

***Strange Matter* Brought Close Encounters of the “Strange” Kind to Ft. Lauderdale**

The Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., hosted the Materials Research Society’s science exhibition, *Strange Matter*, last summer from June 11 to September 6. Materials researchers from Motorola’s Advanced Product Technology Center gave hands-on demonstrations. In “Stinky Stuff,” Robert Mulligan showed how the aromas of everyday chemicals can be detrimental to products like cell phones. “Sticky Stuff,” demonstrated by Gene Kim, dealt with adhesives and different curing and adhering mechanisms. The interactive workshop on “Energy Stuff,” led by Ron Kelley, fueled batteries through a connection to different kinds of fruit.

Michael Tollon and Michelle Phen from the MRS University Chapter of the University of Florida were also on hand

to answer visitors’ questions about the exhibition. Tollon is the chapter president and Phen is vice president.

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exhibition and its tour are made possible by the generous support of the National Science Foundation, Alcan Inc., Dow, Ford Motor Company Fund, Intel Innovation in Education, and the 3M Foundation. **MRS**



The hidden and active science of materials shapes our physical world—from the mundane to the mysterious.

Visit *Strange Matter* at these locations

NOW: Boston, Mass. ~ Oct. 2, 2004–Jan. 3, 2005
Museum of Science

NOW: Halifax, Nova Scotia ~ Sept. 25, 2004–Jan. 3, 2005
The Discovery Centre

Boise, Idaho ~ Feb.–Apr. 2005
Discovery Center of Idaho

Bloomfield Hills, Mich. ~ June 4–Sept. 5, 2005
Cranbrook Institute of Science

Durham, N.C. ~ Sept. 24, 2005–Jan. 8, 2006
Museum of Life & Science



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