



# What's HOT from MOTT

## August 2009

*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 Nagy at [lisa.simmons@state.ma.us](mailto:lisa.simmons@state.ma.us) or 617-973-8508.*

### A FESTIVAL OF FUN

- **Southeast Asian Water Festival**

Watch longboat races as well as music and dance from Cambodia and Laos. Also enjoy ethnic food and arts and crafts.

Lowell Heritage State Park, Lowell

August 15

978-453-0592

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

- **Antique & Classic Boat Festival**

Come see a huge display of antique and classic powerboats, sailboats, steam launches, sloops, sharpies, yawls, schooners, and hand-powered craft; meet skippers and crews; vote for your favorite boat; nautical market; music; Blessing of the Fleet.

Hawthorne Cove Marina, Salem

August 22-23

617-666-8530

[www.by-the-sea.com/bacbfestival](http://www.by-the-sea.com/bacbfestival)

- **Gloucester Waterfront Festival**

A popular arts and crafts show with entertainment, food and plenty of family fun.

Gloucester

August 15-16

978-283-1601

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

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[massvacation.com](http://massvacation.com)

- **Yankee Homecoming Days**

Enjoy a waterfront concert, historic house tours, great entertainment, parades, a craft fair, lots of food and a fireworks display.

Throughout Newburyport  
July 26-August 2  
978-462-6680  
[www.newburyportchamber.org](http://www.newburyportchamber.org)
- **Sorrento Cheese Fisherman's Feast**

Boston's oldest continuous Italian festival in its 96<sup>th</sup> year. This year's feast takes place on North, Lewis and Fleet Streets with captivating traditional processions, enticing food and great entertainment.

Boston  
August 13-16  
[www.fishermansfeast.com](http://www.fishermansfeast.com)
- **Annual Peach Festival**

The festival includes a classic car cruise, Hometown Parade, many fabulous food booths, craft show, business showcase, Lil' Peach Pit for small children, kids games, entertainment, Grucci fireworks, family fun and more.

Fountain Park, Wilbraham  
August 21-23  
413-599-0010  
[www.peachfestival.org](http://www.peachfestival.org)
- **Pembroke Summer Arts Festival**

Summer Arts Festival includes arts, crafts, entertainment and a real hometown feel that leaves you with warm thoughts of the summer and the town of Pembroke

Pembroke Green, Pembroke  
August 8-9  
[www.PembrokeArtsFestival.org](http://www.PembrokeArtsFestival.org)
- **Lowell Quilt Festival**

This biennial quilting conference features: the juried images quilt show, a special festival exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum, quilt appraisals, and much more. Experience this outstanding celebration of quilts in a city rich in textile history.

Lowell  
August 6-9  
978-452-4207  
[www.lowellquiltfestival.org](http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org)

## OUT AND ABOUT

- **Feast of the Blessed Sacrament**  
The Largest Portuguese feast in America; entertainment, giant midway, and parade.  
Madeira Field, New Bedford  
July 30- August 2  
508-992-6911  
[www.portuguese Feast.com](http://www.portuguese Feast.com)
  
- **Annual Sandcastle and Sculpture Day**  
Watch islanders and visitors create masterpiece sandcastles and sand sculptures; ribbons awarded in various categories. Pre-registration required.  
Nantucket  
August 15  
508-228-1700  
[www.nantucketchamber.org](http://www.nantucketchamber.org)
  
- **Falmouth Road Race**  
7.1 mile race from Falmouth to Woods Hole. Come cheer on the runners.  
Falmouth  
August 9  
508-540-7000  
[www.falmouthroadrace.com](http://www.falmouthroadrace.com)
  
- **Fall River Celebrates America**  
Family oriented waterfront festivals, tour ships, enjoy international food and plenty of entertainment.  
Fall River  
August 7-9  
508-676-8226  
[www.fallrivercelebrates.com](http://www.fallrivercelebrates.com)
  
- **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Roxbury Film Festival**  
Celebrating the vision and voice of New England filmmakers of color. This show features full length films, shorts, and documentaries with panel discussions.  
Roxbury  
July 30-August 2  
617-541-3900  
[www.roxburyfilmfestival.org](http://www.roxburyfilmfestival.org)

- **Bridge of Flowers Road Race**

A 10K road race featuring a two-mile run and citizens walk in one of Massachusetts' most scenic areas.

Shelburne Falls

August 8

413-625-2548

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

- **Boston Restaurant Week**

Over 80 restaurants in Boston and Cambridge will be serving up 3-course lunches for a mere \$20.06 per person and 3-course dinners for \$30.06.

Throughout Boston & Cambridge

August 9-14 & 16-21

888-See-Boston

[www.bostonusa.com/restaurantweek](http://www.bostonusa.com/restaurantweek)

- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Martha's Vineyard African American Film Festival**

The Martha's Vineyard African-American Film Festival (MVAAFF) is a four day, fun filled retreat dedicated to showcasing and honoring the works of independent and established filmmakers.

Martha's Vineyard

August 5-8

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

## IT'S ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER

**Adams Fair**

July 31- August 2

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

**Cumington Fair**

August 27-30

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

**Hardwick Fair**

August 21-22

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

**Heath Fair**

August 21-23

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

**Littleville Fair**

August 7-9

[www.hidden-hills.com/littlevillefair](http://www.hidden-hills.com/littlevillefair)

**Marshfield Fair**

August 21-30

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

**Martha's Vineyard Fair**

August 20-23

<http://mvas.vineyard.net>

**Westfield Fair**

August 21-23

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