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Cold Comfort



A peek inside the ice cream and topping bins at Christina's in Cambridge.

Graeter's -- Cincinnati, Ohio

At Graeter's, four generations of the same family have been making ice cream using the French Pot process since the late 19th century. The company churns out two gallons of ice cream at a time, 300,000 gallons annually. Known for its chocolate chip flavors, Graeter's also makes the chocolate that is broken up into pieces - sometimes large chunks - for its creamy frozen treats. "Nobody, but nobody makes ice cream like mine," says CEO Richard Graeter. Graeter's offers 19 regular flavors, with others rotating seasonally. Elena's Blueberry Pie, with real pieces of blueberry pie in it, was created as part of a fundraiser for pediatric brain cancer. Graeter's has 14 shops in Cincinnati, sells its ice cream at supermarkets in Denver, Houston, Dallas and Ohio, and ships it anywhere in the continental U.S.

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Izzy's Ice Cream -- St. Paul, Minn.

Jeff Sommers, who owns Izzy's Ice Cream with his wife Lara, says their shop is unique because they make ice cream in three distinct categories: whole food/local food flavors like Chocolate Zinfandel and Norwegian Chai, which use all natural, local ingredients; what he calls contemporary flavors that use "swirls, chunks, etc," like Cookies N Cream; and commercial flavors in the populist style, like Cotton Candy and Praline Pecan. All three coexist and sometimes intersect. "We work just as hard to make our Cotton Candy taste as great as our Chocolate Zinfandel," says Sommers. The shop's trademark "izzy," a small scoop on top of a regular scoop, is a great way to taste an extra flavor without making a big commitment.

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Ici -- Berkeley, Calif.

There is always a line out the door at Ici, a small shop in Berkeley that opened in September 2006. Ice cream is made fresh every day, in small batches. There are always 11 flavors available, but they change daily, with chocolate and vanilla the two constants. The rest rotate depending on the season. Owner Mary Canales, who relies almost exclusively on local ingredients, was a pastry chef at nearby Chez Panisse for nine years and works with many of the farmers she got to know during her tenure there. Ici signatures flavors include Candied Meyer Lemon, Black Pepper Cardamom, Malted Vanilla, Burnt Caramel and Rose Pistachio. In addition to scoops, the shop hand packs pints and quarts.

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McConnell's of Santa Barbara -- Santa Barbara, Calif.

In 1949 Gordon McConnell, a decorated World War II pilot, opened an ice cream shop while he was

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recovering from war wounds. The French Pot process he employed has been adapted slightly to a faster process, but little else has changed. Today McConnell's is owned by Jim McCoy, whose father bought it from its founder in 1962. He uses all natural ingredients, all from California. "My favorite flavor is usually whichever I'm putting in my mouth," McCoy says. Customer favorites include Caramel Pecan and California Lemon Zest. A fall staple is avocado, which McConnell's makes every October for the local avocado festival. McConnell's has four shops, in Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc and Ventura, and its ice cream is available in markets in California, Arizona, Utah and Washington.

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#1

How could you leave out 'The Creamery' on campus at Penn State Univ?...Quite possibly the best ice cream you'll ever eat...

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Friday, June 05, 2009 5:20:53 AM

#2

I also am amazed that the creamery at psu did not make the list. makes you wonder if dollars are behind these types of lists. hard not to be a cynic these days, eh? would rather have a cone at the creamery in january than any other in july! yes its that good!

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#3

I was disappointed not to find Walter Lappert's of Hawaii on the list. Amazingly rich and wonderful ice creams esp the coffee and macadamia nut variations. There are also a few parlors in California.

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#4

I was surprised to see the creamery at Penn State not on this list!!! How could it be left off?

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Nathansin Manassas Virginia is the best!!!

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Shaw's Ridge, Sanford, Maine !!! 😊

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#9

Tuesday, June 09, 2009 8:27:46 AM

Rich's Farm in Oxford, CT. You can watch the cows while waiting 1 - 2 hours for a cone on any given summer night. It 's like the field of dreams for ice cream.

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dlubow1961

#10

Tuesday, June 09, 2009 12:32:27 PM

The author of this article must not have visited Houston, Texas. The Chocolate Bar has the most fantastic 24 flavors of ice cream - including their signature flavor - chocolate truffle. There is no better ice cream anywhere. Period.

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