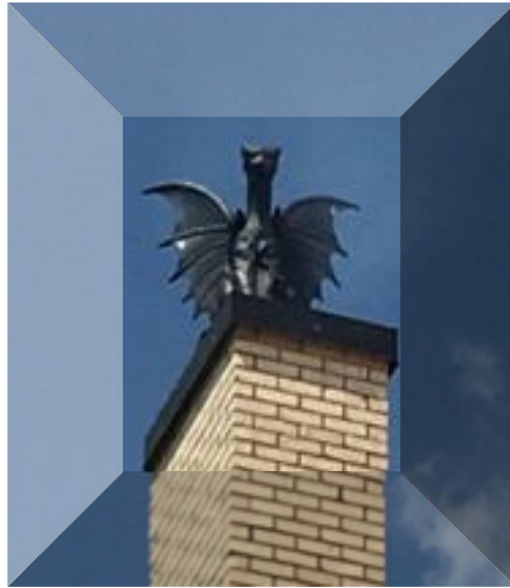


There are six gargoyles looking down from the roof. Gargoyles are stone or cast protectors of churches. They were thought to ward off demons and evil spirits, much the same as grotesques. In later societies people attempted to demonize them, but their antique roots can be found in places like Notre Dame. In Gothic architecture they included a channel which was used as a downspout, with water from the roof cascading through the gargoyle's open mouth.

EXTERIOR - GARGOYLES



Meet Vincent. His previous owner had stored him such a long time that he no longer remembers where he got him. Vincent was the first of our gargoyles. He got his name from the fact when we first met him he had just one ear attached. The ear's been fixed, but the name endures.



Meet Diane. Her name was the result of a nervous response. The seller wanted to meet late at night at a remote location. Although in the end he was very nice and we were happy to do business with him, when he asked who we were, the owner's daughter responded "Diane." It seemed to fit the gargoyle and the rest is history. She is painted a reflective black so that when smoke steam rise from the chimney, she is shrouded in a mysterious fog.



These small rascals are seated over the main entrance, just down from Notre and Dame. (One even avoided the camera.) They are big-gargoyle-wanna-bes, but are a perfect fit for this lower-than-the roof-line location. Neither has a name, but they're so cute that Luella and Rowan come to mind.



Meet the twins Notre & Dame. (one was camera shy this day, But they are identical! These two are replicas of the gargoyles you'll see pm the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

EXTERIOR - FOUNTAIN

This vintage fountain was based on the antique Trento Cathedral Fountain in Trento, Italy. It was made by Davide Rigatti in 1920 and includes a large pool surrounded by four Rosetta decorated bowls. There are four antique Centaurus from which water jets out from. The 10' center fountain is made of marble and on the main basin sit four hand-carved cherub sculptures. There are many hand-carved features throughout, including dolphins, cornucopias, and shells. This 48,000lb. fountain was recovered from a mansion in Eastern Wisconsin and transferred here stone by stone,

