

# Massachusetts

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## **Berkshire/Western Massachusetts Fall Attractions:**

### **Berkshire Grown Presents: Canning, Pickling & Keeping The Harvest**

In celebration of the fall harvest season, Berkshire restaurants and food purveyors will offer a series of fun and educational community canning workshops preserving produce from many local farms. Throughout the fall.

Visit: [www.berkshiregrown.org](http://www.berkshiregrown.org)

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### **Deerfield Valley Canopy Tours: Offers New Way to See Colors**

Zoar Outdoor's new Zip-line adventure, Deerfield Valley Canopy Tours offers a fresh perspective on fall foliage viewing. The recent rains and cool summer temperatures are a perfect recipe for fabulous colors this fall. There's no need to drive through traffic to see the foliage when you can zip through the trees and reach out to touch the colors.

Fall reservations are now being taken at 800-532-7483 or online

[www.deerfieldzipline.com](http://www.deerfieldzipline.com)

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### **Kripalu Center For Yoga & Health – Stockbridge, MA**

Nonprofit experiential education organization and the largest retreat center for yoga and holistic health in No. America, [www.kripalu.org](http://www.kripalu.org). We offer more than 750 programs a year and have more than 30,000 visitors annually. Kripalu will be offering a fall special on the retreat & renewal program, <http://www.kripalu.org/article/701>. More details about the R&R program: <http://www.kripalu.org/article/118>.

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### **Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center Announces Fall Programming**

Highlights include concerts by Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Bruce Hornsby, and Rickie Lee Jones; a performance by dance company Pilobolus; "Live in HD" broadcasts of London's National Theatre, Metropolitan Opera, and TimesTalks; plus continuation of the Mahaiwe Movie of the Month series. <http://www.mahaiwe.org/>

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### **Holsten Galleries**

Holsten Galleries is one of this country's premiere Contemporary Studio Glass galleries. They have been in business 31 years, and are open year round, seven days a week.

Holsten Galleries is now featuring their Autumn Group Glass Invitational, with works by internationally acclaimed artists, including Dale Chihuly, Dan Dailey, Sidney Hutter, Lino Tagliapietra, William Morris and Steven Weinberg. [www.holstengalleries.com](http://www.holstengalleries.com)

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**October. From Tan Lines to Zip Lines at Catamount Ski Area**

As you put away your beach chairs and towels think about September and October swinging in the trees at the Catamount Adventure Park. This aerial forest adventure is fun and exciting for first timers to experienced climbers from ages 8 to adult. Experience the Park in the dry Fall air up in the trees, face to face with the leaves as they are turning to dramatic yellows, oranges and reds. After Labor Day Monday we will be open Friday, Saturday and Sundays through late October and there will be a selection of midweek days including Columbus Day. [www.catamounttrees.com](http://www.catamounttrees.com)

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**MASS MoCA Fall Events**

<http://www.massmoca.org/>

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**Berkshire Theatre Festival**

All performances take place at the Berkshire Theatre Festival, located at 6 East Street in Stockbridge MA, 01262. [www.berkshiretheatre.org](http://www.berkshiretheatre.org)

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**62 Center for Theatre and Dance at Williams College**

<http://62center.williams.edu/62center/>

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**September through October. New Marlborough Music Fall Schedule.**

Throughout the month of September and into October, Music & More continues to present musical and literary events in the newly renovated performance space in the 1839 Greek revival Meeting House located on the village green on Route 57 in New Marlborough. <http://iberkshires.com/story/32004/Music-More-2009-Season-Fall-Schedule.html>

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**September 2009. Open Hearth Cooking: Foods of the Harvest**

Late summer and autumn were busy times in early American kitchens. There would have been an abundance of fresh produce needed to be processed and preserved for the winter. Historic Deerfield's cooks will be preparing dishes featuring apples, pumpkins, and corn this fall. Included with general admission. <http://www.historic-deerfield.org/events/open-hearth-cooking-foods-harvest>

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**September through December. Norman Rockwell Museum**

<http://www.nrm.org/>

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**September 13. The 33rd Annual Great Josh Billings RunAground Triathlon**

The second oldest canoe triathlon in the world. The race is a 27 mile scenic and challenging bike from Great Barrington to Stockbridge Bowl, a 5 mile canoe or kayak around the lake and a 6 mile run from Camp Mah-Kee-Nac into the main gate of Tanglewood. There are 35 categories with separate divisions for canoes and kayaks. Following the race is the famous Josh 'Bash' at Tanglewood with a live band, food and awards. The 11th annual free Kid's Fun Run takes place at Tanglewood for kids 5-12 years old. Want to be part of a team? The Josh matchmaker will help you put together one together. [www.joshbillings.com](http://www.joshbillings.com)

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**September 18 through October 4. Big E: New England's Largest Fair Prepares for 17 Days OF FUN AND Entertainment**

The 2009 edition of The Big E will present over \$1.7 million in free entertainment, a ticketed concert featuring Sugarland, as well as the new 007 James Bond Spiral Stunt Car Exhibit, sponsored by *Uncommon USA*, the Mardi Gras Parade, sponsored by *Foxwoods Resort Casino*, a return visit of Sea Lion Splash, sponsored by *NewAlliance Bank*, The Big E Super Circus, sponsored by *Coca-Cola*, rides, crafts, tantalizing treats, animals and the best of the old and new that fairgoers have come to expect and enjoy. <http://www.thebige.com/>

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**September through October 18. Japanese Art in Nature**

Seasonal change and depictions of the natural world have formed a core in the repertoire of Japanese artists throughout the ages. This exhibition brings together traditional screens and scrolls and displays them with contemporary ceramics, each work emphasizing the inspirational role of nature in Japanese art. Drawn from both public institutions and private collections, many of these works have never before been exhibited. <http://www.clarkart.edu/>

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**September through October 31. SculptureNow**

SculptureNow is pleased to present *SculptureNow in Stockbridge 2009*, an exhibition of large-scale, outdoor sculpture on Main Street, Stockbridge, MA. [http://www.sculpture.org/portfolio/sculptorPage.php?sculptor\\_id=1000324](http://www.sculpture.org/portfolio/sculptorPage.php?sculptor_id=1000324)

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**September through October. Fall at Chesterwood, the home, studio and gardens of Daniel Chester French in Stockbridge, MA - Open Daily 10-5**

[www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)

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**September through October. Bidwell House Museum**

The museum, set in the Berkshire hills, is an elegant Georgian saltbox originally built circa 1750 as a parsonage. Authentically restored, filled with antiques and surrounded by beautiful grounds and hiking trails, the museum is open Thursday through Monday between 11 am and 4 pm from May 27th to mid October.

<http://www.bidwellhousemuseum.org/>

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**September through November. Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum**

25th Anniversary Gala, September 19

An elegant evening to commemorate our silver anniversary. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, historical presentations, silent auction, train ride to Stockbridge, and reflections on 25 years of preserving the history of railroading in the Berkshires. Tickets are \$60.00 per person, and must be purchased in advance. Please visit

[www.berkshirescenicrailroad.org](http://www.berkshirescenicrailroad.org) for information if you would like to join us.

Antique Fire Truck Display, October 11

Take the 10:10am train from Lenox and see a display of antique and vintage fire equipment on the grounds of Stockbridge Station. Sponsored by the Berkshire County Chapter of SPAAMFAA (Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America).

Halloween Trains, October 24-25, October 31

Get into the "spirit" with our fun Halloween Trains! Come in costume and enjoy a spooktacular time riding the rails with our friendly witches - each child receives a free small pumpkin after the train ride. Regular fares apply, Halloween festivities apply to the 12:15 or 2:20 departures. No advance reservations required.

Polar Express, November 28-29, and December 5-6, 12-13

Inspired by the Warner Bros. film and award-winning book by Chris Van Allsburg, come experience the magic of *THE POLAR EXPRESS*. Read along with the story as the train makes its magical round trip journey to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot cocoa, a treat, and a special gift for each child. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas! [www.BerkshireScenicRailroad.org](http://www.BerkshireScenicRailroad.org)

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**September 21. Berkshire Grown's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautiful Bountiful Berkshires Harvest Supper**

A benefit for Berkshire Grown, a not-for-profit which supports local food and farms, featuring tastings from over 20 Berkshire Grown member restaurants, a Drawing and a Silent Auction. [www.berkshiregrown.org](http://www.berkshiregrown.org)

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**September 26. Apprentice's Workshop at Dwight House**

Visitors are invited to learn more about the craftsmanship behind some of the fascinating objects that can be seen in the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, and throughout museum houses at the Apprentice's Workshop at Dwight House. Through exhibits presented in three first-floor rooms of the Dwight House, visitors will learn about the work involved in creating the architectural woodworking, English factory-produced ceramics, and woven wool textiles that were popular in New England around 1790 to 1810. Exhibit displays introduce the raw materials, tools, and work necessary to create finished pieces, as well as the manner in which apprentices gained the skills and knowledge to become accomplished trades people. Visitors will see some processes by which goods were made, including weaving on a loom to reproduce an early 19th-century

blanket from our collection. Hands-on experiences include fitting together window sash in the architectural woodworking gallery, and the hand-processing of wool fibers in the textile gallery. Included with general admission. <http://www.historic-deerfield.org/events/apprentice's-workshop-dwight-house-0>

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**September 26. Salmon Falls Street Festival**

The Shelburne Falls Area Business Association will host the 2009 Salmon Falls Street Festival. This new event will be held on Deerfield Avenue overlooking the Deerfield River is free to the public from 11:00 AM - 10 PM. There will be live music all day, food, wine and beer, craft and art vendors, and kids' events for families. The last event of the day will be a 2 hour dance band concert. [www.shelburnefalls.com](http://www.shelburnefalls.com)

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**September 26 and 27. Hancock Shaker Village Country Fair – 12th Annual** Celebrate the bounty of the harvest at the 12th annual Hancock Shaker Village Country Fair. There will be a kid's tent filled with Shaker-inspired games, a farmers' market with samples of heirloom vegetables to taste, vendors and demonstrations of old-time farm-related crafts and trades, wagon rides, and more. This year's pie contest will be judged by *New Yorker* writer Susan Orlean, *Berkshire Living* editor Lesley Ann Beck, and RuralIntelligence.com co-founder Marilyn Bethany. The farmers' market will be judged by WAMC President Alan Chartock and MCLA professor Roselle Chartock. The crafts will be judged by Red Lion Inn owner Nancy Fitzpatrick and photographer Lincoln Russell. This event is free with regular admission. [www.hancockshakervillage.org](http://www.hancockshakervillage.org)

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**September 27. Massachusetts Outdoor Exposition**

Families, friends, and youth groups are invited to and join the fun at the 13th annual Massachusetts Outdoor Expo (Big MOE), September 27, 2009, held at the Hamilton Rod and Gun Club grounds in Sturbridge from 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. The Big MOE, sponsored by the Facts About Wildlife and Nature Society (FAWNS), is a free, family-oriented event celebrating outdoor skills, nature, art, and wildlife. This all-day family event is free, thanks to co-sponsors Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Hamilton Rod and Gun Club, The Weatherby Foundation, and the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's

Clubs. Sportsmen's clubs, locally-based, outdoor related businesses, and other conservation groups sponsor a variety of skills stations, craft tables, and other exhibits relating to wildlife and the outdoors. The Big MOE is the perfect opportunity to introduce young and old to outdoor skills and activities such as fishing, kayaking, shooting, building a bird box, geocaching, mountain biking, tree identification, nature arts and crafts, New England Pioneer encampment, tomahawk throw, and more! See live birds of prey and native reptiles, treestand safety demonstrations. [www.fawnsociety.com](http://www.fawnsociety.com)

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**October 2 through November 1. Butternut Ski & Snowboard Shop – Fall SUPER SALE**

Ski Butternut's Ski & Board Shop Fall Super SALE opens on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The sale runs through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - 6 days a week (closed Thursdays). Special Extended Hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> the opening day for this SALE. Skiers will enjoy savings from 15% to 70% or more off the best brands on snow: Atomic, Burton, Obermeyer, Rossignol, Salomon, Scott, Spyder, Volkl & more. The shop carries a wide variety of quality ski and snowboarding equipment, clothing and all the pertinent accessories. This is the best ski sale in the Berkshires. And it takes place at a ski mountain. Ski Butternut's - Ski & Board Shop is located at 380 State Rd., Great Barrington, MA 01230. Right at the base of Ski Butternut – The Berkshires Affordable Family Mountain offering BIG Mountain skiing and riding right in your backyard! Order your affordable season passes before the start of the season. Ski Butternut Season Passes are only: \$229 adults, \$179 Juniors, \$99 Seniors, \$79 Kids or \$400 for a corporate pass. Learn more online at [www.SkiButternut.com](http://www.SkiButternut.com) or call 413-528-2000.

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**October through November. Trustees of Reservations Events.**

All five Trustees of Reservations historic houses and gardens close for the season after Columbus Day weekend, so be sure to take a trip to The Folly at Field Farm or to Ashintully Gardens by Saturday Oct 10, or to The Ashley House by Sunday October 11, or to Naumkeag or the Mission House by Columbus Day Monday Oct 12. Other special Columbus Day weekend happenings include a Monday Oct 12 guided canoe trip at Bartholomew's Cobble in Sheffield or a guided hike at McLennan Reservation in Tyringham on the same day (details below). We have some special one-time hikes, concerts and programs in October and November. [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

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**October 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Berktoberfest – Pittsfield**

This beer and food festival will showcase beers from all over MA as well as food from local restaurants. Along with the beer and food samplings there will be live music, games and prizes. <http://www.pittsfield-ma.org/events.asp?eventID=3077>

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**October 7 – 18. Barrington Stage Company**

Barrington Stage Company, under the leadership of Artistic Director Julianne Boyd and

Producing Director Richard M. Parison Jr., have announced its fall 2009 season productions of *The Fantasticks*, a staged reading of *The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later (An Epilogue)*, and the return of Golden Globe winner Amanda McBroom.

[www.barringtonstageco.org](http://www.barringtonstageco.org)

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**October 9. Locally Thrown Locally Grown: a benefit for IS183's Ceramics Department**

IS183 is hosting a "Locally Thrown, Locally Grown" dinner to benefit their state-of-the-art, best-in-the-region Ceramics Department. In addition, this year the dinner will be part of the Best of the Berkshires, Kilns of Western Mass and Watershed Tour being led by Ferrin Gallery. The evening will include a brief talk by Massachusetts based Ceramic Artist Chris Gustin, cofounder of the Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts in Maine. Chris will be speak about his life and work in ceramics and the communities that form through residencies, schools and apprenticeships in studio pottery. Dinner will be served at 8 and will feature a Berkshire based and locally grown menu. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased by telephone, 413-298-5252, x 100. This evening is sponsored in part by Taylor Rental, Nejaimes Wine, Rubiner's Cheesemongers. [www.is183.org](http://www.is183.org)

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**October 9 through 11. Jiminy's Fall Festival Event**

The Festival features a craft fair, the annual Hancock Fire Department Ski and Snowboard Sale, an outdoor BBQ, great sales on apparel and equipment from Mountain Sports by Potter Brothers and more. Jiminy's Mountain Adventure Park is also open throughout the weekend featuring scenic chairlift rides on the Berkshire Express chairlift, as well as the Alpine Super Slide, the Northeast's only Mountain Coaster and much more. <http://www.firsttracksonline.com/News/2006/9/29/Fall-Festival-at-Jiminy-Peak-Features-Ski-and-Snowboard-Swap/>

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**October 11 through January 3. Steps off the Beaten Path: Nineteenth-Century Photographs of Rome and Its Environs**

At the end of the nineteenth century, Rome was on its way to becoming a modern city and the capital of a unified Italy. By 1860, photography was also entering a phase of change. A group of photographers aimed their lenses at the streets, recording everyday scenes alongside the ancient ruins and Baroque churches of the eternal city. This exhibition gathers an important group of photographs capturing the charm of Roman byways, many of them swept away by modern development. <http://www.clarkart.edu/>

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**October 18. Berkshire Symphony Orchestra, Ronald Feldman, Music Director With the Williams Concert Choir, Brad Wells, Director**

Music from the Movies and the Gallery, *Close Encounters*, *Altered States*, *Edward Scissorhands*, *Oscar and Lucinda*, *Empire of the Sun* and Modest Mussorgsky's "*Pictures at an Exhibition*." <http://music.williams.edu/node/340>

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**October 23 through November 1. WILLIAMSTOWN FILM FESTIVAL**

11th season of new independent cinema. 40 films (and as many artists in residence) over two weekends. Past special guests include Alec Baldwin, Sigourney Weaver, David Strathairn, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward. [www.williamstownfilmfest.com](http://www.williamstownfilmfest.com)

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**October 24. 2009 Backstage Bash**

Dinner, Dessert & Cocktails on the Other Side of the Curtain. Music & Dancing Featuring the band Bellevue Cadillac. Silent Auction plus Live Lobby Entertainment. Proceeds to benefit The Colonial Performing Arts for Schools Education Program. [www.thecolonialtheatre.org/BackstageBash09](http://www.thecolonialtheatre.org/BackstageBash09)

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**October 30. Ballets Metropolis: *Dracula The Ballet***

After the success of its 2008 debut, *Dracula* returns to the Colonial in this family-friendly production by Ballets Metropolis. <http://events.berkshireeagle.com/pittsfield-ma/events/show/86727307-ballets-metropolis-dracula-the-ballet>

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**November 8. Free Roman Holiday Family Day**

Take a Roman Holiday at the Clark. This fun-filled family day celebrates the exhibition Steps off the Beaten Path with play jousting, ancient Roman crafts, and photography and scrapbooking workshops. Discover Rome in the Clark's collection with special family-oriented gallery talks. Admission is free. <http://www.clarkart.edu/>

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**November 14 through January 3. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival of Trees**

The Berkshire Museum is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Festival of Trees. The Festival of Trees is a presentation of over 200 trees from local businesses and schools that fill the Museum's galleries for the Holiday season. Each year, the Museum attracts about 13,000 visitors to their galleries to admire the trees. Not only do community members, students and businesses create trees, but the Museum often reaches out to local artists to create complementary trees and other decorations. Additionally, the Museum's education staff creates inter-active programs around the event for children during their winter break. <http://www.berkshireremuseum.org/index.html>