



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.

Winter Warmers

- **American Heritage Chocolate Celebration**

The fifth annual event will now be called the American Heritage Chocolate® Celebration and still include a packed day with delectable chocolate treats, family-friendly activities and unique demonstrations

Historic Deerfield

February 14

413-775-7214

www.historic-deerfield.com

- **Boston Wine Festival**

Annual celebration which includes events, tastings, seminars, rare wine auction, and celebrity guests.

Boston Harbor Hotel

Through April 3

617-330-9355

www.bostonwinefestival.net

- **A Presidents Day Visit with Abe Lincoln**

What better way to celebrate Presidents' Day than with a visit from Abraham Lincoln. In this bicentennial year of Lincoln's birth, the Concord Museum is pleased to once again host Steve Wood and his amazing performance as Abraham Lincoln. .

Concord Museum, Concord

February 16

978-369-9763

www.concordmuseum.org

Indoor Fun

- **Springfield RV, Camping and Outdoor Show**

View the largest display of recreational vehicles and camping equipment in the western part of the state. Maybe pick up a new camper or add to your collection of camping gear.

Eastern States Exposition

February 13-16

413-737-2443

www.thebige.com

- **Frederick Douglass Read-a-thon**

A nonstop reading of the first autobiography of New Bedford's most famous resident. Douglass escaped slavery and lived in New Bedford from 1838-1846. He became one of the nation's greatest abolitionist leaders.

First Unitarian Church, New Bedford

February 8

508-979-8828

www.bristol-county.org

- **Cosmic Collisions - Spectacular New Planetarium Show**

Feel the ground shake beneath you! Cosmic Collisions, narrated by award-winning Robert Redford, is showing in Massachusetts' only digital planetarium. Featuring stunning images from space and breathtaking visualizations based on cutting-edge scientific data, the dazzling Cosmic Collisions reveals the explosive encounters that shaped our solar system.

Ecotarium, Worcester

Ongoing

508- 929-2700

www.ecotarium.org/activities/planetarium/

- **Northeast Motorcycle Show**

A family owned and operated show whose primary focus is on family oriented motorcycle shows for the motorcycle enthusiast.

Bayside Expo Center, Boston

February 7-8

800-225-1577

www.baysideexpo.com

- **7th Annual Salem's So Sweet Chocolate & Ice Sculpture Fest**

Enjoy a week of indulgent activities that include chocolate and wine tastings, family activities, special movie screening at Old Town Hall. View a variety of ice sculptures that will on display throughout the city.

Salem

February 6-14

978-744-0009

www.salemmainstreets.org

- **Mastersingers by the Sea: Winter Concert 2009**

Mastersingers by the Sea chamber chorus and musicians from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra explore aspects of love - its passion, its mysterious qualities and its deeply spiritual roots.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Falmouth

February 28-March 1

508-540-1896

www.mastersingersbythesea.org

For The Hardier

- **Lowell Winterfest 2009**

Don't miss the Greater Merrimack Valley's favorite winter carnival featuring the Human Dog Sled Race, live music, arts, crafts, children's activities and soup bowl competition. The event will be capped off with a fireworks display on the 9th.

Lowell

February 5-7

978-970-4257

www.lowellwinterfest.org

- **Family Snowshoe Trek**

Bring the family and your snowshoes for an adventurous trek through the woods. We'll look for animal tracks, learn about winter plants and come inside for hot chocolate!

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell

February 1

781-659-2559

www.ssnscc.org

- **MV 20 Miler Road Race**

A brisk marathon through the beautiful main streets and back roads of Martha's Vineyard.

Leading off from the Steamship Authority Pier in Vineyard Haven

Vineyard Haven

February 14

508-696-6203 x300

www.mvmultisport.com/resources.html

- **Bay State Winter Games**

Massachusetts' own Olympic-style Winter Sports Festival featuring athletic competitions and special events. Sports include figure skating in Williamstown, Alpine skiing at Jiminy Peak in Hancock and ice hockey in North Adams. The Bay State Figure Skating show features regional and national performers.

Berkshires

February 6-8

(781) 932-6555

www.baystategames.org