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SciWorks, Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University, and Sigma Xi Launch Local Science Cafés

Winston-Salem, NC – The “Science Café” movement that has swept the nation has now begun in Winston-Salem. SciWorks, Reynolda Gardens of WFU, and Sigma Xi (the International honor society for scientific and engineering research) have put together a schedule of talks for the months of March, April, and May 2009. The Science Cafés are supported in part by the PBS program *NOVA scienceNOW*.

Science Cafés are informal talks given by a local expert at a local gathering place. At a café participants can... learn about the latest issues in science, chat with a scientist in plain language, meet new friends, speak your mind, and, talk with your mouth full!

All talks will take place at Foothills Brewing Co. which is at 638 West Fourth Street in Downtown Winston-Salem. Science Cafés begin at 7pm. Participants are encouraged to enjoy dinner on their own from 6-7pm. There is no fee to participate in the Science Café.

Winston-Salem Science Café Schedule

March 10 7pm

The Cell Story: Take a Virtual Voyage to Discover the Secret World Inside Your Cells **Jed Macosko, Ph.D.**

Fifteen years ago, Jed Macosko met the president of Pixar and heard about an award-winning 3D animated film depicting the insides of a living cell. See this film and others, as Prof. Macosko takes you on a virtual voyage inside one of your cells. Along the way, hear how his research helps fight cancer, Alzheimer's, and Lou Gehrig's disease. A special thanks to the Brain Awareness Council for their help in organizing this café.

April 14 7pm

How the Bee Brain Grows Up

Susan Fahrback

Studies have shown that visiting flowers makes a bee brain larger. There is good evidence that similar changes occur in some parts of the human brain when we practice a new skill. Two questions will be considered: 1. Does a bigger brain mean a smarter bee? 2. Does interacting with flowers make the human brain larger?

May 12 7pm

The Role of Diet in Heart Disease: How important are cholesterol, fat, and calories?

Dr. Lawrence L. Rudel shares insight on the role cholesterol, fat, and calories play in heart disease.

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