

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the New Jersey Craft Distillers Guild held its first small craft festival helping benefit the Stepping Stone School, a private non-profit special education school for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties. This was the Guild's first planned event coming together as independent small craft distillers in the state of New Jersey. Despite the snow from a small Nor'easter, the "spirits" of those in attendance weren't dampened. Of the eleven distilleries throughout the state scheduled to attend, nine made their way through traffic and accumulating snow. Those in attendance were: Asbury Park Distilling, Cooper River Distillers, Heathermead Distillery, Jersey Spirits Distillery, Milk Street Distillery, Silk City Distillers, Skunktown Distillery, Sourland Mountain Spirits, and Train Wreck Distillery. Cape May Distillery and Striped Lion Distilling were unable to attend due to the snow. These distilleries participated in a night of showcasing more than 45 of their outstanding spirits. Patrons enjoyed door prizes, a 50/50, and a DJ. The New Jersey Craft Distillers Guild was recently formed and represents numerous distillers in the State. It has just completed the writing of its bylaws and looks forward to supporting, and the success of, the growing craft spirits industry in New Jersey.

## P H O T O

Silk City Distillers was one of the participating distillers.