

Celebrate food, wine and art in July at Alton Mill

It promises to be delicious, decadent and cutting edge, and it's going to be entertaining.

Like a lovely meal paired with the perfect beverage, the highly anticipated Wine and Food Festival at Alton Mill will pair 25 Mill artists with talented regional chefs.

Beer, cider, wine and spirit companies will add to the fun atmosphere, creating a dynamic culinary and art tourism experience. Whisking together fine food and fine art at the venue, the award-winning Wine and Food Festival takes place July 22 from noon to 6 p.m. Celebrating its eighth year, this festival is a must-do for all foodies.

The focus will be on the world-class talent, in both fields, located right within the region. During the day, guests (and their taste buds) will be entertained by outdoor culinary competitions, led by the region's top chefs and restaurants. Visitors can make their way indoors to enjoy gourmet food tastings at stations throughout the Mill exquisitely prepared by local chefs ? in each studio, find different styles of art as well as a different palate pleaser for the taste buds. Sprinkled around the grounds, visitors can discover wine, spirit and beer samples from partners in the region while shopping for works of art being showcased by Mill resident artists. Let creativity bubble over by taking part in art demos or do-it-yourself in a mini workshop.

Experience the Mill's charm and architecture at every corner. Unwind and come to a simmer by listening to fantastic music. The Wine and Food Festival is about a taste of place, a sense of community and great company. Marinate in the sun and enjoy local, Canadian and international artists, all day long.

The Wine and Food Festival at Alton Mill is both a celebration of local artistic and culinary talents, and a fundraiser for the Alton Millpond Rehabilitation Project. Proceeds from the event will go toward the Millpond project; a community-based endeavor to improve the water quality and fish habitat of Shaw's Creek.

Advance tickets are \$25 and are available online and at Gallery Gemma in the Mill, or \$35 at the door.