

# Sweetie-licious

Bakery Café and Bake Shoppe

Good Food, Good Deeds, Good Lives!



## Our Spring 2015 Newsletter

Oh, the magic of spring! This time of year is such a welcome blessing, as it seems that the freshness of the wind lights a spark to our souls that no other season can quite approach. It is as if all living things have awakened from a long winter's sleep, only to be comforted by the glowing spirit of spring; full of new life, new beginnings!

The enlivened and delightful landscape is just one of the joys of spring. The tiny buds on the trees and the excited flowers looking up to the encouraging sun are such cheerful sights. And who doesn't love the spring sunshine lingering longer to warm our shoulders and brow?

Taking in all the sights and smells of garden nurseries is another spring joy to behold. Each year, I find myself happily wandering through the flower filled aisles, without a care in the world, as I dream of peaceful, flora filled gardens. I always, always leave full of gladness and an enthusiastic "spring in my step," cherished moments of respite for my busy mind, and grateful garden insights for my beloved farmette!

Friends, this is indeed, a season of inspiration! Our minds and bodies can rid unhealthy habits and thoughts, just as nature sheds its aged leaves and blooms. We can re-establish new lifestyles, new starts, and new hope to celebrate this most wonderful season of growth and rebirth. Happy spring to you all!

*Eat pie, love life! xoxo Linda*

*For more recipes and seasonal ideas, check out our Sunday Dinners post, at [sweetie-licious.com](http://sweetie-licious.com).*



*"Each spring, the renewed, faithful greens rise valiantly from under the hard and unforgiving earth; reminding us of God's grace and hope in all living things."*

*-Linda Hundt*

**Celebrate the coming of spring!  
Bake a delicious fruit pie using a recipe from  
*Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life!***



Linda shares 52 recipes of her signature creations and the stories that inspired each one. Honored as a 2014 Michigan Notable Book, this beautiful hardcover edition is loaded with colorful vintage style photos taken at Linda's farmhouse and shop, and step-by-step instructions on how to recreate these award-winning desserts at home.

To get your copy, go to: [www.sweetie-licious.com](http://www.sweetie-licious.com) or stop by one of our three locations.

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## Creamie Cheese Thumbprints

This lemon-flavored “thumbprint” cookie is a family favorite that is pretty enough for parties!

1 1/2 c. butter  
1 1/2 c. + 2 Tbl. sugar  
8 oz. cream cheese  
2 eggs  
2 Tbl. fresh lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
zest of 1 lemon  
4 1/2 c. flour  
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
strawberry or blueberry preserves  
confectioners' sugar

Combine butter, sugar and softened cream cheese, mixing until well blended. Blend in eggs, lemon juice and zest. Add combined dry ingredients; mix well. Chill. Shape level tablespoonfuls of dough into balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly. Indent centers; fill with preserves. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Cool; sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Yield: 7 dozen.

## Sweetie News...

**Springing Forward with Williams-Sonoma!** Stand by for a new batch of spring pies soon to be unveiled at [www.williams-sonoma.com](http://www.williams-sonoma.com)! “Our relationship with Williams-Sonoma has been nothing less than wonderful. We are so darn happy that people from across the country are able to taste our yummy Michigan pies!” said Sweetie’s Linda. From April to September, national Sweetie fans will be able to enjoy eight delicious pies including Aunt Ella’s Cherry Berry Berry, Grandma Rosella’s Fresh Blueberry Raspberry, Mrs. Pricco’s Fresh Strawberry Rhubarb and Lacey’s Peach Raspberry. And we are already hard at work developing the next collection of Holiday pies for later this year!

**Notable News:** Linda has been busy this past year speaking to audiences across the state of Michigan as part of the Michigan Notable Book Author Tour. As many of you know, her debut cookbook, **“Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life”** was awarded as a 2014 Michigan Notable Book. And to top it off, Linda has been asked to be the keynote speaker at this year’s Night for Notables awards banquet on April 25. Congrats Linda!

**Beyond the Pie:** Sweetie-licious successfully launched a new round of baking classes including **Cakes, The Art of Making Confections** and **Sunday Brunch**. It was so fun to watch all the cooking creativity happening in our kitchen! We are now considering adding even more classes including Summer Canning and Tea Cakes & Sweetbreads, so stay tuned for updates. Want to schedule your own private group baking class? Gather a group of 6-8 friends and give us a call!

**Awards Season:** We were so excited to learn that **“Sweetie-licious Slice of Life,”** the one-hour PBS special featuring Linda and her family taped last summer at Linda’s farmette, is now an award-winning program. At the recent Michigan Association of Broadcasters annual Broadcast Excellence awards it was named as Best News Special or Documentary and received a Merit Award for Membership Appeal.



## About Linda Hundt...

Ever since she got her first turquoise Easy Bake Oven, Linda Hundt has known that baking delicious memories for others was her mission in life. Now a nineteen-time national pie-baking champion and retro-inspired bakery owner, she has been featured on the **Food Network**, the **Steve Harvey** show and other television programs, as well as in newspapers and magazines throughout the country, including **The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Parade** and **Country Living**. She and Sweetie-licious Bakery Cafe have won numerous baking, restaurant and business awards, including the 2011 Crisco 100-Year-Anniversary Innovation Best of Show winner and the Food Network Amazing Pie Challenge. Her cookbook, **Sweetie-licious Pies: Eat Pie, Love Life**, was named as one of 2014 Michigan Notable Books. Linda is thrilled Sweetie-licious is the exclusive pie provider for Williams-Sonoma, Inc. and her pies are available nationwide through the Williams-Sonoma website and catalog. Linda, who resides in a century-old farmhouse with her husband and has two lovely grown daughters, is a sought-after keynote speaker who focuses on entrepreneurship, inspiration and pie baking.



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