

COUNTRY LIVING

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massachusetts

THE WHALING MUSEUM. WHEN: ONGOING. PLACE: NANTUCKET. After an expansion and renovation, the new Whaling Museum is open to the public. On display are a sperm-whale skeleton, a fully rigged whaleboat, whaling tools, and portraits of sea captains. There's also a restored 1847 candle factory on site and a rooftop observation deck that overlooks Nantucket Harbor. (508) 228-1894; nha.org.

michigan

MICHIGAN FIBER FESTIVAL. WHEN: AUGUST 20–21. PLACE: HASTINGS. This annual event celebrates natural-fiber arts with exhibitions and demonstrations, such as sheep and goat shearing, spindle spinning, bunny care, and a skein-making competition. (269) 948-2497; michiganfiberfestival.org.

minnesota

POTATO DAYS FESTIVAL. WHEN: AUGUST 26–27. PLACE: BARNESVILLE. Enter "Spudland" for two days of potato-related fun, including potato-picking and -peeling contests, a mashed-potato sculpture contest, potato car races, and mashed-potato wrestling. (800) 525-4901; potatodays.com.

new mexico

RAG RUG FESTIVAL. WHEN: AUGUST 12–14. PLACE: CENTER FOR MUSEUM SERVICES, SANTA FE. This show and sale includes rug-weaving demonstrations and the chance to meet the artisans who weave them. All proceeds benefit the Cottage Industries Program,

which gives grants to women entrepreneurs. (505) 983-6155.

"SUBHANKAR BANERJEE: THE LAST WILDERNESS." WHEN: THROUGH AUGUST 27. PLACE: GERALD PETERS GALLERY, SANTA FE. Subhankar Banerjee captured his two-year 4,000-mile journey through the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in aerial color photos that are now part of the congressional debates regarding exploratory oil drilling in Alaska. (505) 954-5700; gpgallery.com.