

BEST BAKERY

1. **Sweet Life Patisserie** 755 Monroe St.; 1609 E. 19th Ave. 541-683-5676. sweetlifedesserts.com.
2. **Hideaway Bakery** 3377 E. Amazon Drive. 541-868-1982. hideawaybakery.com.
3. **Noisette Pastry Kitchen** 200 W. Broadway. 541-654-5257. noisettepk.com.

Sweet Life Patisserie takes the cake again (and again and again), winning Best Desserts and Best Bakery in Eugene after another delicious year. Sweet Life's countless handmade treats — from heavenly, chocolate-cheesecake cupcakes to citrusy, fresh-fruit filled tarts, and everything in between — follow traditional French and classic American recipes and are made with local ingredients whenever possible. The sister-owned shop has two ever-popular locations — “to make life even sweeter” — that also feature a range of gluten-, egg- and dairy-free options. As each dessert is individually placed with perfection on a simple plate, embellished with a dusting of powdered sugar, a drizzle of chocolate or a simple mint leaf, you can't miss why Sweet Life always comes out on top. — *Morgan Theophil*

BEST DESSERTS

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3. **(Tie) Market of Choice** 1060 Green Acres Rd. 541-344-1901; 1960 Franklin Blvd. 541-687-1188; 67 W. 29th Ave. 541-338-8455; 2580 Willakenzie Rd. 541-345-3349. marketofchoice.com.
3. **(Tie) Prince Puckler's Ice Cream** 1605 E. 19th Ave. 541-344-4418. princepucklers.com.
3. **(Tie) Red Wagon Creamery** 55 W. Broadway; 1395 University St. 541-345-8008. redwagoncreamery.com.

BEST KOMBUCHA

1. **Townshend's Brew Dr.** Townshend's Eugene, 41 W. Broadway 503-235-3656. brewdrkombucha.com.
2. **Elevate** 541-968-5573. facebook.com/ElevateEugene.
3. **A Billion New Friends (BNF)** 225 W. Broadway. 541-590-5710. bnfkombucha.com.

If Eugene had an official drink, it would have to be kombucha, right? Although the idea of fermented tea might give some people the heebie jeebies, this tasty, fizzy drink is a Eugene — and Pacific Northwest — staple. And you voted that **Townshend's Brew Dr. Kombucha** does it best! Brew Dr.'s flavors include the very autumnal “Spiced Apple,” pretty much apple pie in a bottle; “Love,” a jasmine and lavender brew; and “Happiness,” a white tea and rose petal brew, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. They also have notable seasonal flavors like “Vanilla Oak” and “Mango Habanero.” Townshend's Tea Company

started in 2006, according to its website, and began making kombucha in 2008. Now Brew Dr. is distributed across the U.S. and Canada, with Townshend's shops here in Eugene and Portland, as well as Montana and Utah. So, whether you're a kombucha aficionado or a first-time taster, Brew Dr. is a great option. (Also, full disclosure: We get some delivered to the EW office, and we love it!) — *Meerah Powell*

BEST LATTE

1. **Dutch Bros** 1633 Coburg Rd.; 2115 Franklin Blvd.; 311 E. 11th Ave. dutchbros.com.
2. **Wandering Goat** 268 Madison St. 541-344-5161. wanderinggoat.com.
3. **Vero Espresso** 205 E. 14th Ave. 541-654-0504. veroespressohouse.com.

Go ahead, mock **Dutch Bros**. It's sugary milk coffee, you say. Well, you know what? Sometimes in the Northwest, a latte is comfort food, and there are mornings where the only thing keeping you going is swinging by the little white box with its cute little windmill and those relentlessly happy people inside dispensing caffeine and dog treats. For those of you who prefer your caffeine a little more hipster, **Wandering Goat's** beans are truly epic, and we take out-of-town guests to the Whit just to sample them. **Vero** is last but not least in our Readers Poll, combining a hot latte with a cheery campus atmosphere. If you are doing a drive (walk or bike) by, then Dutch Bros. is your place, but for the laptop crowd on a rainy day, Vero and Wandering Goat have you covered. — *Camilla Mortensen*



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