



# 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](http://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](mailto:lisa.simmons@state.ma.us) or (617) 973-8508.*

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

#### ▪ **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Bourne Scallop Festival**

New England's largest scallop festival. Enjoy arts and crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, rides and games and plenty of scallops.

Bourne

September 19-21

508-759-6000

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

#### ▪ **North Quabbin Garlic & Arts Festival, "The Festival That Stinks"**

More than 50 artists, folk, blues, bluegrass musicians, hayrides, children's activities, and garlic products. Children admitted free. Evening entertainment.

Forsters Farm, Orange

September 20-21

978-544-7564

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

#### ▪ **Rib'n Brews Festival**

Don't miss this opportunity to see the Massachusetts State BBQ Championship. Over 28 contestants from Maine to New York will compete. Also on tap are the best microbrews in New England. For football fans, games will be on in the "pigskin tent." Kids will have a ball too with numerous children's activities.

Tsongas Arena, Lowell

September 6-7

800-443-3332

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

- **Annual Corn Festival**

Enjoy this popular farmers market celebrating the cultural heritage of maze; Lots of fun including crafts, hayrides, and children's activities. Rain date September 21.

South Shore Natural Science Center, Norwell

September 20

781-659-2559

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

- **Harvest Festival**

A perfect place to pick your own apples; eat your fill at the family barbecue; enjoy live music, hay rides and entertainment; winery tours and tastings.

Nashoba Winery, Bolton

September 6

978-779-5521

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

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

- **Old Deerfield Fall Craft Fair & Quilt Fest**

An award winning show with more than 230 craftspeople from 20 states. Spend some time in the dining tent and take advantage of the free shuttle busses.

Old Deerfield

September 20-21

413-774-7476

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

- **The Big E**

The great New England Fall Festival and the largest fair in New England. Be sure to see the Avenue of the States, Storrowtown Village Museum and harvest New England. There's also a big top circus, contests, exhibits, children's activities and much more.

West Springfield

September 12-28

413-737-2443

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

- **King Richard's Faire**

Return to Renaissance. A vivid re-creation of a 16<sup>th</sup> century English marketplace at festival time. Spend the day watching court performers, artisans, jousters, royal chefs preparing delectable edibles and so much more. (Weekends and holidays only)

Carver

Weekends Through October 19

508-866-5391

[www.kingrichardsfaire.net](http://www.kingrichardsfaire.net)

▪ **Trails & Sails Weekend**

More than 100 free events at 60 different locations throughout Essex County. Tour lighthouses, whale watch, sail on the Schooner Lannon, outdoor activities.

Essex

September 26-28

(978) 740-0444

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

▪ **Brimfield Antiques Show**

Walk the mile-long strip of Rte. 20 featuring 4,000 dealers from all over the country.

Brimfield

September 2-7

413-283-2418

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

▪ **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Fair**

Celebrate traditional craftsmanship at this old-fashioned fair with demonstrations of blacksmithing, woodworking, basket weaving and more.

Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield

September 27-29

413-443-0188

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

▪ **Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival**

Combining the laid back beach style of the island of Martha's Vineyard, a passionate audience of film and culture enthusiasts with the buzz and excitement of a festival celebrating films from across the globe - The Martha's Vineyard International Film Festival is an amazing experience not to be missed.

West Tisbury

September 11-14

508-693-8989

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

**A FAIR TO REMEMBER**

<b>Belchertown Fair</b>	September 20-23	<a href="http://www.belchertownfair.com">www.belchertownfair.com</a>
<b>Bolton Fair</b>	September 25-28	<a href="http://www.boltonfair.com">www.boltonfair.com</a>
<b>Franklin County Fair</b>	September 4-7	<a href="http://www.fcas.com">www.fcas.com</a>