



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 Beth White at beth.white@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 9

413-775-7214

www.historic-deerfield.com

- **George Washington's Birthday**

Come experience how early New Englanders honored our first great American hero: George Washington.

Old Sturbridge Village

February 16-18

508-347-0395

www.osv.org

- **Boston Wine Festival**

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

Boston Harbor Hotel

Through April 8

617-330-9355

www.bostonwinefestival.net

- **5th Annual Warm Words Storytelling Festival**

Nationally renowned storytellers share stories for the whole family.

Concord Museum, Concord

February 16-18

978-369-9763

www.concordmuseum.org

Indoor Fun

- **Rail-A-Rama XL**

Covering 21,000 sq. ft. with children's U-Run toy trains, dealers, displays, operating layouts, train videos and free parking. Select your favorite equipment from the mighty locomotive to the little red caboose.

Christina's Function Facility, Foxboro

February 24

617-361-4445

www.mysticvalleyrs.org

- **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 15-18

413-737-2443

www.thebige.com

- **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 9-10

800-225-1577

www.baysideexpo.com

- **9th Annual Frederick Douglass Read-A-Thon**

Come to New Bedford as the community celebrates the legacy of Frederick Douglass, one of the great men of the 19th century. Students and teachers from area schools will join in reading selected speeches and passages from Douglass' body of work including *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*.

Friends Meeting House, New Bedford

February 11

508-979-8828

- **Presidents Day Antique Show & Sale**

Featuring more than 40 regional dealers who offer an array of antique furniture, glass and china.

Barnstable County High School

February 18-19

508-790-6445

- **6th 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 8-14

978-744-0004

www.salem-chamber.org

For The Hardier

- **Lowell Winterfest 2008**

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 8-9

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 17

508-696-6203 x300

- **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 1-3

(781) 932-6555

www.baystategames.org