



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](#).

You Gotta Have Art

- **Rockport Chamber Music Festival: Radius Ensemble**

Radius Ensemble has earned rave reviews and a dedicated following by reinvigorating classical music for a new generation. This ensemble includes winds, strings, and piano, and performs beloved masterpieces to undiscovered gems.

Independent Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockport

January 13

978-546-7391

www.rcmf.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 26-27

860-243-0811

www.amherstrail.org

- **18th 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 5

978-468-2377

www.wenhammuseum.org

- **First Day Celebration**

The day will feature games appropriate to the 1830s and opportunities to sing songs in the 'genteel tradition' and to enjoy the village's vistas and landscape in winter.

Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge

January 1

508-347-3362

www.osv.org

Winter Warmers

- **22nd 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 27

508-693-5000

www.mvyradio.com

- **19th Annual Cape & Islands Orchid Show**

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

Sea Crest Resort, North Falmouth

January 11-13

508-536-5016

www.caios.org

- **12th 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

- **19th Annual Wine Festival**

This festival continues to grow creating new opportunities for guests to experience national and international wines while still keeping up with old favorites. Wine enthusiasts and gourmets can take pleasure in the unique opportunity to experience the marriage of world renowned wines with exquisite cuisine.

Boston Harbor Hotel, Boston

January 11-April 4

617-439-7000

www.bhh.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 4-6

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 25-27

781-925-9980

www.hullnantasketchamber.com