



# What's HOT from MOTT

## July 2008

*What's Hot from MOTT is a monthly media publication highlighting events happening throughout the state in the coming month. It is produced by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT), the state agency dedicated to promoting Massachusetts as a leisure destination.*

*A complete list of events, attractions, outdoor activities, and accommodations is available on our web site: [massvacation.com](http://massvacation.com). In addition, we are always available for media interviews regarding Massachusetts tourism. For more information contact [Amy Gallagher](mailto:Amy.Gallagher@mass.gov), (978) 468-8752.*

### FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

- **27<sup>TH</sup> Annual Boston Harborfest**

Don't miss this week-long festival that includes more than 200 events! Walking tours, concerts, historical reenactments, visits from U.S. and foreign naval ships, harbor cruises, State House tours, treasure hunts, tour of Coast Guard ships, annual chowder fest and, of course, the centerpiece of the festival the fireworks and Boston Pops 4<sup>th</sup> of July concert at the Hatch Shell.

Boston

July 1-6

617-227-1528

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

- **Green River Festival**

This popular celebration combines music, food, crafts, children's activities, hot air balloon rides and a great fireworks display.

Greenfield

July 17-19

413-773-5463

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

- **Barnstable County Fair**

Annual county fair! Highlights include blacksmith demonstrations, agricultural exhibits, carnival rides and games, crafts, food, flower exhibits and main-stage entertainment.

Falmouth

July 18-26

508-563-3200

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

- **Blackstone Valley Celtic Festival**

Celebrate traditional Celtic arts. Enjoy Irish music, step dancers, crafts, pipe bands, Irish heritage, food and fun!

King Farm, Sutton

July 12

508-234-9090

[celticfestival.blackstonevalley.org](http://celticfestival.blackstonevalley.org)

- **Brockton Fair**

Plenty of unique events for the whole family. Horse racing, demolition derby, figure 8 racing, stock car football, fireworks, big bear show, magicians, petting zoo, puppet and livestock shows.

Brockton

July 2-13

508-586-8000

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

- **Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival**

Celebration of Scottish culture and customs. Live Celtic entertainment, Scottish and American food, Highland games and dance competition, duck and geese herding and children's events.

Look Park, Northampton

July 19

413-848-2816

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

- **Tisbury Street Fair**

Come spend the day at this terrific old-fashioned fair. Great food, drink and crafts.

Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard

July 8

508-696-4200

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

- **Whaling City Festival**

Enjoy this three-day festival with hundreds of flea market booths, carnival rides, entertainment, musicians, and great food.

Buttonwood Park Zoo, New Bedford

July 11-13

508-979-1745

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

- **Lowell Folk Festival**

A celebration of traditional music, dance, crafts, and storytelling. Street parades, ethnic foods, and dance parties all presented on six outdoor stages throughout the city and along the historic canals.

Lowell

July 25-27

978-970-5000

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

- **Berkshire Summer Arts Festival**

A special art show featuring 185 juried artists, live demonstrations, music, gourmet food and entertainment. The festival runs rain or shine, under tents and inside the air-conditioned upper lodge. There will be a wide range of fine art and fine crafts, all juried, in media such as glass, wood, clay, leather, fiber, jewelry, metal, 3-D and 2-D mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

Butternut Ski Resort, Great Barrington

July 4-6

800-834-9437

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

- **New England Sand Sculpting Invitational**

Watch 8 master sculptors from all over the world build incredible sand sculptures. Or maybe try your own hand in the amateur competition.

Revere Beach, Revere

July 13-20

781-249-1494

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

## SUMMER FAVORITES

- **Boston Harbor Islands Events**

The Boston Harbor Islands National Park offers a unique island adventure within view of the city skyline. This summer there will be more events and activities offered than ever before. Such as Boston Children's Theater in the Park or Boston Harbor Islands Free Family Fun Days. For more information on these and other events contact

Boston

Throughout the summer

617-223-8666

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

- **Horribles Parade & Fireworks**

The parade starts at 6pm along the boulevard and lasts about two hours. Bands come from all over the country and there is guaranteed fun for kids and adults.

July 3

Downtown Gloucester

978-283-1601

- **Brimfield Outdoor Antiques Show**

Mile-long strip featuring more than 1,000 dealers from all over the country. 6:00 am opening.

Brimfield

July 8-13

413-283-2418

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

- **America's Hometown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**

One of the largest 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades in America. More than 100 floats, marching bands and participants.

Pittsfield

July 4

413-447-7763

- **New England Summer Nationals**

The return of the classic car show roars into Worcester with all your favorite makes and models, vendor displays, swap meets, and 50s replica diner.

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Green Hill Park, Worcester

July 3-6

508-248-3111

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

- **New Bedford Summerfest & Blessing of the Fleet**

Enjoy four stages with traditional, folk, jazz and blues entertainers and children's shows: arts and crafts area; multicultural demonstrations; whale boat races, fireworks and much more.

New Bedford

July 4-6

508-999-5231

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

- **Marblehead Festival of the Arts**

Enjoy an array of fun events and activities including model boat building, sand sculpture competition and a kite flying festival. See plein air painters and purchase unique goods from juried artists from around the area.

Marblehead

July 3-6

978-922-8558

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