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Mother's Day at Barker Mansion

Michigan City, IN (April 29, 2005) – Mothers are invited to a complimentary tour of Barker Mansion in celebration of Mother's Day during the entire month of May.

Tours begin with an introductory historical video followed by a guided tour of three floors of the turn-of-the-century mansion. The summer display, "Party Dresses, Pretty Hats", may be seen during the guided tour. This display includes Mrs. Barker's black lace and velvet French gown waiting to be assembled by her seamstress, and another French gown of peach taffeta and lace representing the 1880s. Displayed in the Master Bedroom is a copy of an 1890's gown by famous designer, Charles Wright, made of peach silk embellished with black lace butterflies. A scene from the roaring 20's with flapper dresses of pastel chiffon to black sequined elegance is in one of the Mansion's bedrooms. Another room features a red velvet and chiffon gown worn by Catherine Barker in a 1960's photograph and an ivory satin and seed pearl Jackie Kennedy-style gown. Pretty hats from throughout the years are also displayed.

Mothers and grandmothers, accompanied by a paid admission, will be admitted free. Admission fees are \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for youth 18 and under. Guided tours are 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM Monday-Friday. The Mansion is closed May weekends with the exception of Saturday, May 7 when tours are given at 12 noon and 2:00 PM.

Barker Mansion, a 1905 house museum, was the home of freight car industrialist John H. Barker and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mansion is located at 631 Washington St., Michigan City, IN. For more information call (219) 873-1520.

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