



**Grand opening of this summer's blockbuster exhibit –
*Alien Earths: Are We Alone?***

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Are we alone? This question is the subject of *Alien Earths: Are We Alone*, our new astronomy based summer exhibit on loan from the Science Space Institute. The grand opening is this Saturday, May 16th, 2009 at Grey Roots Museum & Archives at **11 a.m.**

Through interactive hands-on and multi-media components, visitors to *Alien Earths* will learn about the methods and technology that scientists use to search for planets and signs of life. Visitors will be able to: listen to sounds from space and find out what signals from intelligent beings might sound like; experiment with an infrared camera and ordinary objects; set planets in motion around a star and watch what happens; search for extraterrestrial life; learn about the technologies used by scientists in their quest for finding life on other planets.

Join us Saturday to meet and talk to some very special astronomers from Earth's past - Galileo, Tycho Brahe, Caroline Herschel and Helen Hogg. Starting at noon visitors can view "*Reach for the Stars*" in the Grey Roots theatre with presenter Donna Giesler. We are also showing a space film at 2pm. Kids can make a space ship to take home. Members of the Bruce County Astronomical Society will be on hand with solar scopes to allow visitors a safe look at the sun and they will also have their International Year of Astronomy exhibit on display. Boston Pizza is a proud sponsor of this exhibit and will be providing their delicious food for visitors on Saturday.

Grey Roots is proud to partner with the Bruce County Astronomical Society to provide several additional special events, star lectures and star viewings in 2009.

Alien Earths: A close encounter of the learning kind...

Dates: Saturday, May 16, 2009

Place: Grey Roots Museum & Archives

Cost: Regular admission applies

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