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### PEOPLE



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## BLISSFUL SARASWATI

*Saraswati* is a Balinese Hindu's holy day to invoke knowledge and wisdom. It is commemorated every six months using Balinese calendar, in which it always falls on Saturday. At the time being, science and knowledge are believed to descend throughout the world.

The procession is started with a morning prayer. For this procession, families will prepare special snacks made of flour and shape in such form to be put into offering. During the ceremony, holy books and stationeries containing teachings or useful for religious teachings, are cleaned and arranged in a place by family to be purified. There is also a belief that during the Saraswati feast, it is prohibited to read and write. So during Saraswati Holy Day, most schools in Bali get their students to join the prayer only without teaching and learning process.

The next day, it is called *Banyu Pinaruh* that means water of science. It is started with a bath using water with fragrant flowers which is prepared the day before. The process then continued with a prayer with special offering which at the end of the ceremony, all offerings will be shared and eaten by family.



The whole ceremony is dedicated to the Goddess Saraswati, the god of knowledge and science. Goddess Saraswati is conceived to be a very beautiful goddess with four hands sitting on a swan, while another version said she sits on a lotus. Each of her hands holds different things namely *Wina* (musical instrument which symbolize science as the great art of culture), *Genitri* (prayer beads symbolize science as infinite and eternal), *Kropak* (holy book as the symbol that science is sacred) and Lotus flower (symbolize the sanctity of science); all featured with a very deep meaning.

Saraswati is also name of a river frequently sentenced in Hindu's holy book, Veda. It is said to be the *Dewa Nadi* (Gods' river) which eternally streams from the mountain and ends in the sea, it never dry. It is also used to describe that science never dies; it goes on through space and time.

The next Saraswati falls on July 4th, 2020. If you stay with Komaneka Resorts, you can observe this exciting ritual or chat with our staffs to know more about this holiday.

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## FESTIVE SEASON TREASURES at KOMANEKA RESORTS

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## ART & CRAFTS



## SOUNDSIBILITY AT KOMANEKA FINE ART GALLERY

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Soundsibility is the seventh series of Coming Home. The Coming Home series shows the work of local artists who first joined the Komaneka gallery in the 1990s and 2000s when they were still young, and have since gone on to gain international recognition. In this sense, their return to Komaneka Fine Art Gallery is a kind of homecoming, a return to their roots.

As Bonuz will be coming home, he has prepared a line of art works that would be displayed on the exhibition. Abstract painting is a choice of style that he elaborates. His masterpiece shall stimulate every eye into an essence of creation process and how it tells more stories.

For more information regarding this exhibition, please visit Komaneka Fine Art Gallery [HERE](#).

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“Being a part of Komaneka is a blessing. It gives us home and family,” said Ayu Aridini when we asked her of how she truly feels about Komaneka. When she continued her story, we see love and sincerity. She said that Komaneka is like part of her life. In this place she grows and discovers her passion. As she always dreaming of becoming a career woman, she is so thankful that Komaneka give her the biggest chance and challenge to fully develop herself. Even though we know that she has been years with Komaneka, her eyes tells more of how deep she has felt for our resort.

Apart from her role as an accounting manager at Komaneka, she is a housewife too. We asked her if both of her identity makes her feels tired or stressed. She smiled and nodded.



“Being a working woman has always been my dream and as a Balinese woman, I also cannot leave my role as a housewife. As part of adat, of course there are many times when I have to choose between running Balinese traditional practice or working. Even so, I could not give up on my dream; all I can do is balance the two.”

We admire people with clear vision and focus, now Ayu Aridini is one of them. She always adheres to her vision that for success people must work sincerely and honestly. She is committed to maintaining the spirit of hard work of the team and everyone across the department to bring Komaneka to become bigger and stronger. She also hopes that Komaneka will develop in a better direction and can become a home for more people.

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