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Garden Tour & "Summer Whites" Tour Offered Through September

Michigan City, IN (August 15, 2003) – Summer continues at Michigan City's Barker Mansion. The 2003 summer exhibit, "Summer Whites: A Glimpse Into A Victorian Wardrobe," features white dresses, lingerie and accessories of Victorian women and children displayed in various rooms of the Mansion. The gowns, some of them original Barker dresses, were the most popular fashion for both young girls and women during the years 1897 to 1915. These fashions may be seen during regular guided tours offered Monday through Friday at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at Noon and 2:00 p.m.

The summer guided tours include a brief tour of the Mansion's turn-of-the-century architectural style garden. Recently cleaned and restored garden sculptures, roses, Victorian-styled bedded annuals, a perennial garden, and wicker chairs provide a pleasant interlude before or after a tour. In addition, during the months of August and September, a tour of the garden only will be given at 2:30 p.m. each weekday.

Barker Mansion, located at 631 Washington Street, Michigan City, Indiana is the 1905 home of freight-car industrialist John H. Barker and contains original furnishings, works of art and a third-floor ballroom. For more information, call 219/873-1520.

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