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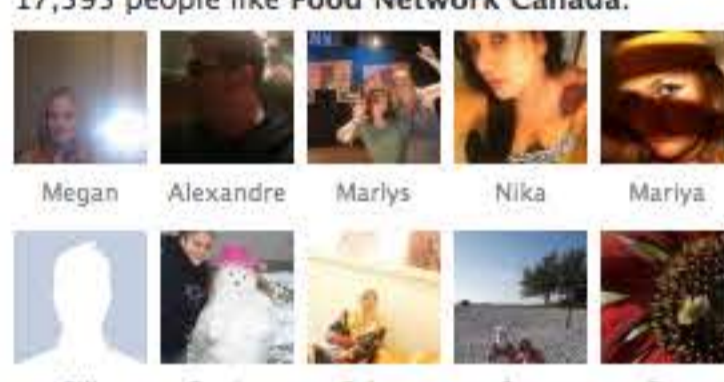
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I was very excited to check out Just like Mom's Pastries' **whoopie pies**, voted the best in **New England** by Yankee Magazine in 2008. Whoopie pies are made with two large cookies with a sweet creamy frosting filling. Whoopie pies apparently got its name because when folks found the treat inside their lunch sacks, they would cry, "whoopie."

Karen Car, the owner of Just like Mom's Pastries, started the bakery out of her home in 1987. Due to growing demand, she opened a retail location in 2004.

Following her mother's recipes, Karen bakes a medley of whoopie pies fresh daily in 60 different flavours, including **vanilla**, **peanut butter**, **pumpkin**, **orange**, and the aptly named Sex in the Bowl. That one is filled with **Kahlua**, **chocolate mousse**, and **Heath chocolate bar** pieces.

When visiting, I had the opportunity to taste a vanilla-mousse whoopie pie fresh out of the oven. The large cake-like cookie, dense with chocolate flavor, melted in my mouth, and the vanilla-mousse filling was delightfully sweet.

Karen, a graduate of the Johnson and Wales Culinary School, worked as a pastry chef at some of the region's finest establishments prior to opening Just Like Mom's Pastries. Her homemade pies and cakes are served to locals at her shop, catered events, and some of the best restaurants in Manchester, New Hampshire.

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