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Award winning Davis Graveyard celebrates 10th Anniversary

MILWAUKIE, Ore. — For years the Davis' have created a creepy crawly yard haunt that has attracted people from all over the Portland area. 2008 celebrates the 10th anniversary of the yard display — this year, their modest 1930's-era home located at the corner of Johnson Creek Boulevard and 43rd sports the usual Haunted Graveyard theme.

The 2008 yard display features a church and large crypt, complete with a talking head that spouts a creepy history of the graveyard and its occupants along with several eerie ghost effects. Visit the [Davis Graveyard blog](#) for current photos of the 2008 design. New to the display is a turn of the century replica hearse with a new animatronics hearse driver that warns visitors of the ghost and ghouls that haunt the graveyard. This year donations will be taken again for the Milwaukie High School Dance Team, which will be performing several nights and new this year the Portland Center Stage Promising Playwrights program.

Nearly every prop is hand-made by the couple. The Davis' have made Halloween their passion for ten years and has even helped other homeowners to design and create their own creepy yard scenery. Doing business under the name Davis Graveyard Productions, Davis is writing a book to help others learn how to make props and transform their own yards into elaborately Halloween themed sets. They have also presented standing-room only seminars at the annual HAuNTcon conventions. The Davis' have won an inter-national Yard Haunt video award. This year they were awarded a grant from the Arts Foundation Alliance of Clackamas County as a community artist team.

The display is available for viewing daily with lights coming on at dusk until 10pm Monday-Thursday. The effects (sound, video, fog, and animations) come on Friday-Sunday from dusk until 11pm and 10pm on Sunday starting Friday October 10th.

NOTE: Local media are invited to visit the house as a possible news location for Halloween 'eve or Halloween night coverage. Call Jeff Davis at 503-998-2239 for more information.

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