



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 Lisa Simmons at Lisa.Simmons@state.ma.us or (617) 973-8508.

THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

▪ **Thanksgiving Day Celebration**

To mark one of just a handful of holidays on the early New England calendar, Old Sturbridge Village re-creates various activities from an early New England Thanksgiving Day, including cooking at the hearth, demonstrations of 19th-century table manners, a Thanksgiving sermon, and after-dinner entertainment.

Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge

November 27

800-SEE-1830

www.osv.org

▪ **Thanksgiving Week Celebration**

Celebrate the quintessential Thanksgiving experience at Plimoth Plantation. Be among the thousands who make the annual pilgrimage to the museum to share in the holiday spirit. Visitors will explore the Plantation's multiple sites, which include the Wampanoag Homesite, the 1627 English Village, the Crafts Center and *Mayflower II*.

Plymouth

November 27

508-746-1622

www.plimoth.org

- **Fireplace Feasts**

Relax by the fire or lend a hand as dinner is prepared for you 18th century style. Stir the chowder as it bubbles in the cast iron cauldron. Watch your prime rib turning as the only known Roasting Jack still operating in America rotates slowly over a crackling fire of wild cherry logs.

Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield

Various dates through April 2009

508-867-8337

www.salemcrossinn.com

- **Shaker Supper**

Enjoy a beautiful evening in the Shaker City of Peace. Relish a hardy shaker dinner in the candlelit 1830 brick dwelling and delight in the beautiful sounds of Shaker music in the meeting room. Guided tour available.

Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield

November 8 & 29

413-443-0188

www.hancockshakervillage.org

- **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade**

A classic hometown parade with marching bands, festive floats and fife and drum corps. The parade travels through Plymouth center and the waterfront.

Plymouth

November 22

800-532-1621

www.usathanksgiving.com

- **A Season of Thanks**

Members of the Society of the 17th Century offer a taste of what English life was like at the time of the first Thanksgiving. Meet re-enactors dressed in period clothes as they demonstrate a range of traditional crafts. See the fruits of the fall harvest prepared in open hearth cooking demonstrations. Included with general admission.

Historic Deerfield

November 24

413-775-7127

www.historic-deerfield.org

- **Parade of the Big Balloons**

A Springfield tradition for the whole family. This wonderful parade features giant helium balloons led by the 75ft "Cat in the hat" along with marching bands, a visit from Santa, and plenty of fun for all ages.

Springfield

November 28

413-733-3800

www.spiritofspringfield.org

- **6th Annual Thanksgiving Harvest Festival**

Shop at more than 20 businesses and farms who offer everything for your Thanksgiving table.

Red Apple Farm, Phillipston

November 23

978-249-6763

www.redapplefarm.com

AUTUMN CLASSICS

- **Cider Days in Franklin County**

Enjoy the taste and aroma of apple and apple cider-inspired events. Listen to talks and watch the apples pressed into cider. Restaurants in the area will feature apple dishes.

Throughout Franklin County

November 1-2

413-773-54632

www.ciderday.org

- **Davis' Mega Maze**

This year's theme is a Lost Vegas Maze. Wind your way through pathways of corn and Las Vegas sets

Davis' Farmland, Sterling

Weekends through November 9

508-422-MOOO

www.davismegamaze.com

- **Equine Affaire**

The nation's premier national equine exposition and equestrian gathering. Demonstrations, horse and farm exhibits, seminars and training sessions.

West Springfield

November 13-16

413-787-0131

www.equineaffaire.com

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

- **Annual Holiday Festival**

The largest Holiday Art Show on the Vineyard with over 85 Island Artisans. Balsam wreaths and ceramic ornaments to start off the holiday season and gifts galore from the Islands finest artists and craftsmen. Fine jewelry, glass, ceramics, fine art, clothing, book arts and much more.

Agricultural Hall, West Tisbury

November 28-29

www.vineyardartisans.com

- **Lighting of the Pilgrim Monument**

Watch as one of the most recognizable landmarks on Cape Cod is illuminated with 5000 lights. The lights go on at 6:00pm followed by entertainment and refreshments.

Provincetown

November 26

508-487-1310

www.pilgrim-monument.org

- **City of Lights Parade**

Kick off the holiday season with Lowell's annual parade with bands, floats, and costumed characters. Enjoy entertainment and family fun that draws thousands to downtown Lowell.

Lowell

November 29

978-459-4401

www.merrimackvalley.org

- **Cape Ann Holiday Gift Show**

Retail gift expo, expert tips on decorating, catering, and other types of holiday preparations.

Gloucester

November 7-8

978-283-1601

www.capeannchamber.com/holidayshow

INDOOR IDEAS

- **The Boston Jewish Film Festival**

New England's largest Jewish cultural event. This critically acclaimed festival features more than 50 independently produced films, shown in 7 locations and reflects the work of film artists from 16 countries in 18 languages.

Boston

November 5-16

617-244-9899

www.bjff.org