



# What's HOT from MOTT

## June 2009

*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 in the Bay State is available on our web site: [massvacation.com](http://massvacation.com). In addition, we are always available for media interviews regarding Massachusetts tourism. For more information contact [lisa.simmons@state.ma.us](mailto:lisa.simmons@state.ma.us) 617-973-8508.*

### A Festival of Fun

- **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Revels**

An indoor/outdoor summer celebration with David Coffin and special guests, including The Nields (3:00 pm show only) and WGBH-FM's Brian O'Donovan.

Boston

June 20

617-972-8300

[www.revels.org](http://www.revels.org)

- **Day of Portugal Weekend Festival**

Artists, entertainment on three stages, food and the vibrant culture of Portugal.

New Bedford

June 12-14

508-990-3703

[www.nb-dayofportugal.com/festival](http://www.nb-dayofportugal.com/festival)

- **Dragon Boat Festival**

Spanning nearly 2300 years, the Dragon Boat Festival transforms old traditions into an exciting sporting and cultural event right on the Charles River.

Cambridge

June 6-7

617-426-6500

[www.bostondragonboat.org](http://www.bostondragonboat.org)

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[massvacation.com](http://massvacation.com)

- **7th Annual Apple Blossom Bash**

Attend the rite of passage each spring. Free admission, free hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting and live entertainment. Relax in the gazebo or Adirondack chairs or take a hike up to the hilltop or on back country trails.

Hilltop Orchards, Richmond

June 6-7

800-833-6274

[www.hilltoporchards.com](http://www.hilltoporchards.com)

- **Taste of the Vineyard**

Sample extraordinary cuisine and beverages from the Vineyard's finest caterers and restaurants.

Old Whaling Church, Edgartown

June 11

508-693-3392

[www.mvpreservation.org](http://www.mvpreservation.org)

- **Quahog Day**

A celebration of the return of summer weather to Cape Cod. The day of family fun will kick off with the Quahog Prognostication - an announcement from the Secretary General of Quahog Republic as he receives word from the "official quahog" on how many weeks of Cape Cod beach weather lie ahead.

Mashnee Island, Bourne.

June 21

[www.QuahogDay.com](http://www.QuahogDay.com)

- **Nantucket Film Festival**

Join the film industry's young turks for five days of films, staged readings, awards, lectures and parties on the island. Film agents, actors and fans will celebrate the work of the screenwriter.

Nantucket

June 18-21

212-708-1278

[www.nantucketfilmfestival.org](http://www.nantucketfilmfestival.org)

- **30th Annual Cambridge River Festival**

A one-day celebration of the arts along the banks of the Charles River. Hundreds of entertainers performing on multiple stages. Public art installations designed for the festival. Over 100 specialty food purveyors and craftspeople. Rain or shine.

Cambridge

June 13

617-349-4380

[www.cambridgeartscouncil.org](http://www.cambridgeartscouncil.org)

- **Western Mass Highland Games & Celtic Festival (Returning in 2010)**

The Western Mass. Highland Games sincerely regrets to announce that because of the uncertain economy there will be no games this year.

Franklin County Fairgrounds, Greenfield  
413-584-9182

[www.wmhg.org](http://www.wmhg.org)

- **Art in the Park Festival**

Come to the annual family festival and art sale; children's performances, musical groups, art activities for children and adults; more than 100 New England artists.

Decordova Museum, Lincoln  
June 14  
781-259-8355

[www.decordova.org](http://www.decordova.org)

- **Provincetown Portuguese Festival**

Celebration of Portuguese heritage; Blessing of the Fleet; historic exhibits, games, crafts, parade, and food. (Fee for food events)

MacMillan Wharf, Provincetown  
June 25-28  
508-487-3424

[www.provincetownportuguese festival.com](http://www.provincetownportuguese festival.com)

- **Semana Hispana Festival**

Parade and celebration of the diverse Hispanic cultures of Lawrence.

Campagnone Common, Lawrence  
June 13-15  
978-686-0900

## June Openings

The following organizations open their 2009 seasons in June:

<b>Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival</b>	June 20	<a href="http://www.jacobspillow.org">www.jacobspillow.org</a>
<b>Cape Playhouse</b>	June 23	<a href="http://www.capeplayhouse.org">www.capeplayhouse.org</a>
<b>Barrington Stage Company</b>	June 17	<a href="http://www.barringtonstageco.org">www.barringtonstageco.org</a>
<b>South Shore Music Circus</b>	June 11	<a href="http://www.musiccircus.com">www.musiccircus.com</a>

## Summer Favorites

- **Roxbury in Bloom**

Our famous garden tour. Check out Roxbury's gorgeous flower and vegetable gardens including a small farm!!

Boston

June 20

617-292-4504

[www.discoverroxbury.org](http://www.discoverroxbury.org)

- **Historic Hingham Homes: 85th Annual Tour**

Private antique homes and historic buildings that span more than 250 years of Hingham's architectural history will be open for viewing as well as three historic buildings.

Hingham

June 14

[www.hinghamhistorical.org](http://www.hinghamhistorical.org)

- **Old Deerfield Summer Craft Fair**

It's a country garden theme this year with 200 craftspeople participating in this Franklin County Classic.

Deerfield

June 20-21

413-774-7476

[www.deerfield-craft.org](http://www.deerfield-craft.org)

- **St. Peter's Fiesta**

A Cape Ann, Italian-American tradition. Many religious activities, music, food, sporting events, parade and the now famous Blessing of the Fleet.

Gloucester

June 24-28

978-283-1601

[www.stpetersfiesta.org](http://www.stpetersfiesta.org)

- **West Side's Taste of the Valley**

West Springfield's annual weekend long gathering of local restaurants. Visitors from all over come to sample various dishes from a diverse mix of casual fare. The weekend is also highlighted by family friendly entertainment and activities including live performances, a classic car show and games and rides for children and teens.

Park Street Town Common, West Springfield

June 11-14

[www.westsidetaste.com](http://www.westsidetaste.com)

- **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Concord Museum Garden Tour**

The Concord Museum's Guild of Volunteers is pleased to sponsor the 20th annual Garden Affairs event, an unequalled opportunity both to share in the delights of beautiful and unique private gardens in the Concord-area

Concord Museum, Concord

June 5-6

978-369-9763

[www.concordmuseum.org](http://www.concordmuseum.org)

- **Boston Pride Week**

A week long celebration culminating with the Gay Pride Parade. This year's theme is "Ask. Tell. Proud to Serve Our Community, Our Country, Our World".

Boston

June 5-14

617-262-9405

[www.bostonpride.org](http://www.bostonpride.org)

- **The Silver Kingdom Renaissance Festival**

Come help us celebrate the Spring Festival here in the Silver Kingdom. There will be Merchants peddling their wares, entertainers galore. Merry Mischief will be there to help us celebrate. There is a children's garden, boffer tournament and other surprises as well.

Ye Old Commons, Charlton

June 6, 7, 13 & 14

[www.kingdomfestival.com](http://www.kingdomfestival.com)

- **13th Annual Patuxet Strawberry Thanksgiving**

Native people celebrate many thanksgivings throughout the year to show appreciation to the Earth and the Creator.

Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth

June 20

508-746-1622

[www.plimoth.org](http://www.plimoth.org)