

ISLAND NOODLES

Aloha!

This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Arizona Aloha Fest. For the past 16 years, we have been honored to be a part of this cultural experience. Come by and get your grindz March 16 & 17 and check out our upcoming events by scanning the QR code below.

Mahalo!

Hale Lake | Island Noodles Founder

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DID YOU KNOW?

From the time the idea to do a little event at Heritage Square's Lath House was born, the topic of food was foremost.

After all, what's a *luau* without food? While **Linda Kelsall (our first Performers Chair)** was phoning all the dancers she could find in the state, a small group was talking food.

First, we recruited Ray Tso of Aloha Kitchen, the best (and possibly only) Island food restaurant in the Valley, and talked him into coming. Then, we tracked down two guys who worked for American Airlines who had a shave ice machine. There was no written program at the time (who knew we'd do this again!) so they will be forever anonymous.)

Then, a person who worked with the City talked the Chinese Senior Center to have an egg roll booth. They were always doing fundraisers so thought it was a good idea. Still, we decided we need just one more food vendor...because we all like to eat! And the County Health Department didn't allow home-cooked food. At last, another person stepped forward...the son of another City employee. He had a small fish'n'chips place and agreed to sell fish sandwiches and baskets. Lau Kanaka No Hawaii (the Hawaiian Club) sold soda and water.

Totally authentic? Only Aloha Kitchen and the shave ice guys could claim that title. But it was tasty! And it laid down a tradition: Try for the most authentic Island food you can find. But if you can't find them...be open to quality island style or island inspired or island fusion. After all, Islanders all over the world still eat a burger now and then. The difference is what spice or fruit or vegetable, bun or no bun, or even what that burger is made of...fits the culture it's from.

And it's all delicious! **AND NOW YOU KNOW!**