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## **Martha's Vineyard Fall Attractions:**

### **The Skipper Fishing Boat**

24 Years Running. It's a party fishing boat. Thought the discovery at sea trip we do on Tues. and Thurs. nights might be of interest. Its different, hands on for the kids..lobsters, crabs, fish and plenty of Info about Nantucket sound. [www.mvskipper.com](http://www.mvskipper.com)

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### **September Weekends through September 27. The Decorator Show House & Gardens is a benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard**

Through the collaboration of interior designers, landscape architects and other Island trade specialists, the Captain Thomas Mellen House (built in 1840) has been transformed into a show case of artistry, craftsmanship and whimsy. More than 35 Vineyard craftsmen and decorators have transformed each of the rooms to reflect their interpretation of Edgartown's unique style. Visitors will have the oppoutnity to explore the house and gardens on a self-guided tour with assitance from volunteers from the island community. [www.marthasvineyardshowhouse.com](http://www.marthasvineyardshowhouse.com)

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### **September through November. Zephrus Restaurant at Mansion House**

Home to weekly Island Grown Initiative dinners. Fall harvest dinners are just amazing. Every Wednesday, year round, Chef Robert Lionette produces a 3 course meal with Island based ingredients. On Martha's Vineyard it is easy to know the name of the fisherman who caught the night's catch, or to have walked the field where the greens on the table were grown, and at Zephrus Zeafood & Grill, the chef uses local produce as the basis of his pantry., Chef Robert Lionette was approached by the Island Grown Initiative (IGI) to create a prix fixe that showcased local food. Owners Susan and Sherm Goldstein saw that as a way to support local products and give 20% of that prix fix to IGI. Those Wednesday weekly dinners brings IGI members and friends, farmers and fisherman, Inn guests and visiting locavores to Zephrus. A typical fall appetizer can be: Wild Mushroom Bisque w/ Island Shiitake, entrees include Lamb Sirloin Napoleon layered w/ Island Potato & Squash -or- Potted Rabbit Rilletete w/ herbed Cracker & House Cured Onion.

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### **September 19 and 19. First Annual Martha's Vineyard Songwriters Festival Scheduled for Sept. 18 & 19**

The inaugural Martha's Vineyard Songwriters Festival will inhabit the famous East Coast playground September 18 and 19. Staged at hotspots in Vineyard Haven and Oak Bluffs, MA, the festival will combine pop and country BMI hit-makers in exclusive live

music lineups and intimate settings, adopting the overwhelmingly successful approach of the perennially popular Key West Songwriters Festival. Advance tickets for each show are \$25. Admission for both nights of performances is also available in advance for \$45. To purchase tickets, visit [ticketsMV.com](http://ticketsMV.com). <http://www.bmi.com/news/entry/539473>.

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**September 26 and 27. Island Alpaca Co.**

Martha's Vineyard is celebrating National Alpaca Farm Day with a weekend of open houses! This year, please visit us from 12 to 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. Come meet our newest babies! Spinning demonstrations, fiber arts, farm store. Get up close to feel the wonderful fleece of the alpaca, and watch our special video presentation! [www.islandalpaca.com](http://www.islandalpaca.com)

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**October 2. The 3rd Annual Living Local Harvest Festival**

Presenting a rich program of free community events that aim to increase awareness and accelerate the uptake of sustainable living on Martha's Vineyard. The LLHF brings together the unique community of Martha's Vineyard to celebrate and educate on local food production and marine life, the island energy cooperative, resource conservation, and island waste management. Through collaboration and positive engagement, the Vineyard community looks to be an example of how to build self-sufficiency, strengthening their local economy to ultimately enhance the cultural and the spiritual quality of islanders and visitors lives. <http://mvas.vineyard.net>

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