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Victorian Pink Tea At Barker Mansion

Michigan City, IN (May 16, 2004) Celebrate the first days of summer with a Victorian Pink Tea in the Barker Mansion Gardens. This year's menu, designed by an English chef, includes freshly baked scones and strawberry preserves, assorted open face and finger sandwiches, sausage roll, Cheese Welsh Rarebit, fresh fruit, Eccles cake, and petite pastries. These and a delicious cup of Barker Mansion's commemorative boxed English Breakfast tea will be served to guests at their tables.

The featured entertainment is Jull Brummett a historical musical revue, "Those Glorious Gilded 90's". She will be dressed in an 1890's style gown, and singing a cappella style at melodies popular at the turn of the nineteenth century including "Meet Me In St. Louis" and "In The Shade Of The Old Apple Tree". She is a music teacher from Osceola, Indiana and has been blending her interest in music and history in historical musical programs since 1981.

The traditional Pink Tea is June 23, 25, and 27 at 3:30pm each day. Cost of the tea is \$20 by prepaid reservation. For reservations call (219) 873-1520.

An optional guided tour of the Mansion with a special summer exhibit "Daily Life IN A Victorian Household" is offered at 2pm each day before the Pink Tea. This display features members of a Victorian household, from the maid changing bed linens to the lady of the house being fitted for an evening gown and children playing in Catherine Barker's third floor schoolroom. During the remainder of the summer through September this display is included with regular guided tours at 10am, 11:30am, and 1pm, Monday-Friday, and 12pm and 2pm Saturday and Sunday.

Barker Mansion is a 1905 house museum and was the home of railroad industrialist John H. Barker. The Mansion is on the National Register of Historic Places and includes original furnishings, art objects, and garden sculpture. Barker Mansion is located at 631 Washington Street, Michigan City.