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1-1.5oz Gin Club Soda 8 Basil Leaves Half a Lime

INSPIRATION

This cocktail is from our client (and friend!) Anna Bortolus.

She says: "What could be more refreshing on a hot day on a Muskoka dock than a Northern nod to the Cuban Mojito? Gin with lime is always a winner in the summer – why not enjoy a new take on a delicious favourite by switching up the mint for basil and the rum for gin.

Voila! The Muskojito!

RECIPE

Cut lime into pieces. Place basil leaves and lime into a heavy glass. Muddle the basil and lime together to release juices. Add sugar and muddle a bit more. Fill glass with ice and add the gin. Fill with club soda to taste & adjust sugar if necessary. Enjoy!

NOTES

Delicious and not too sweet.
The basil, lime, & gin combo is a winner. We found it tasted even better after it sat for a couple of minutes.



loz of Gin or Vodka Bala Cranberries Local Maple Syrup Lemonade

INSPIRATION

Maria's family live on the water and love spending their time canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and swimming, so they thought it would be fun to make a drink that represents all of them – a little sweet and sour just like the water

RECIPE

Fill a glass with ice and add gin or vodka and maple syrup to taste. Top off with lemonade and some cranberries.

NOTES

Sweet, but not too sweet.
Turns out maple syrup pairs
surprisingly well with gin!





2oz Georgian Bay Vodka OR

Muskoka Brewery Gin

Itsp Strawberry & Sumac

Shrub Syrup by Wild Muskoka

Botanicals

Fever Tree Club Soda

Frozen Cranberries from

Bala Cranberry Marsh

Cinnamon

Fresh Basil or Mint

Rhubarb

Monk Fruit Sweetener (or

Sugar)

Blume Rose London Fog

Blend

RECIPE

For Rhubarb Simple Syrup:
Place rhubarb, water, and
monk fruit sweetener into a
pot and bring to a simmer.
Once boiling lower heat and
simmer for 15 minutes. Strain.

Add vodka or gin, club soda, strawberry & sumac shrub syrup, 3oz rhubarb simple syrup, and ice into a drink shaker. Shake and pour.

Garnish with cinnamon and fresh basil or mint. Add frozen cranberries.



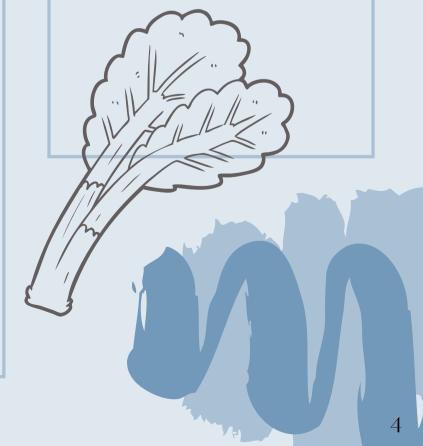
INSPIRATION

This one comes from Kinsie Kean of Blooming Muskoka in Gravenhurst. She says: "The inspiration for our drink was of course all things blooming in Muskoka! We are passionate about what grows naturally in the Muskoka region - and are even more passionate about what beauty can be created from it! Our goal was to create an elegant and refreshing cocktail that supports local businesses and included ingredients grown ourselves such as rhubarb and mint/basil!"

NOTES

We had so much fun making this one and discovering some new Muskoka ingredients!

It tasted great and was beautiful to boot!





Malibu Rum
Orange Juice
Pineapple Juice
Orange Perrier
Cherry

INSPIRATION

Joanne is tired of coolers and wanted something with less sugar!

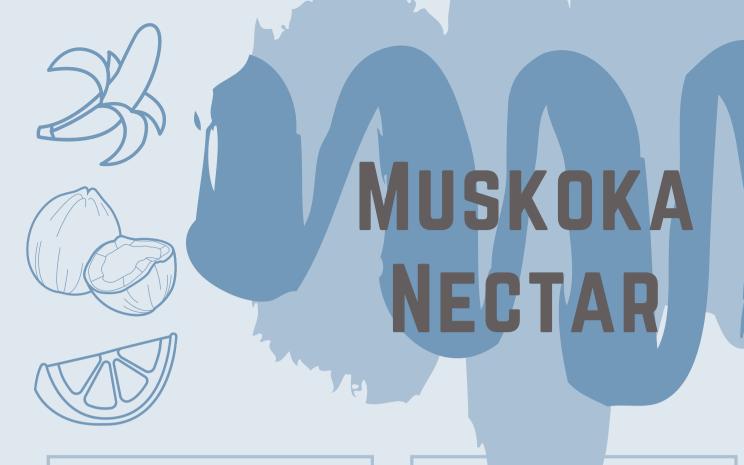
NOTES

Tropical, refreshing, and doesn't even taste like alcohol... this one is dangerous!

RECIPE

Add a shot of Malibu, a splash of orange juice, a splash of pineapple juice, and small can of orange Perrier to a glass with ice in it. Garnish with a cherry. Add an extra splash of rum and enjoy!





Oasis Pineapple Banana
Orange Juice
loz Coconut Rum
Frozen Bala Cranberries
Grenadine

INSPIRATION

The inspiration for this cocktail is the creation of Johl & Jen's new company Green Bird Horticultural Ltd., born on the back deck of their cottage in Muskoka

RECIPE

Add crushed ice to a glass, then add rum, juice, and a few frozen cranberries. Top with a splash of grenadine.

NOTES

This was Lenore's favourite – tastes like vacation!





1 oz Chambord 1 oz Vodka 3-4oz Pineapple Juice

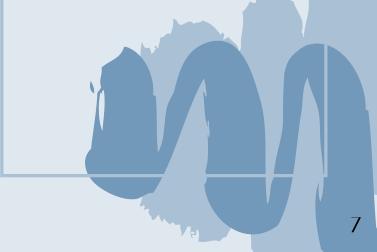
INSPIRATION

Nila says pineapple is exotic and refreshing – she likes to enjoy this drink mostly in the summer, while relaxing



RECIPE

Add Chambord, vodka, and pineapple juice to a glass with ice in it. Mix & enjoy!



MUSKOKA MILLIONAIRE

INGREDIENTS

45ml Dry Gin
15ml Cognac
20ml Lemon Juice
25ml Muskoka Maple Syrup
Blueberries
Soda Water

INSPIRATION

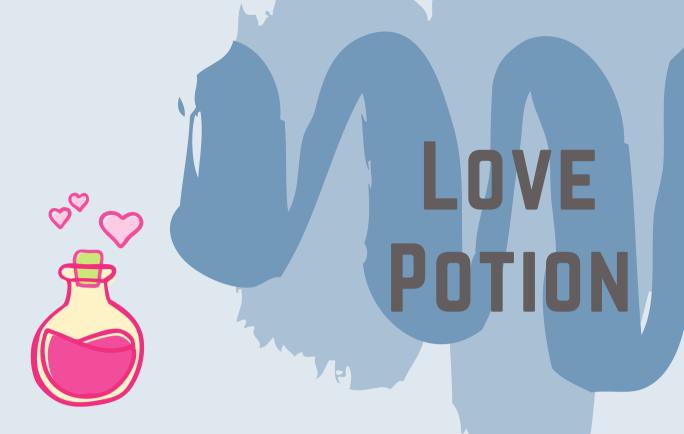
Tom's inspiration was the way he feels when he enjoys a Muskoka sunset over the lake with his favourite person!

RECIPE

Muddle a small handful of blueberries in the bottom of a cocktail shaker. Add the gin, cognac, lemon juice, maple syrup and ice and shake.

Strain into a glass and top with soda water. Add a few blueberries to garnish, sit back, and enjoy!





1 oz Sweetened Lime Juice 2 oz Raspberry Vodka 2 oz Cranberry Juice 1 oz Grenadine

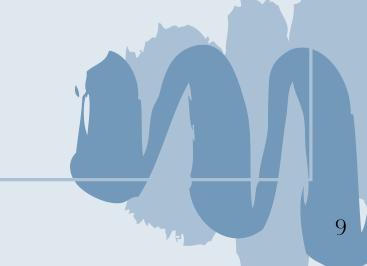
INSPIRATION

This is Ashley's recipe of choice while enjoying a sunset on the dock with her friends!

RECIPE

Add lime juice, vodka, cranberry juice, and grenadine in a cocktail shaker with ice.

Shake & enjoy!



BERRY ISLAND LEMONADE

INGREDIENTS

2oz Vodka

1.5oz Fresh Lemon Juice

1/3oz Simple Syrup

2oz Pineapple Juice

2 Blackberries

2 Blueberries

2 Raspberries

1 Strawberry, Hulled and

Quartered

Water

Lemon Wheel for Garnish



RECIPE

Muddle blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberry, & simple syrup in a heavy glass. Add ice, vodka, lemon juice, and pineapple juice. Top off with water and stir to combine. Garnish with lemon juice & enjoy!

INSPIRATION

Aron was inspired by the beautiful islands in and around Muskoka Lakes



2oz Canadian Rye 1 oz Sugarbush Hill Farm 'Dark' Maple Syrup

INSPIRATION

This recipe comes from
Sugarbush Tom of Sugarbush
Hill Maple Farm. He says this
is a Canadian drink recipe
with a Muskoka twist, and we
think his inspiration is pretty
clear!

NOTES

Honestly, none of us thought we'd be a big fan of this one and we all ended up loving it! Give it a try!

RECIPE

Combine rye with maple syrup over ice. Enjoy!



MIRROR LAKE SUNRISE

INGREDIENTS

loz Tequila Corona (bottle) Orange Juice Grenadine Lime Wedge

INSPIRATION

This is really just a Corona
Sunrise, but it's Lenore's
favourite drink to cool off with
after going paddle boarding
at her home on Mirror Lake!
Definitely not at sunrise
though... this one packs a
punch.

RECIPE

Drink bottle of Corona down to the top of the label. Add tequila, then top off with orange juice and a splash of grenadine. Garnish with a lime wedge if desired.



CONQUERO

INGREDIENTS

1 oz Seedlip Garden 108
(Distilled Non-Alcoholic Spirit)
Clamato
IT Celery Salt
Worcestershire Sauce
Hot Sauce of Choice
Lime
Celery Stick & Dill Sprig
Dill Pickle
Cooked Shrimp
Salami
Hot Pepper Stuffed Olive

INSPIRATION

Catharine wanted to create a drink that would be appropriate before or after a cottage viewing!

RECIPE

Use lime wedge to wet the rim of a cocktail glass. Place celery salt in a small dish and press rim of glass into salt to coat. Add ice to the glass. Pour Seedlip Garden 108. Add worcestershire & hot sauce to taste. Skewer pickle, shrimp, salami, and an olive. Garnish glass with skewer, celery stick, and a sprig of dill.

Try mixing & matching what you add to your skewer – pick whatever you need to conquer your day at the cottage!



3 Limes
1.5 tsp Cane Sugar
Angostura Bitters
1.5oz Mount Gay Barbados
Rum

INSPIRATION

Steve Inniss was inspired by those warm dock breezes that remind him of being back in Barbados.

And by a Barbados Bentley, of course!

RECIPE

Freshly squeeze 3 limes
(absolutely must be fresh!).
Add sugar, then pour over
ice. Add rum and stir
properly, then add 3 dashes
of angostura bitters and give
an easy stir not to blend. You
want clouds of angostura still
hanging about.



COTTAGE IN MUSKOKA

INGREDIENTS

1 cup Sugarbush Hill Farm
'Dark' Maple Syrup
1/2 cup Frozen Blueberries
Lemon Zest (optional)
1 oz Muskoka Brewery Gin
Lemon Juice
Club Soda
Blueberries & Lemon Slices for
garnish

INSPIRATION

This twist on a classic gin fizz uses local maple syrup from Huntsville instead of simple syrup, and can be made with wild blueberries or Bala cranberries, depending on the season.

RECIPE

Blueberry syrup:

Heat maple syrup to a simmer in a saucepan on medium.

Add blueberries and lemon zest and allow to simmer for 5-10 minutes. Remove from burner & let steep for 10 minutes before straining. Keep the leftover maple infused blueberries to enjoy on pancakes or waffles!

Cocktail:

Add ice, gin, club soda, and your loz of your blueberry maple syrup to a glass.

Garnish with fresh blueberries and lemon slices.



Catharine has been working in real estate in Muskoka since 2005. She knows how to ask the questions that get to the heart of what her clients are looking for, and really finds enjoyment in joining them on their journey of self – and cottage – discovery. She is a member of the Muskoka Lakes Association, Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, the Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and is former President of the Lakelands Association of Realtors. She is also enrolled at New York Institute of Art & Design.



Lenore grew up in Muskoka, with the exception of a year each in Iqaluit, Nunavut and Haverhill, Massachusetts. She is a lover of the outdoors with an intimate knowledge of the area. Lenore is technically inclined, and is responsible for Cottage in Muskoka's instagram account and newsletter as well as being a Realtor with Johnston & Daniel Rushbrooke in Port Carling. She is a member of the Muskoka Lakes Association, Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, and the Muskoka Lakes Chamber of Commerce.



Steve has been a photographer since he got his first SLR camera at the age of 22. He is an Adobe Certified Professional who has been using Photoshop since long before Adobe even owned it – back in 1989, when it was called Aldus Photostyler. He is also a Transport Canada certified Drone Pilot. Steve is responsible for all of Cottage in Muskoka's listing photos and virtual tours.

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