



The Fourth Annual Craft Spirits Festival  
**Oct. 12 – 14, 2018**  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Preliminary Programme

**Year Four**

Our Festival Mandate: Celebrate the growth of the Craft Spirits industry in Nova Scotia with a collection of fun, informative, delicious, playful events and workshops in the beautiful environment of Lunenburg.

After three successful Craft Spirits Festival in 2015, 2016 & 2017 we continue to innovate and we feel that we're back with an even better event. While repeating some of the most successful workshops and events, we're pleased to introduce some new opportunities to enjoy local spirits and learn more about how they are made, who makes them and how to serve them. Once again we've invited some of the most talented folks from the Halifax cocktail scene and in addition we hope to bring several additional mixologists and craft distillers from across Canada to join in the fun, swap stories and learn about our excellent local spirits.

You can check in on Friday and stay until Sunday at noon, never once needing to get back into your car since all the venues and accommodations are within walking distance. If you are lucky enough to live close by, you can sign up for individual events, "Spirited" workshops or the Gala held at the beautiful Lunenburg Opera House.

**Friday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Spirited Dining:**

Lunenburg is blessed with some of the province's best restaurants. We have invited local restaurateurs to join us and create special menus for the festival that incorporate spirits and liqueurs produced here in Nova Scotia. We will post and publish details as the festival dates approach.

## **Sip & Dash**

Enjoy sampling? Enjoy exploring? Sip & Dash is a feast of both. This event features as many venues as we can wrangle with mixologists creating fabulous cocktails at each one. We will take you on a magical tour of lesser known hidden gems of Lunenburg; 19<sup>th</sup> century fishmonger shops, blacksmith forges and boat building sheds still in use to this day; funky coffee houses and super fun craft shops. Walk from one place to the next - exercise along with your libations! Dare we say it's almost healthy!

## **Saturday, Oct. 13 th**

Take your pick of activities with workshops such as.....

**Bottle Fishing** – Rum Running and Rum Cocktails aboard a real fishing schooner. Education and ambience

**Another DIY Gin Adventure** – history, geography & gin! Create your own gin & learn a bit too!

**Books & Booze** – Literary libations at Lexicon Books – enjoy a reading with your cocktail – this workshop gets better every year....

## ***New This Year...***

**The Lunenburg School of Cocktails** – One workshop – three sessions under one roof. A crack team of mixologists is putting together a hands on, three part, interactive workshop. Theory and practice of creating “punches”, methods of cocktail construction and the “how to” of hand crafted bitters.

**Arts & Crafts and Champagne Cocktails at the Makery** – a more genteel Saturday morning event might involve some brunch like snacks, with champagne cocktails while crafting some handy nautical style coasters of rope or felt, in the beautiful sunny workroom of the Lunenburg Makery... still working on this one... so stay tuned.

**Spirited Dining in Lunenburg:** Yet another evening of fine dining with great cocktails.

**Spirited Away Gala: Lunenburg Opera House.** All our guest Craft Distilleries will be sampling their products, our mixologists will show off their skills and there will be one international special guest distiller. Good food, great company & smooth music in a unique heritage setting.

## **Sunday, Oct. 16th**

### **Windup Brunch**

The Festival Windup Breakfast at Lincoln Street Food is becoming a delicious tradition, featuring locally sourced ingredients and virgin cocktails to smooth your departure.