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Gate-Keeper of the Liscum Graveyard

I got the initial idea for this display item from The Terror Syndicate (great site BTW!) and a gate-keeper shown on their site. Mine is much the same except I am making one improvement which I think will add dramatically to the already effective display...animatronic motion!!! The right arm of the keeper moves up and down to beckon visitors in.



Here's a photo of the "welcome stone" the gatekeeper is be huddled over before the project was complete.

"Stone" is actually a piece of particle board painted with "granite stone paint"...the kind of spray paint that gives things color and texture of stone.

Lettering hand painted to make it look like it is stone-carved (M. Liscum, early Oct 99)



Completed Gate-Keeper.

This is an initial photo and I'm hoping some of the later shots come out a bit better. Although my initial engineering thoughts were to make the right index finger alone move, I confirmed my right decision to go into Biology rather than Engineering, as those attempts failed. However, the final animatronic arm works pretty well. I added the mask under the hood at the last minute as it really seemed to add to the effect, especially once I inserted green LEDs in the eyes.

Hands were carved from wooden dowels like last years [Zombie hands](#). (Photo by R. Harper, Oct 30, 1999)

Details on animatronics of the Gatekeeper will hopefully be posted SOON...