

hidden north fork



The shop where pastry chefs earn their chops

WHAT IF WE TOLD YOU one of the best bakeries on the North Fork was run by college students? Well, it's true.

The first time I noticed The Baker's Workshop, at 20 East Main St. in Riverhead, I wondered what exactly it was. Turns out, it's a training ground where Suffolk County Community College culinary arts students learn every facet of running a retail bakery. The students make delicious breakfast pastries, cupcakes, mousses and other sweets in addition to quiches, flatbread pizzas and soups for lunch — all sold to the general public like any other bakery. I personally love their eclairs.

The workshop is only open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. I like to make my trips after noon, when all baked goods are 25% off.

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