



What's HOT from MOTT

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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. In addition, we are always available for media interviews regarding Massachusetts tourism. For more information contact Lisa Simmons at lisa.simmons@state.ma.us or (617) 973-8508.

Spring Classics

- **Patriots' Day Celebrations**

The day starts at sunrise with the annual re-enactment of the famous battle that began the Revolutionary War. After the battle, the towns of Lexington and Concord host a variety of Patriots' Day activities. Don't miss the pancake breakfasts, 5-mile road race and the Popular Patriots' Day parade. All-day events will also take place at The Old Manse in Concord.

Concord & Lexington

April 19

978-369-6993

781-862-2480

www.lexingtonchamber.org

www.nps.gov/mima

- **Liberty Week at Battleship Cove**

A festival of patriotic exercises and fun-filled educational workshops for the entire family. Free with admission to Battleship Cove. The Fall River Carousel will be open for this event.

Fall River

April 19-23

508-678-1100

www.battleshipcove.org

Out and About

▪ **Spring Camping in Massachusetts State Campgrounds**

From the Berkshire Mountains to camping on an island within site of the Boston skyline, the Massachusetts state campgrounds have an exciting experience for you. Many state campground facilities open in early April. Come enjoy your forests and parks during the quiet season. To make a reservation at any of the 28 campground facilities visit www.reserveamerica.com or call 877-422-6762. For a list of state campgrounds and opening dates, visit the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's website at www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/camping.htm

▪ **Lower Cape EXPO 2010**

Sixty exhibitors from the Lower Cape and Cape-wide will exhibit a wide variety of goods and services. Demonstrations and lecture breakout rooms will feature local experts in several fields of interest, including syndicated horticulturist Paul Parent, host of Sunday morning's "Paul Parent Garden Club" on WXTK 95.1 for the past 23 years. Admission to the *EXPO* will be free and there will be raffles, giveaways, food and beverage and free parking.

Four Points by Sheraton, Eastham

April 3

508-896-3500

www.lowercapeexpo.com

▪ **Earth Day Festival**

Celebrate the earth at Garden in the Woods in Framingham! Free admission, tours, slide shows and family activities including live animal shows and nature demonstrations.

Framingham

April 24

508-877-7630

www.newfs.org

▪ **Sheep Shearing Festival**

It's a real country fair! Sheep shearing, herding, dog demonstrations, crafters, craft sales, musical entertainment, children's wagon rides and food. Mansion tours optional.

Gore Place, Waltham

April 24

781-894-2798

www.goreplace.org

- **Annual Daffodil Festival**

Millions of blooming daffodils transform the island into a brilliant yellow paradise. Events include Annual Antique and Classic Car parade, tailgate picnic, hiking, fishing and bird watching.

Nantucket

April 23-25

508-228-1700

www.nantucketchamber.org

- **4th Annual Newburyport Literary Festival**

With its rich literary heritage, the greater Newburyport area has a lot to be excited about. Writers as diverse as John Greenleaf Whittier, John P. Marquand, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and Andre Dubus II have called Newburyport home.

Downtown Newburyport

April 23-24

978-465-1257

www.newburyportliteraryfestival.org

- **Spring Orchid Sale**

Hundreds of orchid plants are for sale, including many hard-to-find varieties. Among the varieties on display and for sale: cattleyas, laelias, paphiopedilums, and phalaenopsis. Both species and hybrid plants are available in bud or blooming.

Lyman Estate, Waltham

April 9-11

781-891-4882

www.historicnewengland.org

- **Swan Boats**

Opening day for one of the most popular attractions in the city. Take a relaxing ride on an historic swan boat at the Boston Public Garden lagoon. Open daily through September 21.

Boston

April 17

617-522-1966

www.swanboats.com

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Bunny will be hopping down the bunny trail in Tihonet Village. Colored Easter eggs will be hidden for children ages 2 to 8 to find. Bring your basket to collect as many eggs as you can, and keep an eye out for special eggs! All participants will receive a goodie bag from the Easter Bunny after the egg hunt is completed. Don't forget your Easter basket or your camera! Space is limited, pre-registration and pre-payment is required.

Tihonet Village, Wareham

April 10 (rain date April 17)

508-295-5437

www.Tihonetvillagemarket.com

A Sporting Chance

- **The 112th Boston Marathon**

The oldest marathon in America and the largest single-day event in New England. Cheer the runners along the 26.2 mile course from Hopkinton to Boston's Back Bay.

Boston

April 19

617-236-1652

www.bostonmarathon.org

- **Opening Day at Fenway Park**

A Boston tradition! Join the "Fenway Faithful" as they cheer on the beloved Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, Major League Baseball's oldest and smallest ballpark.

Boston

April 4

617-267-1700

www.redsox.com

A Family Affair

- **April Vacation Activities**

Make your own history this week, as Plimoth Plantation presents special April Vacation activities for families to enjoy all week long.

Plimoth Plantation

April 19-25

508-746-1622

www.plimoth.org

- **Spring Classic Cluster Dog Show**

Sponsored by the Springfield Kennel Club, this all breed dog show will feature agility trials, obedience trials and conformation.

Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield

April 23-25

413-737-2448

www.thebige.com