



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.

Holiday Happenings

- **Nantucket Noel**

Holiday festivities extend throughout the month and include caroling, holiday craft shows, exhibitions, and performances. Horse drawn carriages, a gingerbread house contest, and the world famous Christmas Stroll (December 5-7) give this event an old fashioned New England atmosphere.

Nantucket

November 28-December 31

508-228-1700

www.nantucketchamber.org

- **Martha's Vineyard Holiday**

The 27th Annual Christmas in Edgartown kicks off on Thursday, December 11 at 4 pm with the lighting of the Edgartown Lighthouse and Christmas Caroling Stroll. Continues through Sunday with lots of fun events and activities.

Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard

December 11-14

508-693-0085

www.mvy.com

- **Bright Nights at Forest Park**

Take the family on a trip through toy land, Seuss land, winter woods and the North Pole Village and the all new Jurassic World. This Christmas light spectacular winds its way through 2.5 miles of twinkling lights.

Springfield

Wednesday to Sunday -- November 26th through December 7th

Nightly -- December 10th through January 3rd

413-733-3800

www.brightnights.org

- **Holiday Festival of Lights**

The largest holiday lights display in New England. Antique and replica trains travel through illuminated displays and cranberry bogs on this 5.5 mile ride.

Edaville USA, South Carver

Friday-Sunday, November 14-30

Daily December 1-January 4

877-EDAVILLE

www.edaville.com

- **Falmouth Holidays by the Sea**

Bring the family to enjoy carolers at Nobska Light, the lighting of the town green and annual Christmas parade, the largest Christmas parade in southeastern Massachusetts.

Falmouth

December 5-7

508-548-8500

www.falmouthchamber.com

- **Festival of Trees**

The Berkshire Museum comes alive with over 200 exquisitely decorated trees on display throughout the galleries.

Pittsfield

November 14-January 4

413-443-7171

www.berkshireremuseum.org

- **Stockbridge Main Street at Christmas**

The town of Stockbridge becomes a magical New England village decorated with holiday wreaths and festive lights as the town celebrates the 19th annual holiday program.

Stockbridge
December 6-7
413-298-5200

www.stockbridgechamber.org

- **Boston Common Christmas Tree Lighting**

Soul singer Brian McNight will entertain as the now famous 50 ft. spruce tree from Nova Scotia is illuminated with 17,000 lights in the Boston Common.

Boston
December 4
617-236-2300

- **Yuletide at Storrowtown**

Take in the exteriors and interiors of 18th and 19th century buildings decorated with all-natural materials. Plus enjoy choral groups, Santa, carol sing, petting zoo and kid's crafts.

West Springfield
December 6-7
413-737-2443

www.thebige.com

- **Christmas on Cape Ann**

Enjoy the numerous seasonal activities throughout the area. Open houses, Christmas strolls, tree lightings, parades, Santa arriving by boat and much more.

Cape Ann
Throughout December
978-283-1601

www.capeannvacations.com

- **La Salette Shrine Festival of Lights**

Come see the largest religious Christmas display of lights in the east.

Attleboro
November 27-January 4
508-222-5410

www.lasalette-shrine.org

- **A Soldiers Christmas**

This year's Holiday Program honors the service and sacrifice of our nation's military personnel and their families, drawing upon not only the beloved classic, *Little Women* (the first half of which is set during the Civil War), but also *Hospital Sketches*, Louisa May Alcott's highly acclaimed work detailing her real-life Civil War nursing experiences.

Orchard House, Concord
December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21
978-369-4118

www.louisamayalcott.org

FIRST NIGHT FESTIVITIES

- **First Night Boston**

Celebrate New Year's Eve at the largest gathering in North America. Take in the art, theater, dance, ice sculptures and fireworks at venues throughout the city.

Boston
December 31
617-542-1399

www.firstnight.org

- **First Night Chatham**

Bring the whole family and enjoy the traditional noise parade, musicians, storytellers, clowns, poets and dancers. Fireworks at midnight at Oyster Pond.

Chatham
December 31
508-945-5100

www.firstnightchatham.com

- **First Night Worcester**

The largest celebration of its kind in central Massachusetts. Many downtown venues will host festive family activities, concerts, food and more! Fireworks at 7pm and midnight at Lincoln Square.

Worcester
December 31
508-799-4909

www.firstnightworchester.org

- **First Night New Bedford**

Join the city as they present a wide variety of family-oriented events. Everyone will enjoy the fantastic musical entertainment, breathtaking fireworks display on the waterfront, tasty food and fun.

New Bedford

December 31

800-508-5353