

Profile Ni Wayan Murni



Ni Wayan Murni was born in Penestanan, Bali. Murni is a well-known and much loved personality on the Bali scene and a pioneer of Balinese tourism. Her personal YouTube video is on youtube.com/watch?v=z2pUsbhwNzw

Shops and Restaurant

During her extraordinary life Murni has lived in Sanur and Ubud and has travelled widely. By the early 1970s she owned 4 shops on Sanur beach and had opened Ubud's first real restaurant, *Murni's Warung*, overlooking the Campuan River. Since then thousands of people have enjoyed her food and hospitality. She is still very active in the restaurant. There are YouTube videos on youtube.com/watch?v=zf3VVj7gx8g and youtube.com/watch?v=KWTgnXtOlPA

Asian Antiques and Textiles

During her adult life Murni has been busy collecting and becoming an expert on Asian antiques and textiles and many of them are to be found in *Murni's Warung Shop* beside the restaurant. She was the first person in Ubud to have a proper gallery of antiques, textiles, costumes, old beads, tribal jewelry, stone carvings, masks and other ethnic pieces. Many of her pieces are museum quality and her fine arts credentials are impeccable. Murni is a member of the Thai Textile Society.

Exhibitions

In 2007 and 2009 Murni exhibited part of her collection at the prestigious shows, *Arts of Pacific Asia* and *Tribal Arts & Textiles*, in San Francisco and

gave a lecture on Balinese textiles to the Textile Arts Council at the de Young Museum. Murni understands and participates in Balinese culture on a daily basis and plays in a women's gamelan group at important religious ceremonies.

Articles and Books

Murni has written numerous articles on Balinese art and culture and the book *Secrets of Bali, Fresh Light on the Morning of the World* by Jonathan Copeland and Ni Wayan Murni published by Orchid Press in 2010 is in its second print run. It is also available as an ebook on its own web site: www.secretsofbali.com and www.murnis.com

Murni's Very Personal Guide to Ubud by Ni Wayan Murni and photographs by Jonathan Copeland was published in October 2011 and is available as an ebook on www.murnis.com and all online retailers.

Ni Wayan Murni and Jonathan Copeland wrote *From Tattoos to Textiles, Murni's Guide to Asian Textiles, All You Need to Know ... And More*, which is an ebook available on www.murnis.com and all online retailers.

Murni's Bali Tours, Where to go, What to Do and How to Do It is an ebook of 7 special tours was written and designed for guests staying at Murni's Houses to bring with them on the tours. It is an ebook available on www.murnis.com and all online retailers.

Murni's Houses

In the early 1980s Murni started to construct *Murni's Houses* in Ubud, a complex of seven extraordinary residences and open-air pavilions amid a garden full of flowers, statues, fountains, trees and shrubs lying all by itself next to open fields. It is a wonderful introduction for first timers to Bali and a dependable refuge for her many guests who return each year. Just 5 minutes walk from the main road and accessed through a traditional Balinese roofed gate, it's a place of tranquility. Residential photography tours and Spa packages are available. There are YouTube videos on youtube.com/watch?v=Cd1A2xgNIDc and youtube.com/watch?v=3vCnSMavfRk

Tamarind Spa at Murni's Houses

Murni's latest venture is the creation of *Tamarind Spa at Murni's Houses*, which was listed as the top spa in Ubud on Trip Advisor within 3 months of its opening. Tamarind Spa brings all these aspects of Balinese art, luxury, and culture together in one healing experience. There is a YouTube video on youtube.com/watch?v=h4lscHN4dgo

Houses

She also has houses in Penestanan for long-term rent.

Anniversary of Murni's Warung

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Murni's Warung, *Forty Delicious Years, Murni's Warung, Ubud, Bali, 1974–2014, From Toasted Sandwiches to Balinese Smoked Duck* was published in 2014. It has its own web site: www.fortydeliciousyears.com and YouTube video www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFq22MYP-_s. It is also available as an ebook on www.murnis.com and all online retailers.

Blog

Murni and Jonathan Copeland have a joint blog www.murnis.com

Social Media

Murni's Warung, Murni's Warung Shop, Murni's Houses and Tamarind Spa are on Trip Advisor, Facebook and Google+ and Murni is on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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