

America's Best Cupcakes

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SusieCakes

Brentwood, California

Most Creative Cupcake: Morning-After Mimosa Cupcake (\$3)



With her grandmothers' recipes in hand, Susan Sarich found a way to pass on her family treats to a new generation. In Brentwood, Calif., (a suburb of L.A.), [SusieCakes](#) opened its doors to sweet-toothed Californians in 2006. The shop's myriad desserts—there are more than just cupcakes here—look simple and tasty, lacking the excessive ornamentation often found at other bakeries. Here, you'll find lemon squares, snickerdoodles, and butterscotch toffee pudding that will bring you back to your childhood. But Susan's inventive twist on the cupcake is what has

most people talking. Susie's Signature "Frosting Filled" Cupcakes come in nine regular flavors, including Luscious Lemon, Fluffy Coconut, and Vanilla with Pastel Vanilla Frosting. Meanwhile, seasonal favorites like Salted Caramel Apple and Morning-After Mimosa keep patrons asking, "What's next?"