



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.

You Gotta Have Art

- **Bach at New Years**

The virtuosi of the Berkshire Bach Ensemble, directed by harpsichordist Kenneth Cooper, return with their "irrepressible" versions of #2 and #4 of the Brandenburg Concerti of Johann Sebastian Bach as well as a lively selection of violin concerti.

Colonial Theater, Pittsfield

January 1

413-997-4444

www.thecolonialtheatre.org

Something Old, Something New

- **Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show**

35+ operating railroad layouts, hobby manufacturers' displays, railroad model dealers, booksellers, artists and much more!

Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield

January 24-25

860-243-0811

www.amherstrail.org

- **19th Annual Railroad Hobby Show**

Train and model railroad enthusiasts won't want to miss the 18th Annual Model Railroad and Railfan Meet and Hobby Show. More than 100 dealer tables are filled with everything from equipment and memorabilia to toy, books, and photographs.

Buker School, Wenham

January 10

978-468-2377

www.wenhammuseum.org

- **Fire and Ice Day**

Learn how enterprising early 19th-century New Englanders harvested ice from frozen ponds for shipping and selling around the world! Try your hand at sawing ice using 1830s tools and techniques. Afterward, sip hot cider and warm your hands and feet by a cozy fireplace in Bullard Tavern.

Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge

January 31

508-347-3362

www.osv.org

Winter Warmers

- **Annual WMVY Big Chili Contest**

Some like it hot! Taste some of the best chili from area competitors. Mild warmth to blazing burn. Spice up a winter's day at the Atlantic Connection.

Atlantic Connection, Oak Bluffs

January 24

508-693-5000

www.mvyradio.com

- **20th Annual Cape & Islands Orchid Show**

Magnificent orchid displays, exhibits, educational workshops, plants for sale and more.

Sea Crest Resort, North Falmouth

January 24-25

508-536-5016

www.caio.org

- **13th Annual Moby Dick: The Marathon**

A non-stop reading of the great American classic commemorating the anniversary of the departure from the whaling port of New Bedford on the Fairhaven Ship Acushnet with 21 year old Herman Melville aboard.

New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford

January 3-4

508-997-0046

www.whalingmuseum.org

- **18th Annual Boston Wine Expo**

Offers wine enthusiasts an educational and entertaining wine and food experience; more than 450 international and domestic wineries from 13 countries; wine and food seminars; celebrity chef demonstrations; champagne jazz brunches; and food tastings by more than 50 purveyors of fine foods and products.

Seaport World Trade Center, Boston

January 23-25

877-946-3976

www.wine-expos.com

- **U.S. Figure Skating Synchronized Team Skating Championships**

Experience the excitement of the best synchronized ice skating event in the Northeast at Lowell's Tsongas Arena.

Tsongas Arena, Lowell

January 9-11

978-848-6900

www.colonialclassic.org

Feeling Brave

- **Drowned Hogs Weekend**

On Friday enjoy the Drowned Hogs Ball; On Saturday take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean at Nantasket Beach and on Sunday it's the Soup & Chowder Festival.

Nantasket Beach

January 30-February 1

781-925-9980

www.hullnantasketchamber.com