



What's HOT from MOTT

February 2010

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 13

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 2

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 15

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 12-15

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 7

508-979-8828

www.bristol-county.org

- **One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure**

Join Sesame Street's Big Bird and Elmo as they explore the night sky with Hu Hu Zhu, a Muppet from Zhima Jie, the Chinese co-production of Sesame Street. Together, they take an imaginary trip from Sesame Street to the moon, where they discover how different it is from Earth. One World, One Sky is a brilliant spectacle of light and color as the furry friends watch the stars twinkle over Sesame Street.

Ecotarium, Worcester

Opening February 13

508- 929-2700

www.ecotarium.org/activities/planetarium/

- **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 5-14

978-744-0009

www.salemmainstreets.org

- **A Sensational Seuss Saturday**

Join us for a wonderful celebration of this beloved author. Learn about nature and enjoy a variety of activities and a delicious snack. Pre-registration required.

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell

February 6

781-659-2559

www.ssnsc.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 5-6

978-970-4257

www.lowellwinterfest.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 13

508-696-6203 x300

www.mvmultisport.com/resources.html