



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.

Signs of Spring

▪ **Massachusetts State Parks offer Maple Sugaring Events**

Maple sugaring interpretive programs will be held at several DCR parks during Massachusetts Maple Month. Maple Sugar Days, at **Brookwood Farm** in the **Blue Hills Reservation** (Milton, 617-333-0690), features real maple sugaring, educational demonstrations, and more on March 8 & 9 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. **Breakheart Reservation** (Saugus, 781-438-1388) offers free programs for schools and nonprofit groups Monday-Friday, March 10-March 14. Tours include tree identification, tapping, history of maple sugaring, wood harvesting, sap boiling, and sampling of real maple syrup on pancakes and popcorn. (Preregistration is required; call for details.) **DAR State Forest** (Goshen, 413-268-7098) will give interpretive tours at the Krug Sugarbush beginning March 10 and continuing through the month of March (groups should call in advance). **Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park** (River Bend Farm, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge, 508-278-5274) offers maple sugaring program the first three weekends in March (1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16) starting at 9 a.m. (Group tours are available by registration). Watch syrup being made, sample maple products, see trees being tapped, participate in gathering sap, and visit the park's sugar house.

Throughout Massachusetts

March 8-16

www.mass.gov/dcr

▪ **New England Spring Flower Show**

Spend the day strolling through five acres of landscaped gardens and thousands of blooms. Both the seasoned gardener and the novice will be filled with the joy of the journey as much as the destination.

Bayside Expo Center, Boston

March 8-16

617-474-6556

www.masshort.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 7-9

508-931-2000

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 14-16

800-511-9725

www.paradisecityarts.com

- **3rd 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 29-30

978-283-1601

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

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

Abington	March 16	781-878-1570
Holyoke	March 30	413 533-1700
Lawrence	March 9	978 794-5858
Scituate	March 16	781 545-6671
South Boston	March 9	617 268-7955
Worcester	March 11	508 755-1955
Yarmouth	March 8	508-362-7239

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 5

617-720-1713

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 \$20.08 and many of these restaurants also offer a special dinner menu for \$33.08.

Throughout Boston and Cambridge

March 9-14 & 16-21

www.bostonusa.com

- **Plimoth Plantation: Opening Day**

Plimoth Plantation opens for its 60th season. There's also a new exhibit at State Pier in celebration of The Mayflower II's 50th Anniversary..."Back to the Fifties."

Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth

March 22

508-746-1622

www.plimoth.org

Lowell Celebrates Kerouac's 86th Birthday

David Robinson will read from his recently published book, "Sweeney on the Fringe". Bring your favorite Kerouac reading, or a Kerouac inspired work of your own. Enjoy birthday cake and live music.

Olive That & More, Lowell

March 8

978-275-1831