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A PEACH OF A DRINK

Fruitlands Augusta Peach Vodka

Four years ago, beverage alcohol consultant, marketer and author of Japanese Cocktails Yuri Kato decided she wanted to create her own alcohol brand. The former Atlantan happened to come across some research on Prosper Berckmans, founder of Fruitlands Nurseries (the same property that is now home to the Augusta National Golf Club). Manuscripts in French described how Berckmans was the father of Georgia's peach culture, planting more than 3 million peach trees here in Augusta.

Inspired, Kato worked for four years on her formula and in August 2014 debuted Fruitlands Augusta's Georgia Peach Vodka and Georgia Peach Sweet Tea from right here in Augusta, just a stone's throw away from Berckmans' original property.

Then there's the taste. While the vodkas are currently bottled in Kentucky due to laws prohibiting the manufacture of alcohol in Augusta, Kato says that Fruitlands Augusta summons the sunshine-sweet flavor of a genuine Georgia peach, thanks to pure, fresh peach juices sourced from Georgia farms.

Fruitlands Augusta's Georgia Peach Vodka and Georgia Peach Sweet Tea are available only in Georgia. Ask for them at local retailers and restaurants, or find out more at www.fruitlandaugusta.com.

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Sip!

The only peach flavored vodka made with Georgia peaches, Fruitland Augusta began production in Augusta. Named for the famous nursery that is now home to the Augusta National Golf Club, the vodka is available at local retailers, bars and restaurants. This recipe is a signature cocktail offered at Finch & Fifth and pairs well with their farm-to-table Southern influenced dishes.

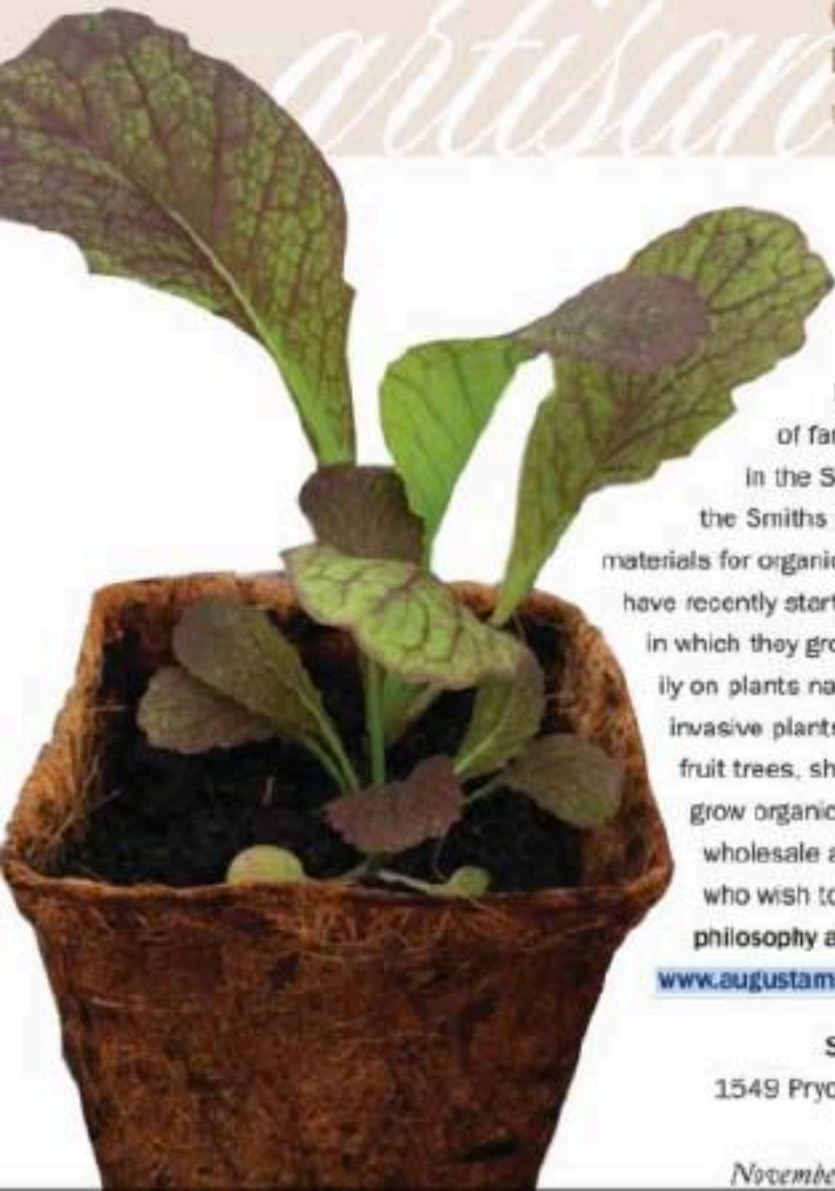


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2 ounces Fruitland Peach Tea Vodka
2 ounces sweetened green tea
Splash of Boylan's lemon lime soda
1 lemon wedge
Serve over crushed ice and garnish with a sprig of rosemary.

artisan

(ahr-tuh-zuhan): A person or company that makes a high-quality, distinctive product in small quantities, usually by hand and using traditional methods.



SOUTHERN NATIVE PLANTINGS

Mike and Karen Smith are farmers. Mike comes from a long line of farmers. In fact, Longwood Plantation in Newington, Ga., has been in the Smith family since 1820. Unlike some of Mike's forbears though, the Smiths are compost farmers—making organic compost, soil and planting materials for organic farmers and growers. As a seemingly logical progression, they have recently started Southern Native Plantings—another closely related business in which they grow and sell native plants. According to Karen their focus is primarily on plants native to the Southeast and also includes some non-native, non-invasive plants that will thrive in the region. Offerings include a variety of trees, fruit trees, shrubs, water plants, grasses and groundcovers and herbs. They also grow organic bedding plants for organic farmers. The Smiths offer their plants wholesale as well as retail through Augusta Locally grown and to individuals who wish to visit the farm. To learn more about the Smiths, their farm and their philosophy about environmentally friendly farming practices visit Earthwise at www.augustamagazine.com for a virtual tour of their operation.

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