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## Victorian "Pink Tea" at Barker Mansion

**Michigan City, IN** (May 13, 2003) – Barker Mansion Director Cecilia Zubler announced that traditional "Pink Tea" will be served at the Mansion on June 22, 25, and 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm each day.

"Come celebrate the first days of summer with a Victorian "Pink Tea" in the Barker Mansion Gardens," said Director Zubler. "Scones and currant preserves, cucumber and other assorted tea sandwiches, fresh fruit, nut bread, and mini chocolate and pink "sweet things" will be served to you at your table, accompanied by a delicious cup of Barker Mansion's commemorative boxed English Breakfast tea."

A musical program "Summer Serenade" is to be presented by Lee Meyer, Howard Brenneman, and other music performers featuring lighthearted summer melodies.

An optional guided tour of the Mansion with a special summer exhibit "Summer Whites: A Glimpse Into A Victorian Wardrobe" is offered at 2pm each day before the "Pink Tea." Zubler said, "From 1897 through 1915, the basic summer fashion worn by women was the pure-white, frothy, lace-trimmed gown known as "The Lingerie Dress." By the 1890's, sheer white undergarments had reached such a level of extravagance with lace inserts, silk ribbons and pin tucking that outer gowns were designed in a similar fashion. This display features "Lingerie Dresses" and other white clothing and linens from the Barker collection."

Cost of the tea is \$18.00 by prepaid reservation. To make reservations, call 219/873-1520 after May 12.

During the remainder of the summer through September, this display will be included with regular guided tours at 10am, 11:30 am, and 1pm Monday through Friday and at Noon and 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. Barker Mansion is located at 631 Washington Street, Michigan City, Indiana. Historical information about the Mansion can be found at [www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/departments/barkermansion/index.htm](http://www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/departments/barkermansion/index.htm).

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