Look at this photo everyone, isn’t this exactly what Art Lovers is about! A whole room of people, from all walks of life, getting together for a morning of artistic creation. We were taken out of our comfort zones, we got messy, we made mistakes and we laughed a lot. But we had fun and at the end of it, we had an art work that commemorates 21 years of Art Lovers existence. The art will be assembled on a board and displayed to remind us of how much fun can be had when you get together with like-minded friends, which was exactly why this group was formed 21 years ago. Well done to those who organised the morning for us, especially Margrete Erling, our artist demonstrator and Chrissy Kinnane, our Art Director.

Don’t forget it’s our AGM this month, all committee positions have been declared vacant.

There is a nomination form on page 3 if you feel you would like to be part of the committee. We meet once a month on the Monday before our general meetings. All of us on the committee would dearly love to have an assistant, who could step in if we are ill, or are travelling.

Please send in your nomination to Nerida Merlin before the AGM.
THIS IS WHAT ART LOVERS OF COORANBONG IS ALL ABOUT – ARTISTS HAVING FUN TOGETHER, LEARNING NEW TECHNIQUES – THANK YOU TO MARGRETE FOR A FUN DAY
**ALM Critiques**

Do you have a painting that just isn't quite working and you don't know why?

Are you entering the world of abstract and don't know where to go next?

Are you trying a new medium?

Or are you really proud of a painting you have just completed and would like to show it?

*Our monthly demonstrator will be able to help.*
We would love to see it!

*Bring your work along to Art Lovers and show us all.*

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Jill Westerman
Ann Gillett
Beverley Smith
Virginia O'Rourke

We look forward to your company on our creative journey!

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**ART LOVERS MOVEMENT – NOMINATION FORM**

I __________________________ nominate __________________________

For the position of __________________________

Signature of nominee __________________________

Signature of nominator __________________________

I __________________________ accept the nomination. Date __________________________

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**SECRETARY - Stephanie MacFarlane**

**Summary of March Committee minutes:**

- Some members attended a productive meeting with Jacqui Hemsley, L Macquarie Council's Director - Cultural Services. Council is endeavouring to write a 10 year plan for arts in the area, and was keen to get input from art groups.
- New speakers have been purchased, as compensation was received for the loss of our old ones.
- May's Demonstrator will be Linda Barker, who will demonstrate fashion figure Drawing.
- The prize for *Looking Out My Window* will be a frame.
- The prize for May's *abstract* painting will be $50.
- Please return any unsold calendars.
- Some of our members were successful at the Morisset Show. (Details in separate article.)
- Our AGM will be held before our normal April meeting.
April Demonstrator - DOROTHY COMPTON

I was born in Barmera, S.A. and grew up travelling with my parents visiting South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. Living mostly in the country has given me an appreciation for that environment. I now live in Cessnock in an old wooden church which is my home and studio.

I enjoy sharing my knowledge of 20 years with others. I have been exhibiting and winning prizes for many years and my paintings have been hung with the Australian Watercolour Institute.

My art journey began with private lessons from professional artists in 1989 and then in 2001 I began studying Fine Arts, receiving my Diploma in 2005 at Hunter Street TAFE, Newcastle.

I work from realism to abstract in a variety of mediums - watercolour, pen and wash, oils, acrylic and charcoal. I teach watercolour and expressive abstract at my church studio in Cessnock.

Dorothy will be discussing and demonstrating, how to create a great abstract painting.

Materials for the workshop:
- Some of your favourite colours plus white, in either acrylic or watercolour.
- A canvas or watercolour paper to work on.
- Your normal painting gear ie apron, table cover, brushes, water container etc.

Morisset & Lake Macquarie Art Show Results

What a fantastic result achieved by no less than 14 of our Art Lovers members in the recent Morisset Art Show. Listed below in alphabetical order are the prizes won by them. The Bob Edwards Perpetual Trophy was donated by the show committee and is given to the artist who wins more than two 1st or places over the eleven sections of the show.

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**“VISIT MY STUDIO” - Michelle Strang**

Send Chris some photos of your art set-up - you may have part of a kitchen table or you may have a custom build studio! Your name will be entered in the draw for $100 from Eckersleys

My name is Michelle, I live at Murrays Beach and this is my little art room. I paint here or on the back verandah for light. I will often draw watching TV.

I became more interested in art post retirement as I found it a past time that gave me a sense of peace, was an outlet for creative energy and a fresh learning experience.

I have found teachers like Kate Belton from Tinkat Alley and Rob Spedding supportive, encouraging and non-threatening so that my efforts can be critiqued without fear. This is my second year as an ALM member.

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**ART TRIVIA - answers on page 6 of this newsletter**

1. Which of these is NOT a texture of watercolour paper? Hot-pressed, Smooth, Cold-pressed or Rough?
2. What type of canvas is the highest quality? Cotton, Linen, Silk or Synthetic fibres?
3. How many years does Copyright in artistic works, currently last for? 20, 35, 70, or 90?
4. What is the name of the small town in the south of France, depicted in Vincent van Gogh’s *The Starry Night*? Starts with Saint-R
5. Derived from the French word, renaissance, and the Italian word rinascità, the Renaissance was a period when scholars and artists began to investigate a revival of classical learning, literature and art. What does the word Renaissance mean?
6. True or False, you can’t mix different colours of paint to make white?
7. How many colours are on the colour wheel in total, including neutral grey? 2, 13, 19 or 70?
8. When you mix complementary colours, what colour do you get?
9. What type of art contains moving parts? (Starts with K)
10. Where was Australian artist Frederick McCubbin born?
1. **‘ART IN ACTION’ 19th 20th 21st May 2017**  
   Art In Action provides a unique opportunity for local artists to learn new techniques and styles with the very best Tutors from across Australia and New Zealand. As well, Art In Action allows the local art community to come together and celebrate their artistic interests.

   - **Where:** Merroo Conference Centre, Mill Road, Kurrajong, NSW
   - **When:** Fri 19, Sat 20, Sun 21 May 2017
   - **What:** A long weekend of workshops for all artists - Beginner, Intermediate to Advanced. Art In Action is three days of Interactive Workshops with talented Tutors from all around Australia and New Zealand.


2. **BELINDA BIGGS Painting Holiday to India April 2018!**  
   This will be an extraordinary painting/sightseeing trip to Nainital (the lake district of India) staying at the beautiful Abbotsford Resort nestled beneath the Himalayas, plus optional 3 day Safari and 3 day private Delhi tour. Accommodation, meals, transfers, outings etc all included. This tour is organised by Arte umbria **Imagine the colours!** For more information on this and other holidays please click on the link: [Painting Holidays](http://combinedartsociety.com)

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**EXHIBITIONS TO VISIT:**

- The Hunter – Let’s Face It - 25th & 26th March 2017. See separate advertisement.

**EXHIBITIONS TO ENTER:**

- **Dobell Festival** Art Entry forms are now available on the web. Look up Dobell Festival, and go into the Wangi Lions site, download forms. Festival is on weekend of April 29/30 - opening night 28th April. Entries in by 5 April. If you don’t have access to the web, phone Stephanie on 0427 412 324. April 5 – 19th, 2017, **Easter Showcase, Central Coast Watercolour Society.** To be held at the Community Gallery, in the ground of Central Coast Regional Gallery, Webb Street, East Gosford.
- **9 – 23 April, 2017 Open Exhibition, Great Lakes Art Society.** Foster. Friday 24th March is the Closing date for entry forms and fees. Entry Form & Terms and Conditions at [www.glas.org.au](http://www.glas.org.au).

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**Art Trivia answers**

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