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Shadows hosts distillers for foodways program

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Philip Mestayer with Distillerie Acadian serves up a drink to event-goers at Saturday's event at the Shadows.

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Four Louisiana distilleries made their way to Shadows-on-the-Tech Saturday for a one time only event that allowed local patrons to sample different drinks in the historic Shadows' grounds.

"Garden to Glass" was the capstone event for a Louisiana foodways program being conducted by Shadows-on-the-Tech for the past few months.

Local distilleries like Distillerie Acadian and Jean Baptiste Spirits were present to serve up delicious drinks along with Oxbow Rum and Seven Three Distilling Co.

"This is the first and only event like this," Adam Foreman with the Shadows said. "It's inspired by our Louisiana foodways program we've been having and this is the big headliner."

The event also had Abby's Acre, a Lafayette-based community garden completely owned and operated by veterans, serving for the event as well.

Other programming in the foodways series included a talk by Kristen Burton, Ph.D, on cocktail culture and another talk on community gardening.

One of the biggest accomplishments of the series has been the ability to attract a younger audience to Shadows-on-the-Tche.

"The thing that really is impressive is that it brought a completely different crowd to the Shadows," Foreman said.

"We're trying to be more active in the community and be a face for everyone including young people, and the foodways program has seen that same trend."

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