



Karla Comer | Baker

Karla knows her banana pudding is a little different, but she's willing to bet it's the best you've ever had.

The folks at *Southern Living*, which featured her rich concoction of cream cheese, condensed milk, graham crackers and bananas in a 2007 issue, agree. Karla, the owner of Clara Marie's Bakery, grew up learning her grandmother's recipes for layer cake, pound cake and more, and decided two-and-a-half years ago to turn her lifelong love of desserts into a business. "When you enjoy doing something, it's not really work," she says. While she still works full time in public relations, she's hoping to open a full-fledged local bakery and expand her menu. Until then, you can find her traditional Southern baked goods online at claramaries.com, as well as at Manny's Universal Café and the Greensboro Farmers Curb Market.

But be sure to get to the market early: she often sells out of her fresh, homemade wares before noon.

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