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Christmas At Barker Mansion

Michigan City, IN (November 5, 2004) – Experience “The Nutcracker,” “The Polar Express,” “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” “Frosty The Snowman,” and other cherished traditional stories and poems of the Christmas season during the 2004 Christmas Tour at the historic Barker Mansion.

Cecilia Zubler, Director of the Barker Mansion, said, “To further enhance the tradition of storytelling during the holiday season, children will hear seasonal stories at the Mansion during special evening events in December. On Saturday, December 4th and Saturday, December 18th, Mrs. Claus will read stories at 5 p.m. Kathy Zmuda, our renowned local storyteller, will entertain kids of all ages at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 11th. Children may attend these story-telling events at no charge if accompanied by an adult. We strongly recommend that you make reservations to attend any of the story-telling events.”

The festive holiday decorations on three floors in the Mansion may be viewed with a self-guided tour during the annual Open House from December 4th through December 19th. Hours for the Open House are Monday through Friday from Noon through 3pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon through 4pm.

Christmas family tours are scheduled for Sunday, December 12th and Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 pm. Phone reservations are required for this tour.

From December 20th through January 15th, the decorations may be seen only with a guided tour Monday through Friday at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday guided tours are at Noon and 2 pm.

The Mansion will be closed December 24, 25 and January 1. Admission cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for youth 18 and under. Call 219/873-1520 for more information or group tour reservations.

Barker Mansion is a thirty-eight room 1905 House Museum on the National Register of Historic Places and contains many original furnishings and art objects. John H. Barker, freight car industrialist, built the manufacturing plant that was located on the site of Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet center. The Mansion is only one block east of the shopping center at 631 Washington Street, Michigan City, Indiana.

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