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### Provence at Barker Mansion

**Michigan City, IN** (July 22, 2004) - Enjoy Barker Mansion's turn of the century garden and a glass of lemonade Monday through Friday between 2pm and 3pm. Wicker chairs, a bubbling fountain surrounded by colorful annuals, roses, old-fashioned perennials, and antique original statuary recreate an afternoon as it was enjoyed in the year 1910. There is a \$2 admission charge for the garden visit.

Barker Mansion's regular guided tours are offered Monday through Friday at 10am, 11:30am and 1pm, and at 12pm and 2pm on Saturdays and Sundays. "Daily Life In A Victorian Household" is the 2004 summer display and offered tour. 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.

As part of "Provence at Purdue North Central and the Pleasures of LaPorte County", Barker Mansion is presenting "A Potpourri of French Decorative Arts". Included are Mrs. Barker's French designed black lace gown, French children's books, a Bru bisque doll with clothing and accessories, and a nineteenth century coffee service decorated with the intertwined initials of Marie Antoinette. Both of these displays will remain in place through September 30. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for youth 3-18.

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, in Michigan City, and is one block east of Lighthouse Place Premium Outlet Mall, and is handicapped accessible. For more information call 219-873-1520.

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