Go ahead, try to resist this stack of sandwich cookies from Flour Bakery + Café.

Every year, we, your faithful editors, shop, primp, and gorge our way around the region for months to rank all the finest dog treats, eyelash extensions, and doughnuts the Boston area has to offer. A few months later, we vote, you vote, and we tally the results to present the Best of Boston. All the while, we have one incredibly comprehensive and invaluable Best of list. But this year, our online readers’ poll voted for your favorites, too—a whopping 83,628 times—so our online readers’ poll results on page 133. What follows is our impartial, rigorously vetted guide to the best of everything in the city and beyond. (By the way, if you need us, we’ll be at the gym.)
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MARTHA'S VINEYARD

INN
WINSTEAD INN & BEACH RESORT
Inn: 114 Parallel St., Harwich; resort: 4 Bradock Ln., Harwich Port; 508-432-4444, winsteadinn.com.

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BAR
THE PORT HUNTER
55 Main St., Edgartown, 508-627-7747, theporthunter.com.

Martha's Vineyard has a lot going for it—stunning harbor views, bountiful farmers' markets—but excellent cocktails? Let's just say that's been a work in progress. Until now, that is. Helping lead the libations movement is this loftlike Edgartown hang, which opened in 2012 with live music, shuffleboard, and a slew of expertly made cocktails: Hemingway daiquiris, Manhattans, and summer sippers like the gingery, strawberry-accented Kentucky Buck.

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BRUNCH
ART CLIFF DINER
39 Beach Rd., Vineyard Haven, 508-693-1224.

It's the compelling twists on familiar staples that keep the crowds coming to this Vineyard Haven diner on steroids: Biscuits are made with sweet potato, crêpes come loaded with Parmesan, prosciutto, and kale, and crunchy potato pancakes are piled high with Irish bacon and griddled eggs.

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BRUNCH
FOG ISLAND CAFÉ
7 S. Water St., Nantucket, 508-228-1818, fogisland.com.

There's no wine list or fancy raw bar at this laid-back local institution—just bottomless cups of joe from Nantucket Island Coffee Roasters and heaping platters of granola-and-banana pancakes to cure whatever ails you. Still hankering for a little hair of the

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BEST OF BOSTON: MARTHA’S VINEYARD

INN
THE HORSE KNOB
138 Main St., Edgartown, 508-627-5030, thehorseknot.com.

This boutique-spot trends to draw a VIP crowd: Last summer, the cast of Saturday Night Live checked in for funnyman Seth Meyers’ Vineyard wedding. Comedy aside, there’s serious, quiet luxury to the Edgartown hideaway, from the handpicked antiques in each well-appointed room to the scrumptious breakfast scenes and afternoon tea. Hotel guests can even charter a private Boston Whaler for fishing or Nantucket day trips. It’s no wonder the stars stay here.

RESORT
THE HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL
131 N. Water St., Edgartown, 508-627-7000, harbourview.com.

With its sweeping vistas of the Edgartown Lighthouse and Chappaquiddick Island, the Harbour View Hotel doesn’t have to try that hard to attract guests. But instead of resting on its scenic laurels, this luxury hotel offers comfortable proppy-modern rooms, over-the-top private cottages, and a swimming pool complete with a cozy new firebox bar and fireside, first-serve fresh-baked doughnuts on Sundays.

BEST OF BOSTON: NANTUCKET

INN
TRUMAN
76 Main St., Nantucket, 508-228-2503, trumanmain.com.

This sleek downtown inn offers rooms done up in stripes and puppy colors by Boston designer Rachel Reider, as well as plenty of modern amenities (ih! Apple TV’s). Your best bet is Room 16 (or 17) in the greenhouse, each of which features a patio complete with a fire table and a private entrance from the inn’s pretty courtyard.

NEW RESTAURANT
THE BEACH PLUM RESTAURANT
50 Beach Plum Ln., Menemsha, 508-645-9454, beachplumrestaurant.com.

Technically, the Beach Plum Inn’s harborfront restaurant has been in business since the 1960s. But we’d argue that all the changes made here in 2013—from the installation of chef Chris Fischer (who sources ingredients from his nearby Beelings Farm) to the revamped, dress-down-but-still-smart interior (with butcher-paper place mats and crayons for grownup-doodlers)—have rendered the Beach Plum an entirely new culinary animal. Indeed. In sum? It’s a stylish spot that marries the Vineyard’s bounty with a decidedly cool aesthetic. "It’s the sister property to the iconic White Elephant harborfront hotel, this luxe resort caters to guests’ every whim: Need a ride to dinner? A loaner bike to explore the island? Scoops of ice cream to keep the kids entertained at the pool? Done, done, and done. The circa-2012 inn offers plush rooms and suites, but for a picture-perfect—and stress-free—family getaway, you’ll want to reserve one of the spacious ‘premier residences,’ which offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom configurations.

BEST OF BOSTON: BELMONT HILL

INN
BELMONT HILL SCHOOL
BELMONT, MA
belschool.org | 617-484-4410

Belmont Hill is an independent school for boys grades 7-12 located in Belmont, Massachusetts. The School is built on a foundation of tradition, character, and teamwork, and is dedicated to developing boys in mind, body, and spirit. We actively seek to attract boys from all backgrounds through a need-blind admission process supported by over $3.8 million in financial aid. With a strong focus on academic rigor, athletic excellence, and artistic achievement, we encourage all of our students to set high standards, work hard, and go on to live exemplary lives.

RENTAL
WHITE ELEPHANT VILLAGE
19 N. Water St., Nantucket, 508-228-1500, whiteelephantvillage.com.

Because we eat with our eyes first, the food at this charming, Italian-inspired spot is as visually arresting as it is delicious: house-made ricotta tortellini al muffato accented by fava beans, green garlic, asparagus, wild chanterelles, and a kiss of purple chive flowers; pillowowy honey mousse with walnut dacquoise crumble and roasted-blood-orange granita. Complementing all that artistry are congenial, knowledgeable servers and an intriguing, mostly Italian wine list.

NEW RESTAURANT
THE PROPRIETORS
9 Indio St., Nantucket, 508-228-7477, propriersnantucket.com.

Local ingredients get the global treatment at Michael and Olivia Loosdrecht’s newest venture. To wit: addictive “Pork-Umma,” which star shaved Berkshire pork, scallions, and sesame barbecue sauce on a kinked biscuit, and the silky oolong winter melon soup, made with parsnips and topped with marinated octopus, cornbread croquettes, and smoked paprika. The well-traveled flavors also extend to the bar, where adventurous drinks are mixed with pisco, abelita, tamarind, quinoa vodka, and—believe it or not—killer bee pollen.

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