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**How to make a sand-cast birdbath class to be held**

Looking for a simple project with lots of potential? Try this class by garden enthusiast, Janet Holland, on How to Sand-Cast a Birdbath.

It is a unique garden accent made with leaves from your garden. Participants will leave the second class with a unique birdbath for their yard.

Class will be held at the Ione Community School Greenhouse on Monday, September 29, at 6 p.m. and Monday, October 6, at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$31, as all supplies will be provided.

Pre-registration is required so that adequate supplies will be on hand. To sign up, please call Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator at 422-7040 to reserve a space in the class.

**Michael J. Sweeney**

Michael J. Sweeney, 59, of Milwaukie, formerly of Heppner, died Saturday, September 20, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland after battling Pick's Disease.



Michael J. Sweeney

He was born June 2, 1949 in Chicago, IL the son of Jerry and O.V. (Tiny) Harris Sweeney. He was raised in Butte, MT, Ontario, and Grants Pass before the family settled in Heppner where Mike graduated from high school in 1967.

He then attended the University of Oregon in Eugene where he graduated in three and a half years. He also attended colleges in Europe and Russia before entering Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, WA where he graduated in 1975.

He was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1976 and worked in a private law practice in Heppner from 1976 to 1983. From 1983 to 1989 he served as CEO and corporate counsel for a Portland advertising company.

In 1989, he began his work with the Oregon Attorney Assistance Program (OAAP), where he has spent the last 18 years working with lawyers and their families in recovery, facilitating interventions, organizing support groups, and providing empathy and guidance. During this period of time, Michael became certified as an employee assistance professional (CEAP) and an alcohol and drug counselor III (CADC III). Using his life experience, counseling education, and heart, Michael helped Oregon become one of the first lawyer assistance programs in the country to offer a wide range of services, including a "lawyer in transition program." Michael worked as an OAAP attorney counselor until sometime in 2007 when he took the position of attorney counselor advisor.

He has been a source of inspiration, assistance, energy, information, and support for anyone interested in recovery. Extensively involved in recovery legislation, constantly educating people about recovery, and always dedicating time to lawyers in need, Michael truly has made a difference in the lives of many. His work for the recovery community has been bound-

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less. He served as president of the board of the local Columbia River chapter of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA) and as president of the board of the Oregon Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction (OCADA). In 1993, Michael co-founded the Oregon Partnership, a statewide nonprofit organization that helps communities prevent and reduce substance abuse through treatment referrals and education. He served on the Partnership's board from 1993 to 1997 and received the Oregon Partnership Leadership Award in 2001.

Mr. Sweeney also served as chair of the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (council member from 1996 - 2000). Advising the governor and the legislature on funding priorities for programs related to alcohol and drug abuse. He also served on the Governor's Underage Drinking Task Force, was involved in the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA) project to reduce the use of alcohol and drugs among youth, and served on a council for comprehensive legislation creating a support system for at-risk children and their families.

Nationally known for his work in the field of recovery and lawyer assistance programs, Michael has helped to establish and improve many lawyer assistance programs in other states. He served from 2001 to 2003 on the American Bar Association Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs and on the Commission's assistance program evaluation subcommittee. Michael has also served on the ABA Standing Committee on Substance Abuse since 2004, providing testimony to a Congressional Caucus on recovery, and helping to introduce an ABA policy opposing discrimination against people seeking treatment or recovering from alcoholism or other drug diseases.

Mr. Sweeney was an avid golfer and tried to play as many of the courses around Oregon as possible. He started the Jeff Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund after losing his good friend and golf teammate. Following Mike's diagnosis with Pick's Disease his name was added to the Scholarship Fund which is distributed through The Oregon Community Foundation; it is for graduating seniors of Ione and Heppner schools.

He was a proud Oregon Duck fan and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Oregon. He also enjoyed fly fishing and tying his own flies. He had a great love for Morrow County history where he was involved in many activities. Michael was loved by many, and touched many lives. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by: his daughters, Kelly Burgoyne and her husband Scott of Oregon City and Katie Sweeney and her husband Phuong Le of Milwaukie; sister, Kathy Sunseri of Milwaukie; brothers, Pat Sweeney of Heppner, Dan Sweeney of Hillsboro, Bri-

an Sweeney of Portland, and Greg Sweeney of Milwaukie; granddaughters, Lily Le, Brittany and Emily Burgoyne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 27, 2008, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Burial will follow at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

A reception and gathering of friends will be held at the Catholic Parish Hall immediately following the burial. Recitation of the Rosary will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 26, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the Oregon Partnership, 6443 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97221 or to the Jeff Turner - Michael Sweeney Scholarship Fund, c/o The Oregon Community Foundation, 1221 SW Yamhill St. Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Michael G. Pierce**

Michael G. Pierce, 60, of Hillsboro died Friday, September 19, 2008, of pancreatic cancer with his family at his side.

Mike was born May 9, 1948 to Gene and Fay

Pierce of Pendleton. In 1957 the family moved to Heppner. Mike graduated from Heppner High School in 1965. He attended Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. He then served in the Army during the Vietnam era and was stationed in Korea.

Mike owned Dick's Subaru Service and Mike's Car Stereo prior to that in Hillsboro. He liked reading and motorcycles.

His family remembers his examples of hard work, honesty and loyalty to his family, friends and customers. He loved good times and good jokes with family and friends and travel to tropical destinations.

Mike was a 20 year member of the Hillsboro Elks and also a member of Washington County A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

He is survived by: wife, Chris Ryder; daughter, Jennifer Flores; sons, Eric and Zack Ryder; grandson, Gabriel Flores; his mother, Fay; brother, Greg Pierce; and sisters, Mary Pierce, Martha McQuinn, and Molly Rhea.

He was preceded in death by his father "Gene" Pierce.

Interment service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd. in Portland on Monday, September 29, at 3 p.m.

Remembrances may be sent to Transitions Palliative Care of Washington County, 900 SE Oak St., Suite 202, Hillsboro, OR 97123.

Funeral arrangements were by Fir Lawn Mortuary in Hillsboro.

**Juvenile Diabetes Walk to Cure to be held this weekend**



Pictured in front of the wall of shoes is HES teacher Jannine Allen and some of the students who have bought shoes for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure will be held Sunday, September 28, at Oaks Park in Portland. Brent Eckman, who has juvenile diabetes, will be

participating in the walk. Jannine Allen has been making and selling paper shoes that line the halls of Heppner Elementary School for the past seven years, since Eckman was in

elementary school. The shoes are \$1 each and can be purchased at the HES office through Thursday. Proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

**Scholarship applications available**

Applications are available for the Lexington Precinct and Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship. They may be picked up at Spicer-Kuhn Law Office in Heppner from Barb Hayes, or from Del LaRue in Ione. The deadline for these to be turned in is October 15. The Lexington Vot-

ing Precinct Award is given to a sophomore, junior or senior who lives in the Lexington Voting Precinct. The Slottee Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a junior, senior, or graduate student at an accredited four year college or university. The scholarship is given annually in order of priority. First - student mar-

joring or minoring in music; second - student who has been accepted into a school of education. Criteria used in awarding this scholarship include scholarship, leadership, citizenship, financial need, and probability of success in the student's chosen field. For more information contact Martha Munkers.

**6th Annual Ione Education Foundation Fund Raising Dinner**  
**AUCTION and RAFFLE ITEMS**  
**Saturday, September 27th**  
**Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.**  
**at the Ione American Legion Hall**  
Menu: Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).  
**Ticket Prices:**  
Adults - \$25.00  
Children 7 - 12 - \$10.00  
6 and under - free  
Tickets available at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione  
  
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**Barbecue Ribs at 6 p.m.**  
**Raffles and Prizes!**  
  
**Oyster, Ham & Salmon Feed**  
**Saturday, Oct. 4**  
**Dinner at 5 p.m.**  
  
**~ LADIES' NIGHT DINNER ~**  
**Thursday, Oct. 9**  
**Chefs: Marcia and Erin Anderson**

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