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Send mom a box of brightly trimmed goodies



Sue George started Harvard Sweet Boutique online in 2006 and, since November, on South Street in Hudson.

Forget brown paper packages tied up with string. The best kind of mail is a brightly trimmed box of baked goods from Harvard Sweet Boutique. Started in 2007, the Hudson bakery was exclusively an online business until last November, when owner Susan George opened a brick-and-mortar location just off the town's main drag. The bakery offers a large selection of its online wares as well as a few test-kitchen specialties like flaky "pop tarts" filled with preserves or chocolate (\$2.50), cupcakes in flavors such as carrot cake topped with slivers of candied carrot (\$3), giant whoopie pies (\$2.50), Boston Strong cookies (\$5, proceeds to One Fund Boston), and savory soups and tarts (\$4.95-\$7.95). The company already had gluten-free options such as raspberry brownies (\$3.50, in store) and recently developed a line of low-carb treats. If the drive out to Hudson is not an option, you can still order online. There are as many packaging options (with color-coordinated boxes, bows, and fillings) as there are baked goods to choose from (Mother's Day selections range from \$13 to \$59). Snail mail never tasted so sweet. *Harvard Sweet Boutique, 25 South St., Hudson, 978-562-5938, www.harvardsweetboutique.com.* KATHERINE HYSMITH



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