



Barker Mansion Garden

The Victorian Era was a time of romanticism, entertaining, flowers, and poetry. The Barker Mansion features a turn of the century Italian sunken formal garden. On one side of the garden is the Pergola and the other is the tea house. On either side of the tea house are two globe lights, then a bust on each side. The sunken fountain sits in the center of the garden, it is of the same design as the foyer ceiling. To the right of the fountain is a griffin bench and sundial. Two Guard Lions flanking the stairs to the house. One cannot help but notice the Tiffany stained glass windows. The Pergola lined with rattan chairs at the end is the garden gate where guest would arrive in horse and carriage for garden parties held by Mrs. Barker.

Imagine a summer evening in 1906. Mrs. Barker has invited a hundred guest to sunset garden party. The smell of Heliotrope fill the air, the clatter of horses can be heard just outside the garden gate. The pergola and garden are hung with Japanese lanterns, tucked with exotic flowers and ferns. The ladies in their elaborate dresses, sitting under the pergola sipping tea from fine china tea cups, listen to the mandolin music float on the dark evening air.

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