

# Frequently Asked Questions



## **Is this a haunted house?**

No, this is a yard display only. The props and the wiring (for sound and lights) in the yard are not designed for foot traffic.

## **Is there a charge for this display?**

We have never charged or solicited donations for this display. This year we have decided to take donation for the Milwaukee Dance and Drill Team who will be performing in the graveyard several nights this year. Check our website for dates.

## **Where did you get your decorations? Are those tombstones real?**

Almost everything in the yard display is hand made from materials bought at the local hardware store. The tombstones are cut from 2" Styrofoam and then the lettering is individually hand carved and painted.

## **Where do you store all of this?**

They are stored in the upstairs portion of the shop (the building behind the church.) We have specially designed storage areas for the smaller items and then the larger stuff is stacked up as neat and tight as possible.

## **How did you make that crypt and cathedral look like stone?**

It is a Styrofoam masonry technique. Using several tools to textured the foam and then paint it to resemble stone.

## **Is that a real hearse?**

No, it is a scale model of a hearse made of foam and wood.

## **How do you create the ghost in the crypt and the window?**

They are video effects. There is a rear projection screen in the crypt and the church with a LCD projector that plays a home made video of a "ghost".

## **How long have you been decorating your yard?**

We bought the house in 1989 and we started seriously putting up decorations in 1997. We used to help friends of ours haunt their house when we lived in Southern California in 86-87.

## **When do you start working on all this?**

We start planning the yard at the beginning of the year. We start work on new projects as early as May. Our main construction time is July through September when the weather is good for painting.

## **Will anything jump out and scare me?**

It has always been our philosophy to create a creepy feel without resorting to the typical haunted house scares. You will see no actors hiding in the yard, popup props, blood and guts or extreme violence.

## **Why do you do this?**

We LOVE Halloween! From the days of dressing up and going trick-or-treating to going to haunted houses to creating our own that. It allows us the opportunity to express ourselves creatively in a style that we enjoy.

## **Do you sell your decorations?**

Yes, we are sold out for this year (sorry), but if you are interested in decorations for next year. Leave us an email and we will contact you about "haunting" your yard for 2008.

## **Got more questions?**

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