



# What's HOT from MOTT

## March 2010

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### Signs of Spring

- **Maple Sugar Days**

It's sugarin' time in the Blue Hills! Put on your boots and flannel shirt and join in the double fun on this two part special event. Your experience begins at the Trailside Museum where we will unlock the mysteries of maple sugaring. Meet a maple tree and learn about how to tap for sap. Chat with costumed characters on the Maple Trail through Time and learn about maple sugaring through the centuries. Then take a free ride on the Maple Express Trolley to visit the sugar shack at scenic Brookwood Farm. Watch clouds of steam rise from the bubbling sap. Savor the taste of real maple syrup. Enjoy games, music and a warming fire down on the farm. Take the trolley back to Trailside to end the day. How sweet it is! Activities for all ages.

Throughout Massachusetts

March 13-14

[www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr)

- **Maple Festival**

Join us for a sweet day as we explore maple history, culture, and tasting. Enjoy the process from start to finish! Help us tap the trees for sap and then watch how the sap is boiled into syrup. The day will include woodland walks for tapping, sweet treats, and fun crafts & activities for the children.

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell

March 14

781-659-2559

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

- **Worcester Spring Home Show**

Walk through the largest consumer trade show in Central Mass. Features over 300 booths with a variety of exhibitors.

DCU Center, Worcester

March 12-14

508-931-2000

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

- **Paradise East Arts Festival**

Stroll through the unique Sculpture Garden and enjoy the extensive collection of contemporary crafts and fine art. This festival features more than 175 juried exhibitors.

Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlborough

March 19-21

800-511-9725

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

- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Ann Home & Garden Show**

Don't miss North Shore's largest home and garden show, visit over 100 Exhibitors as you discover creative solutions to get your garden and home ready for the arrival of spring. See live demonstrations and hear topical speakers throughout the weekend.

Gloucester High School, Gloucester

March 27-28

978-283-1601

[www.capeannchamber.com/homegarden](http://www.capeannchamber.com/homegarden)

## Luck O the Irish

- **St. Patrick's Day Celebrations**

Enjoy America's most Irish state for the month of March. Festivities include Irish culinary events at local hotels, concerts, parades, art exhibits, lectures, theater, children's activities and much more.

Statewide

March 1-31

617-696-9880

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

- **St. Patrick's Day Parades**

<b>Abington</b>	March 21	781-878-1570
<b>Holyoke</b>	March 21	413 533-1700

<b>Lawrence</b>	March 21	978 794-5858
<b>Scituate</b>	March 14	781 545-6671
<b>South Boston</b>	March 14	617 268-7955
<b>Worcester</b>	March 7	508 755-1955
<b>Yarmouth</b>	March 6	508-362-7239

## At the Movies

- **Winter Film Festival**

As always, the MVFF dishes up cutting edge cinema in a cocoon-like space complete with cozy couches, live music, and incredible meals. There is something for everyone during this weekend of films that the entire family can enjoy.

Chilmark Community Center, Martha's Vineyard

March 12-14

508-693-0396

<http://www.mviff.org>

- **15th Annual Latino Film Festival**

Courage is the theme for the 15th Annual Latino Film Festival. Come check out these award winning documentaries, dramas, drama-comedies, and political dramas from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico!

Clark University Cinema 320, Worcester

March 23-28

[www.cinema320.com](http://www.cinema320.com)

## And Don't Forget

- **Boston Massacre Reenactment**

Watch as The Massachusetts Council of Minute Men and Militia reenact one of the key events leading up to the American Revolution.

Boston

March 6

617-720-1713

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

- **Winter Restaurant Week**

Take some of the hottest restaurants in Boston and Cambridge, have them serve up delicious fixed price meals and you have the most powerful restaurant promotion in the city. Three course prix-fix lunch menu for \$20.09 and many of these restaurants also offer a special dinner menu for \$33.09.

Throughout Boston and Cambridge

March 14-19 & 21-26

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

- **Plimoth Plantation: Opening Day**

Plimoth Plantation opens for its 61st season.

Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth

March 20

508-746-1622

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

- **Rail-A-Rama XLI**

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

March 7

617-361-4445

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