

GumDrops & Lollipops Candy Shoppe ~ *Creating Sweet Memories*

“Oh my gosh!” is what Melinda Graus usually hears when folks come into her shop for the first time, followed by “I remember having Clark Bars!” or “I remember wax lips!” and “I remember having this as a kid!” These delighted expressions are music to Melinda’s ears. She loves seeing people relax when they leave their problems on the other side of the door and wander through GumDrops & Lollipops wide-eyed at the vast, colorful selection before them. “We have lots of old-time candy, home-made ice cream and fudge, pies, chocolates, a wall full of Jelly Belies and a hundred other things,” Melinda (who makes the fudge herself!) says with a wide smile. “Kids of all ages love it!”

Located at the corner of Main Street and Baptist Lane, near the Hole in The Wall Beach in downtown Niantic, GumDrops & Lollipops just celebrated its first anniversary this October. It’s a 1950’s inspired shop with old-fashioned seaside charm and sports cheerful colors, vintage music and a yummy, feel good atmosphere. “From when I was little I wanted to have my own candy shop,” Melinda continued. “When I visited a friend’s shop in Maine, I knew I couldn’t wait any more! I’ve always loved candy and ice cream, it’s always been my passion and I love every minute of it. I want people to remember happy moments from their childhood when they come here. And that’s what this store is all about: the joy of simple pleasures.”



Melinda Graus with some of her goodies at GumDrops & Lollipops

2009 Gingerbread House Contest!

Bring photo of your homemade creation to GumDrops & Lollipops by December 19th. Winner’s house to be displayed in January and photo will be in Active Family Magazine! Call for details.

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