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Sweet Eats Cakes



Special Occasions Never Tasted so Good!

What's a special occasion without some sweet treats to enhance the celebration? If you have a sweet tooth like I do... the dessert table holds a special allure. Beautiful colors and shapes all crafted from edible ingredients are a feast for the eyes as well as the palate.

Samantha Chmielewski, owner of Sweet Eats Bakery, would have to agree. With a passion for design - the sugary medium is elevated to new heights in her talented hands.

Samantha grew up in Baltimore County and graduated with a dual degree in Business and Science. She married her husband Jason and moved to Harford County. Employed by the government and working in a local lab... Samantha liked her job - but couldn't help but feeling like she was missing something - she just didn't know what.

It wasn't until she caught one of the baking competitions on the Food Network that the light bulb went on. "I was watching *Ace of Cakes* on tv, and I thought... I can do that," smiled Samantha.

Do it - she did... starting out as a hobby decorating cakes became an obsession. Working from her home, she started baking cakes for family and friends... and word of her beautiful desserts spread like wildfire. After a few years she expanded her business into a store front on Main Street in Bel Air. The business is still a family affair. With Samantha running the business on her own she sometimes turns to family for assistance. "My husband is actually really good at carving and sculpting really complex shapes out of cake, and I put my Mom on sugar flowers - she loves adding the color to their delicate forms," Samantha said.

"I love to do elegant wedding cakes... and I love to make sugar flowers. So when a bride comes in and wants a cake draped in flowers... I'm in heaven," said Samantha. "I also get really excited when someone comes in with a really fun idea for a birthday cake. That really gets my creative juices flowing," she explained.

There is more to be excited about at Sweet Eats than just fancy cakes. An assortment of goodies is available every day for walk-in customers. From the oversized cookies, cupcakes, truffles and cake pops to the ever-popular chocolate covered bacon, patrons can always find a deliciously sweet treat. If you like to bake at home, pick up some of their ready-to-bake cookie dough, or try a cake in a jar for a wedding favor or hostess gift. If variety is what you are looking for at your event, Samantha offers a beautiful dessert bar with an assortment of miniature pastry creations. The complete set-up includes all the pretty china, and the staff to set it up and tear it down at the end of the event.



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Visit Samantha at her new location in Havre de Grace!

"I love the creativity involved in cake decorating. The best part of this job is working with the clients, and being able to exceed their expectations. Each client has a unique vision and every cake we create is an original."

✂ Samantha



With business booming, Samantha is on the move again... taking her shop to Havre de Grace. "We have more space and are surrounded by other complimentary businesses. This is going to be a great next step for the business," said Samantha.

Samantha is currently remodeling the new space and building a complete kitchen - a must since everything is baked on the premises. The new space will have separate spaces for baking and decorating, as well as space for Samantha to hold cake decorating classes. "This is my opportunity to see my vision fully realized," beamed Samantha.

Some of Samantha's more extravagant designs include a jack-o-lantern that lit up, a burning couch, and a dragon that breathes actual fire. If you have a vision you would like to see brought to life in in cake... or just need your carb fix for the day - stop by Sweet Eats Cakes and say hello to Samantha.



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