

# BEET THE SYSTEM COCKTAIL

## **INGREDIENTS:**

### For the cocktail

- 3 ounces gin
- 11/2 ounces tonic water
- 11/2 ounces beet shrub
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

### For the shrub

- 1 lb peeled, grated beets (about 3 medium)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1tsp salt
- 1tsp orange zest
- 1/4 cup chopped mint leaves
- 1 cup cider vinegar

# **DIRECTIONS:**

### For the cocktail

- 1. Combine ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice,
- 2. Cover, and shake to chill for 20 seconds. strain and serve over ice in a rocks glass.

### For the shrub

- 1. Combine all ingredients except the vinegar in a large bowl and stir well.
- 2. Cover and keep at room temperature for 24 hours, stirring occasionally.
- 3. The next day, strain the juices that have collected in the bowl into a clean mixing bowl.
- 4. Place the grated beets in a mesh strainer over the new bowl and press them with a large spoon to extract as much of the juices as possible.
- 5. Stir in the cider vinegar.

The finished shrub will keep for several weeks in a mason jar in the fridge.