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AVENUE OF STATES SHOWCASES NEW ENGLAND'S FINEST PRODUCTS & TRADITIONS

Travel through all six New England states in less than a day with only one ticket—your ticket to The Big E!

Initially established by Eastern States Exposition founder, Joshua L. Brooks, to improve both agriculture and industry, the Avenue of States showcases both the traditional and cutting edge products and attractions that make each New England state unique. His quest began with the construction of the Massachusetts Building in 1919 and grew to completion in 1957 with the dedication of the Rhode Island Building. Because of Brooks' vision and determination, fairgoers have the opportunity to experience a truly one-of-a-kind attraction. Each building is owned and operated by its respective state.

Massachusetts Building – Built at a cost of \$50,000, the Massachusetts Building, dedicated in 1919 by then Gov. Calvin Coolidge, marked the official launching of the Avenue of States. If you love food, our state is for you. We have everything from dip varieties and apple pies, to clam chowder and chili, to locally-made honey and delicious chocolate products. Or if you want natural essentials to help nourish your skin, treat yourself to Amy's handcrafted soaps and lip balms. Looking for a gift? Buy local candles, postcards, photography, braided rugs, hand-crafted jewelry and more. Support and celebrate our local crafters and farmers on Massachusetts Day, Sept. 20!

Maine Building – Just a short walk from the Massachusetts Building stands the Maine Building, built in 1925 at a cost of \$50,000. It features local food and products and a wealth of vacation information about this northeastern state. Soon after you step inside, you'll notice the beautiful architecture. Grab a famous Maine baked potato and all its fixings, smoked salmon on a stick, wood fired pizza and delectable lobster rolls. Then top it all off with some sweet wild blueberries, whoopie pies or homemade ice cream! New England's "Vacationland" is also a great place to shop for nature-themed art, accessories, cookware and more! Stop by the Avenue to honor the Pine Tree State, Sept. 15!

Vermont Building – Built in 1929 at a cost of \$60,500, the Vermont Building is a Georgian structure that boasts marble corners, windowsills and columns. Cozy up to autumn with the perfect outfit from the Vermont Flannel Company and explore an expanse of items from wool products and sweaters to natural beauty products. While you're here, have a smoothie or craft beer, farm raised pork and sausage sandwiches and crepes! Your sweet tooth will love the many maple sugar products and our favorite seasonal traditions: apple pie, cider donuts, hot coffee and cider. Help celebrate the Green Mountain State, Sept. 22!

New Hampshire Building– Built in 1930, the \$75,000 building is constructed using New Hampshire granite for its columns and trim. While you marvel at the rustic interior, why not add some new décor to your home with handmade pieces from New Hampshire? At the Granite State building, you can find customized wood frames, handmade art, hand-thrown pottery, pet accessories, alpaca fiber products

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and glass jewelry. Grab some fudge or famous New Hampshire Kettle Corn to snack on while you shop! Come celebrate the state on New Hampshire Day, Sept. 21!

Connecticut Building – The building was constructed at a cost of \$85,000. Just as the cornerstone had been placed, the Hurricane of 1938 hit with devastating results to the grounds. Today, the Nutmeg State will help you reconnect with nature, offering a vast assortment of goods made from natural ingredients and materials. The building features Connecticut-made products like natural artisanal soy candles from CottageWicks, unique birdhouses and feeders from Birdhouse Plus and artisan jewelry and gifts from Kelly's Crystal Boutique. Stop by the Connecticut Tourism booth for travel info and the Connecticut Valley Railroad exhibit. Visit the building on Connecticut Day, Sept. 19!

Rhode Island Building – The \$150,000 Rhode Island Building was dedicated in 1957, marking the completion of the Avenue of States and the realization of Joshua Brooks' dream. The building is a replica of the Old Statehouse that is now preserved as a shrine in Newport. In Rhode Island, you'll see exhibits featuring fine gold and sterling silver, custom made power and hand tools, works of art and other handiwork. You'll also find information about the state's beautiful coastline and attractions that may just entice you to pack your bags and head for the Ocean State. Sample hearty Rhode Island soups and clam cakes and top them off with Del's frozen lemonade. Grab some fudge from Lady Ann Candies or a pint from Rhode Island Brewers Guild when you come celebrate Rhode Island Day, Sept. 18!

For a detailed list of all Avenue of States exhibitors, visit TheBigE.com.

The Big E takes place Sept. 14 – 30 in West Springfield, Mass. and will be jam-packed with food, entertainment, and so much more! Visit TheBigE.com to sign up for emails and connect on social media to be the first to get exclusive information. Join us with #BigEMoments.