

“Bridging The Gap”

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Ah, Halloween approaches, easily the best holiday of the year. The only thing you have to buy for anyone other than yourself is lots and lots of candy for the troops of costumed children that will repeatedly approach your door. Add to that horror movies galore and awesome parties – and nothing bears scantily clad girls in sexy disguises at such parties. But boy, to I digress.

When I moved here (Stroudsburg, PA) one of the first things I was told to do was go down to South Courtland Street and check out this awesome shop, Frazetta’s Fantasy Costumes. Let me tell you, this is one of the coolest shops I’ve ever seen – even cooler than The Great Balls in The Pink Panther Strikes Again (Most of you won’t get that, Peter Sellers is pretty lost on the younger generations). So cool that they even have a badass ’65 Cadillac Hearse parked right out front, the pride of owner Bill Frazetta.

Frazetta, if you don’t know, is a very, very famous name in the art world. Bill’s father, Frank, is legendary for many reasons, which I could easily do a 12-page thesis on here, but I’ll just cite a few examples of the icon’s work. Ever see those amazing Conan The Barbarian covers from the ’60s and ’70s? Frank. Vampirella, which I still, as well as Creepy and Eerie? Frank, and that’s not even getting started on his movie poster work for movies like Eastwood’s The Gauntlet. By I’m getting way off track here. The guy revolutionized cover art inspiring generations of artists.

Bill and gracious wife, Stacey, opened the shop in 1981, providing the best and the largest array of costumes and accessories to not only the people of Stroudsburg, PA, but to countless many regular customers coming from as far as three to four hours away. The list of costumes is seemingly endless, but a few come to mind off the top of my head: Killer Klowns From Outer Space, Beetlejuice, that creepy thing from friggnng Saw 1,2,3,4, 5,6, whatever, Capt. Spaulding from Devil’s Rejects, and of course, all the typicals and much much more beyond; anything you can think of and so many you would never think of. Aside from that, they also offer an incredible array of life-size and larger-than-life-size, creatures and monsters, as well as any type of lawn and haunted house props and decorations than anywhere in the world (Well, my world. I’ve never seen so much cool fucking stuff in my life).

I can go on forever here, but I’d rather save more room for the pics. Suffice to say, this place is the place. Take the ride. If not now, anytime – Halloween is forever in Stroudsburg, PA. Great thanks to Bill and Stacey, for their time and hospitality was very much appreciated – I took Bill away from a helluva sandwich, by the way. That’s dedication your craft, heh?

Frazetta’s Costumes is located at 186 S. Courtland St., Stroudsburg, PA (570) 421-9054 for info.