member. Class size limited to 35 and accepted on a first come, first serve basis. This workshop is **included in your registration fee**. You must indicate if you are coming to this workshop on your registration form so the exact number of supplies will be available. **Safety glasses will be provided by SLMM**. Wear your “To The Stars” Apron.

Following the workshop, the shuttle will go directly to Thirsty’s for the 5:30-9 Dinner and social time in the private dining room. (Each person pays for own meal). Shuttle back to hotel.

THURSDAY, September 18

Continental Buffet Breakfast is available from 6:00 am to 9:00 am

Most everyone has opted for the Day Trip. Those who choose to stay in Hays for the day, workshop activities led by local SLMM members are scheduled at the Hays Arts Council Art Annex. Details are in the packets.

Deluxe Motorcoach Day Trip to Victoria and Lucas with Village Tours & Travel: (Included in Conference Fee)

8:45 am-9am Board Bus

9am Bus departs for Victoria. Mary Ann Thompson, Kansas Historian, will narrate as we travel, giving us a glimpse into the life of the early settlers and much much more!

9:20am Bus arrives in Victoria for a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Fidelis, commonly known as the Cathedral of the Plains. This church was built by early settlers. It is an amazing piece of architecture, attracting tourists world-wide.

10:05am-10:20am Board bus.

10:20am Bus departs for Wilson, KS. Mary Ann continues to enlighten us with local flavor.

11:00am Lunch at Wilson's "Made from Scratch" Restaurant. The food is truly "homemade"! (each person pays for his/her own lunch)

12:00-12:15 Board bus

12:15 Bus departs for Lucas

12:30pm Bus arrives in Lucas to visit the Garden of Eden, the Deeble House and the Grassroots Arts Center as well as the Bowl Plaza (public restroom). **Entrance fees to the Garden of Eden and Grassroots Arts Center are included in the conference fee.** Many visitors come to visit this tiny town where "Outsider" art is everywhere! The public bathroom was voted #2 best bathroom in the United States. You can see why when you go inside.

3:15-3:30pm Board bus

3:30pm Bus departs for Hays via Codell where we will drive by the 15-foot Codell Cyclone Day Memorial sculpture created by Fort Hays art professors Toby Flores and Danielle Robinson honoring the tornadoes that struck the community in 1916, 1917, and 1918, all on May 20th.

5:00pm Bus arrives at the hotel in Hays.

5:30 pm sharp board the van provided by the Mahins' to the "Starry Night Soiree". This patio social will be at Joslyn Brungardt's home and hosted by Cal and Joyce Mahin at 2003 Lincoln Drive. *It will be a palette of a colorful assemblage charcuterie followed by a masterpiece of prepared market fresh vegetables and fruits served with a delightful small plate meal.* **Thank you, Cal and Joyce Mahin and their daughter, Joslyn! (Everyone must indicate on the registration form if they are going to attend as a head count is necessary).**

8:00 pm Transportation provided by Mahin's to the Fort Hays State University Foundry for the Casting of the aluminum "Scratch Blocks" that were created in Wednesday's workshop. Everyone is encouraged to attend this event...whether or not you participated in the workshop. Transportation back to the hotel is provided.

Toby promises that casting after dark is an awesome sight!

FRIDAY, September 19

Continental buffet breakfast is available from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Workshops available or a free day to explore Hays or rest up for the evening reception and banquet.

9am-11am Workshop. Kathleen Kuchar offers a Monotype workshop at her home studio at 4104 Smoky Hill Drive and Barbara Jo Stevens leads a Gelli Printing workshop at the HAC art annex on Main Street. These will flip-flop in the afternoon session so everyone has a chance to participate in both if they want to. Shuttles will take participants back and forth.

11:15 am-12:45 lunch will be delivered to the Hays Arts Council Art Annex on Main Street. This is included in your registration fees.

1pm-3pm Workshop. Repeat of morning workshop. The group flip flops. Transportation back to the hotel after the workshops.

Free time after the workshops: We highly recommend visiting the campus to see the new Schmidt Foundation Center for Art & Design and the Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art. *Those who attended the 2014 Conference remember the art department being on the first floor of Rarick Hall in very cramped quarters.* This amazing \$14.2 million dollar, two-story, 43,000 square-foot facility, opened in the fall of 2019. You will enjoy viewing the department's extensive Mask Collection that is on one wall in the two-story contemporary commons area. Adjoining the art building is the renovated 5000 square-foot Old Power Plant building that has become the Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art. (The gallery closes at 4 pm). Feel free to walk around inside the building and peek in the classrooms to view the amazing space dedicated to creative minds.

5:30 pm SLMM Reception at the Hays Arts Center for "To The Stars" Exhibition. There will be hors d'oeuvres, wine, punch and time to enjoy the exhibition one last time.

Dinner Included in conference fee) will be inside the Gallery so no need to leave the building. Following dinner, be prepared for a delightful closing as we celebrate our last evening together. The traditional SLMM **Blessing Circle**, as done at the closing of every conference, insures that all who are present and those who were unable to attend, are remembered and honored.

Shuttles back to the hotel.

SATURDAY, September 20

Continental buffet breakfast is available from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

Check out by 11 am

Until the next time we meet, wishing everyone a safe trip home!

