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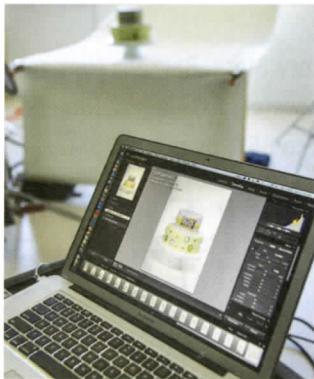
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## A PIECE OF CAKE

We sent our own Tim Porter on a difficult mission. He was tasked with acquiring the custom-designed cake you see on the cover from Greenbrae's SusieCakes, bringing it to his San Rafael studio in one piece, lighting quick-burning sparklers on top of the cake and then photographing it. He did a great job, and *Marin Magazine* staffers got to enjoy the results.

# *It's a Surprise*

What makes these bakeries' birthday cake so much better than anything most of us can make at home? Somehow they take basic ingredients and turn them into something magical.

**27** **SUSIECAKES** Is there anything that says celebration more than vanilla confetti cake with vanilla buttercream frosting? Well maybe chocolate cake with peanut butter or coconut frosting. All this and more comes out of the ovens at SusieCakes in Greenbrae's Bon Air Center. *[susiecakes.com](http://susiecakes.com)*