

Activity Type: Live Activity CPE Hour: 1.0 CEU, Level 2 Activity Title: Why is Water so important to Vikre? Target Audience: MAND North East Members

This local Northern Minnesota Distillery has been using local ingredients; local grains, handcrafted MN oak barrels and clean cold Lake Superior water. Join the MAND Northeast Region group for a social/educational happy hour. Drinks and snacks are available for purchase.

### **Activity Speakers:**

## Emily Vikre, Co-Founder, President & Arbiter of Taste:

Emily is a native of Duluth who holds a PhD in food policy and behavioral theory from Tufts University. She is a nationally recognized food and drinks writer. She is a regular columnist for the James Beard award-winning site Food52, and contributes to a wide swath of other publications including Lucky Peach, Minnesota Public Radio and Norwegian American Weekly, in addition to being the mastermind of the cooking blog Five and Spice <a href="http://fiveandspice.com/">http://fiveandspice.com/</a>. She once accidentally won a wine-tasting contest in France. She's the palate of the operation and resident mad scientist.

#### Joel Vikre, Co-Founder, CEO & Distiller:

Joel has followed a crooked path. Exciting highlights: Getting bitten by a bat while mist netting at night in a Costa Rican rain forest. He worked with nuns running a clinic on a landfill in Tijuana. After leaving medical school to focus on global health and starting not one, but two- internationally acclaimed non-profits that fight HIV-AIDS and promote water sanitation in parts of Africa. Learning how to distill a moonshine called "the tears of the lion" in a mud hut using clay pots from Dani, his Kenyan "grandmother." Now Joel is using his background in strategic planning, plus his hobby-honed mechanical skills, to assemble and run our crazy amounts of equipment.

#### Agenda:

# 5-5:30pm Networking and Team Building Activity5:30-6:30pm Presentation and Tour from Emily and Joel Vikre

#### **Activity Objectives:**

Participants will have an understanding:

- 1. The importance of water quality to the distilling process.
- 2. Local Duluth flavors that inspire their business.
- 3. The challenges from a hobby to a business.