



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 Nagy at amy.gallagher@mullen.com or (978) 468-8752.

A FESTIVAL OF FUN

- **Southeast Asian Water Festival**

Watch longboat races as well as music and dance from Cambodia and Laos. Also enjoy ethnic food and arts and crafts.

Lowell Heritage State Park, Lowell

August 16

978-453-0592

www.lowellwaterfestival.org

- **Antique & Classic Boat Festival**

Come see a huge display of antique and classic powerboats, sailboats, steam launches, sloops, sharpies, yawls, schooners, and hand-powered craft; meet skippers and crews; vote for your favorite boat; nautical market; music; Blessing of the Fleet.

Hawthorne Cove Marina, Salem

August 23-24

617-666-8530

www.by-the-sea.com/bacbfestival

- **Gloucester Waterfront Festival**

A popular arts and crafts show with entertainment, food and plenty of family fun.

Gloucester

August 16-17

978-283-1601

www.capeannvacations.com

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- **Yankee Homecoming Days**
Enjoy a waterfront concert, historic house tours, great entertainment, parades, a craft fair, lots of food and a fireworks display.
Throughout Newburyport
July 27-August 3
978-462-6680
www.newburyportchamber.org
- **Sorrento Cheese Fisherman's Feast**
Boston's oldest continuous Italian festival in its 96th year. This year's feast takes place on North, Lewis and Fleet Streets with captivating traditional processions, enticing food and great entertainment.
Boston
August 14-17
www.fishermansfeast.com
- **Annual Peach Festival**
The festival includes a classic car cruise, Hometown Parade, many fabulous food booths, craft show, business showcase, Lil' Peach Pit for small children, kids games, entertainment, Grucci fireworks, family fun and more.
Fountain Park, Wilbraham
August 15-17
413-599-0010
www.peachfestival.org
- **Pembroke Summer Arts Festival**
Summer Arts Festival includes arts, crafts, entertainment and a real hometown feel that leaves you with warm thoughts of the summer and the town of Pembroke
Pembroke Green, Pembroke
August 2-3
www.PembrokeArtsFestival.org
- **Lowell Quilt Festival**
This biennial quilting conference features: the juried images quilt show, a special festival exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum, quilt appraisals, and much more. Experience this outstanding celebration of quilts in a city rich in textile history.
Lowell
August 7-10
978-452-4207
www.lowellquiltfestival.org

OUT AND ABOUT

- **Feast of the Blessed Sacrament**
The Largest Portuguese feast in America; entertainment, giant midway, and parade.
Madeira Field, New Bedford
July 31- August 3
508-992-6911
www.portuguese Feast .com

- **Annual Sandcastle and Sculpture Day**
Watch islanders and visitors create masterpiece sandcastles and sand sculptures; ribbons awarded in various categories. Pre-registration required.
Nantucket
August 16
508-228-1700
www.nantucketchamber.org

- **Falmouth Road Race**
7.1 mile race from Falmouth to Woods Hole. Come cheer on the runners.
Falmouth
August 10
508-540-7000
www.falmouthroadrace.com

- **Fall River Celebrates America**
Family oriented waterfront festivals, tour ships, enjoy international food and plenty of entertainment.
Fall River
August 8-10
508-676-8226
www.fallrivercelebrates.com

- **10th Annual Roxbury Film Festival**
Celebrating the vision and voice of New England filmmakers of color. This show features full length films, shorts, and documentaries with panel discussions.
Roxbury
July 28-August 3
617-541-3900
www.roxburyfilmfestival.org

- **Bridge of Flowers Road Race**

A 10K road race featuring a two-mile run and citizens walk in one of Massachusetts' most scenic areas.

Shelburne Falls

August 9

413-625-2548

www.shelburnefalls.com

- **Boston Restaurant Week**

Over 80 restaurants in Boston and Cambridge will be serving up 3-course lunches for a mere \$20.06 per person and 3-course dinners for \$30.06.

Throughout Boston & Cambridge

August 10-15 & 17-22

888-See-Boston

www.bostonusa.com/restaurantweek

- **5th Annual Martha's Vineyard African American Film Festival**

The Martha's Vineyard African-American Film Festival (MVA AFF) is a four day, fun filled retreat dedicated to showcasing and honoring the works of independent and established filmmakers.

Martha's Vineyard

August 6-9

www.mvaaff.com

IT'S ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER

<u>Adams Fair</u>	August 1-3	www.adamsfair.com
<u>Cumington Fair</u>	August 21-24	www.cumingtonfair.com
<u>Hardwick Fair</u>	August 15-16	www.hardwickfair.com
<u>Heath Fair</u>	August 15-17	www.heathfair.org
<u>Littleville Fair</u>	August 1-3	www.hidden-hills.com/littlevillefair
<u>Marshfield Fair</u>	August 15-24	www.marshfieldfair.org
<u>Martha's Vineyard Fair</u>	August 21-24	http://mvas.vineyard.net
<u>Westfield Fair</u>	August 15-17	(413) 562-3001
<u>Spencer Fair</u>	August 30-Sept. 1	www.spencerfair.org