

Victorian Lady discusses 1890s women

Tomorrow, The Barnum Museum will feature actress Kandie Carle in her performance as an 1890s' "Victorian Lady." This program takes place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and is recommended for visitors ages 8 and over.

History will come to life as Ms. Carle dresses from corset to gloves and recasts herself into an 1890s' Victorian woman. The audience will learn about the similarities and differences between contemporary and Victorian dress and will be invited to discuss fashion, home life, society and the role of women during the 19th century.

Admission to "Victorian Lady," funded by General Electric, is free with museum admission. Reservations are recommended.

"Victorian Lady" will be the inaugural program for the special exhibition, "Try This On: A History of Clothing, Gender and Power," on view at The Barnum Museum tomorrow through September 8. "Try This On" was organized by the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History and developed for circulation by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

The Barnum Museum is located at 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, just off Exit 27 of I-95.

Museum hours are: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and college students and \$3 for children ages 4-18. Children under 4, Bridgeport senior citizens and members are admitted free.

For group reservations and other information, call 331-1104.

A "VICTORIAN LADY" (actress Kandie Carle) will visit The Barnum Museum tomorrow from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to discuss the role of women in the 1890s. The program, recommended for visitors eight and older, is planned in conjunction with the museum's new exhibit, "Try This On: A History of Clothing.



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