



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 [Amy Gallagher](mailto:Amy.Gallagher@mass.gov) (978)468-8752.

Spring Classics

- **Paradise City Arts Festival**

Shop for contemporary crafts, art and sculpture from more than 250 juried exhibitors from 40 states. Enjoy gourmet food, live music, children's entertainment and craft demonstrations.

Northampton

May 24-26

800-511-9725

www.paradisecityarts.com

- **Nantucket Wine Festival**

An elegant festival on the "faraway island." Enjoy wine tastings in island homes, dinners and seminars. A final grand tasting at the Sconset Casino.

Nantucket

May 14-18

508-228-1128

www.nantucketchamber.org

- **Boston Pops 2008 Summer Season Opening**

Boston Pops 2008 season opens May 7 with eight-time Grammy winner Natalie Cole and continues with exciting concerts through July 2.

Boston

May 7

617-266-1200

www.bso.org

- **Doors Open Lowell**

Visit Lowell's historic buildings linked by theme and open to the public. Schedules and tour routes available at the visitor center.

Lowell

May 15-18

978-275-1818

www.doorsopenlowell.org

- **Mother's Day at Old Sturbridge Village**

Celebrate Mother's Day at Old Sturbridge Village! Bring Mom to OSV and participate in some of our special Mother's Day activities. Old Sturbridge Village offers mothers free admission on this holiday.

Old Sturbridge Village

May 11

508-347-3362

www.osv.org

Fresh Air Fun

- **Cape Cod Maritime Festival**

Highlights of the event, held on the Hyannis waterfront in Aselton Park, include wooden boat displays in and out of the water, boat-building demonstrations, harbor cruises, crafters and artists, musical performers, kids' activities, walking tours, a raw bar and more.

Cape Cod

May 18

508-362-0066 or 888-33CAPECOD

www.capecodmaritimedays.com

- **Lilac Sunday**

Bring Mom to a spectacular setting, the Arnold Arboretum, and enjoy a thrill for the senses. Walk the grounds and take in 250 varieties of lilacs in full bloom.

Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain

May 11

617-524-1718

www.arboretum.harvard.edu

- **Brimfield Outdoor Antiques Show**

One of the premiere flea markets in the country. Plan on spending the day on the mile-long strip featuring more than 1000 dealers from all over the country.

Brimfield

May 13-18

www.brimfieldexchange.com

- **Street Performers Festival**

The entire family will enjoy the day in Boston watching street performers, world-class jugglers, clowns, storytellers, mimes, acrobats and dancers on the cobblestone streets of the marketplace.

Faneuil Hall, Boston

May 24-26

617-523-1300 or 617-338-2323

www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com

- **Oak Bluffs Memorial Day 5K Road Race**

An invigorating 5K race that begins at 10 a.m. at the Wesley Hotel on Lake Ave. in Oak Bluffs. Entry fee includes T-shirt.

Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard

May 25

508-693-7887

- **Annual Festival of the Arts**

Local artists show off their talent at this exhibit and juried show sponsored by the North River Arts Organization. Art as well as crafts are for sale along with fun activities for the entire family

Marshfield

May 24-25

781-837-8091

www.northriverarts.org

- **Motif #1 Days**

A host of activities are planned, both civic and commercial, to herald the kick-off of the summer season.

Rockport

May 17-18

978-546-6575

www.rockportusa.com

- **Guided Fly Fishing on the Deerfield River**

Zoar Outdoor will be offering guided fly fishing on the Deerfield River and surrounding rivers in western Massachusetts this season through a partnership with several local fishing guides. Programs will include guided trips, casting lessons and scenic float trips for full and half-day sessions.

Zoar Outdoor, Charlemont

Through September

800-532-7483 or 413-339-4010

www.zoaroutdoor.com

- **Memorial Day at Battleship Cove**

Honor and commemorate the men and women who gave their lives for freedom. A traditional military observance with the raising of the American Flag from half-staff and a 21-gun salute, firing one shot each minute.

Fall River

May 26

508-678-110

www.battleshipcove.org