Assembling the

Memorial Float

A Memorial Float can be a very special item once it's put together. As such, we want to make sure to pass on any tricks that we've learned in handling the assembly of the Float.

Steps in putting Memorial Float together:

- 1. First, note that the glass "cookie" that's in the box with the Memorial Float has been individually matched to work with that Float. If you've received more than one Float, make sure to keep the "coookies" with the matched Float!
- 2. Add the desired material to the Float through the opening. Using a funnel helps.
- 3. Apply a 2-part epoxy to the ground area of the Float once you've read the instructions for the epoxy. Leave about 1/8" to 1/4" of the outside of the ground area free of epoxy, so epoxy will not squeeze out and contaminate the outside of the Float it's very difficult to clean up. NOTE: do not apply epoxy to the "cookie" there will be plenty on the Float!
- 4. <u>Set the ROUGH side of the "cookie"</u> onto the epoxy that's on the ground surface of the Float. NOTE: the smoother side will not adhere to the epoxy as well, and the bond may fail!
- 5. <u>Slowly rotate the "cookie"</u> until you have a solid ring of darker color under "cookie". That dark area is where the epoxy is binding to both the Float and the "cookie". You'll notice that rotating the "cookie" will spread out the epoxy, and once you have a solid ring of the dark color, you know that the contents will be sealed in
- 6. <u>Place a couple strips of tape</u> in an "X" across the "cookie" to hold it in place. Plastic electrician's tape works especially well, since it can be stretched to better hold the "cookie" in place
- 7. <u>Check the position of the "cookie"</u> to make sure it's centered. NOTE: it doesn't hurt to check it again a couple of times once the epoxy sets, you will have no further chance to change the position of the "cookie"!

