

Fried Mochi from the Hawaii's Best Mochi Recipes Cookbook (shared by Sherry Abe)

- 1 pound mochiko flour (16 oz box)
- 1-1/4 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoons black sesame seeds (roasted and smashed a bit to release the flavor).
- 1-3/4 cups water
- Oil for frying (I use vegetable oil)

Mix mochiko flour, sugar, baking powder and sesame seeds. Add water until blended. Drop by spoonfuls into hot oil about 1/2 inch deep. Fry at medium to medium-high heat. Brown both sides of mochi until golden brown.

Hints from Sherry Abe:

1. The thinner the batter, the thinner and crispier the mochi. The thicker the batter, the insides have the texture of mochi with the outside a bit crispy. Most often, you'll need to add more than 1-3/4 cups of water especially if the mochiko is "dry."
2. Fried mochi will brown fast because of the sugar content; however, reducing the amount of sugar will reduce the crispiness.
3. Very important: Once fried, DO NOT cover while hot or warm. Fried Mochi will become limp and soggy.

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**1) Membership Meeting:** The September 2014 General Membership Meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Program - TBA.

**2) August 2014 Officer and Board of Trustees Meeting:** The Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Aiea Elementary School in a classroom behind the cafeteria.

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## HOS GENERAL MEETING

Date: **Wednesday , August 13, 2014**  
Time/Place: **7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria**  
Program: **"Tillandsia Culture"**  
Speaker: **Walter Tsuda**

**Aloha members!** Walter Tsuda, an expert grower of Tillandsias, will be the featured speaker at this month's meeting of the Honolulu Orchid Society. Walter will go over the basics of Tillandsia culture including watering, fertilizing, potting and dividing plants. Although not an orchid, Tillandsias are found growing in many orchid collections. Tillandsias can be very colorful when used in orchid displays and plant arrangements.

Bring your notebook and pencil to take notes.

The presentation will be given on Wednesday, August 13 in the Lanakila Elementary School Cafeteria. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. Guests are more than welcome to attend. There is ample free parking in front of the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served and plants will be given away as door prizes.

**MAHALO NUI LOA.** Mahalo Bob Moffitt for cluing those present at the July general membership meeting of the whereabouts of the Ascocenda. Your presentation was very informative. Members, friends and guests were all intrigued with the knowledge you shared..

Mahalo to the following members, friends, and Refreshment Committee who brought in a great assortment of goodies to share with those in attendance at our July meeting - Beaudine Ma - Banana Bread; Jackie Lai - 7 Layer Bean Dip w/Chips; Hilda & Bill Takamatsu - Pound Cake; Val Ho - Smoked Clam Strips; Walter Wong - Boiled Peanuts; Williette Wong - Picled Mango; Vivian McCoy - Apple Dumpling; Sherry & Calvin Abe - Fried Mochi & Honeydew Melon; Kathy Sakuda - Chow Fun; Dorothy Nakama - Furuki Puffs; JoAnn & Bob Higuchi - Pizza; Ruth Chun - Shoyu Sausage; Ann Geschwandtner - Shoyu Age Arare; Topher Brough - Fresh Rosemary & Oregano Herb Sprigs; Charlotte Yamamoto - Patriotic Jello & Fresh Mountain Apples and Refreshment Committee - Turkey & Cheese Pocket Bread Sandwiches, Fresh Pineapple, Juice and Water.

### **July 2014 Culture Awards**

1st Place - Paph. Robinianum; Owner -Ken & Aileen Ching  
2nd Place - Bro. sanguinea 'Star Splash'; Owner - Bill & Hilda Takamatsu  
3rd Place - Paph. Chiu Hua Dancer; Owner - Violet Yamaji  
Congratulations to all!

**WELCOME 2014 NEW MEMBERS!** We welcome our newest 2014 HOS member **Lisa Fujii of Honolulu HI.** Thank you for joining!

**EWA ORCHID SOCIETY's 63rd ANNUAL SHOW AND PLANT SALE** was held July 18 through July 20 at Ewa Elementary School. Honolulu Orchid Society was honored with an award of **Second Place Best Display (\$75).** Mahalo Ewa Orchid Society for inviting HOS to participate in your show.

We thank Williette Wong, Mel Waki, Ben Sills, Vivian McCoy, Brad Lau & Linda Inouye, Calvin & Sherry Abe, Reece Kilbey, Carol De Witt, and Inez Brunson for helping to set up and breakdown our display and Ben Kodama Jr., Jeannine Sills and Ruth Chun who also helped with the breakdown. We also thank Calvin & Sherry Abe, Brad Lau, Pam Waki, Inez Brunson, Williette Wong, Ruth Chun, Kodama Orchids, Ken & Aileen Ching, Bill & Hilda Takamatsu, Vivian McCoy, Reece Kilbey, and Clem Roldan for sharing your blooming orchid plants, greeneries and the Abe Family and Williette Wong for creating the "theme" for "Orchid Carnival". Trophies were presented to the following in our display:

**Best Yellow Cattleya in Show**

Blc. Haadyai Delight 'Bangprom Gold', Owner: Pam Waki

**Best Yellow Dendrobium in Show**

Den. chrysotoxum var. suavissimum, Owner: Calvin & Sherry Abe

**Best Lavender Dendrobium in Show**

Den. Easter Bunny 'Jungle Bunny', Owner: Bill & Hilda Takamatsu

**Best Strap Leaf Vanda in Show**

Rnps. Lion's Splendor 'Justice', Owner: Ken & Aileen Ching

**Best Oncidium in Show**

Onc. Jihbao Gold 'Tainan' AM AOS, Owner: Pam Waki

**Best Miniature-Hybrid in Show**

Rrm. Bravo 'Nalo Beauty' CCM AOS, Owner: Pam Waki

**HOS judges granted the following Merit Award in the Show:**

Lc. Irene Finney x Slc. Circle of Life AM HOS 80.3 pts., Owner - Calvin Kumano

**NAME RECOGNITION.** Members, if you assisted with the set up, break down, exhibiting of your blooming plants and greenies and/or props, but your name is not listed, please note that it is not intentional. We greatly appreciate your services and sharing of your plants, etc.. Every effort is made to observe who is present and helping out at the shows while I am also pitching in with our display too.....but sometimes you are missed inadvertently. Should this happen, please see the Correspondence Secretary at the next General Membership meeting and the correction will be made in the following month's newsletter. This also applies when you have brought in something to share at our monthly general membership meets too. Mahalo for your patience and understanding.

**ELECTION RESULTS OF THE 2015 HOS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Elections of the 2015 slate of HOS Officers and Board of Trustees were held at the July General Membership Meeting. The new board recommended by the Nominations Committee and announced by President Ruth Chun was voted and accepted into office as shown below:

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|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| President:          | Ruth Chun       | Treasurer:                | Mel Waki       |
| 1st Vice President: | Bob Moffitt     | Recording Secretary:      | Marisa Maemori |
| 2nd Vice President: | Ronald Yamauchi | Correspondence Secretary: | Carol De Witt  |
| 3rd Vice President: | Brad Lau        | Past President:           | Ben Sills      |

**Board of Trustees**

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|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>2015</u>        | <u>2016</u>       | <u>2017</u>      |
| Ken Ching          | Williette Wong    | Jackie Lai       |
| Inez Brunson       | Dr. Ingelia White | Katherine Sakuda |
| Nancy Woltmon      | Ben Kodama Jr.    | Bob Higuchi      |
| Charlotte Yamamoto | Ikaika Peltier    | JoAnn Higuchi    |

The Officers and Board of Trustees will be sworn into office at the 2015 Annual Business & General Membership Meeting and Installation Banquet (first meeting of 2015) which will be held at the Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Restaurant on Sunday, January 18, 2015. We look forward to the membership attending, so keep this date open and look for reservation information in the future.

**HOS Website** - Have you visited our website lately? Go to [honoluluorchidsociety.org](http://honoluluorchidsociety.org) and check out the site. Members may contribute to the site by sending their info to [hos558@yahoo.com](mailto:hos558@yahoo.com). Members should subscribe to the HOS website by inputting their email address in the subscribe column. When you subscribe, you will get immediate notification of any new posts on the website.



And now the **LAST SHOW** of **2014**---the Honolulu Orchid Society's 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Orchid Show at Washington Middle School on October 10-12, 2014. Show theme is "the Orchid Gem." Our beautiful show poster created by Inez Brunson is available for your viewing pleasure on our website: [honoluluorchidsociety.org](http://honoluluorchidsociety.org).

Show tickets and posters will be available for you to pick up and distribute to your family, friends and the general public, especially flower shops and other businesses. We are also soliciting donations for our HOS Table which is like a mini-mart. You can help us stock our mini-mart with plants, baked goods, jams/jellies, art and crafts, usable "white elephant" goods, and any other "treasures" you want to donate.

As the HOS society, we need to set up a spectacular orchid display so start grooming your plants. Any help ideas or props that you may have for us to create an "orchid gem" of a display would be welcomed.

And of course, we need everyone of you to sign up for at least one shift of work during the show. The Volunteer Orchid Show Worker's Sign Up Sheets will be available at our August and September 2014 General Membership Meetings. See Carol at the general membership meeting for assignment availability. You may also call CAROL at 597-4087 or WILLIETTE at 488-2262 if you cannot make the meetings, but want to help at the annual show. Shifts on Friday and Saturday are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and on Sunday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5 pm (which includes helping with breakdown and clean-up). Lunch will be provided.