



SPECIAL EVENTS

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ADOPT-AN-ARTIFACT FUNDRAISER NOW ONLINE

FINAL BIDDING AT *AN EGYPTIAN NEW YEAR'S EVE* | WED DEC 31 | 6:30 PM

From a fashionable **1960s men's bathing suit** to a pair of **grass skis** used in the Sugar Bowl in the early 1980s, a beautiful **1920s beaded evening dress** to a **WWII flight simulator**, the Galt Museum & Archives has made these and 37 other artifacts in its care available for "adoption" on the **Adopt-an-Artifact '08 website** accessible from www.galtmuseum.com where bids can be placed on items of choice – online or by phone – before 5:00 pm MST on December 30.

Of course, all artifacts remain in the care of the Galt Museum & Archives, which also retains ownership of the items. The successful bidder will receive a **photo and description** of the artifact, a **tax receipt** for the value of their sponsorship, and an invitation to a Curator-led **Behind-the-Scenes Collections Tour** in 2009.

"The Adopt-an-Artifact fundraiser showcases the diversity of the Galt Collections," says Lori Harasem, Special Event Coordinator at the Galt, "and also provides a great opportunity to have the one-of-a-kind visit to Collections to see the artifact and to learn how and why they are kept and cared for."

Online bidders are able to provide a proxy bid to be considered during final bidding to take place on **Wednesday, December 31** at **An Egyptian New Year's Eve**.

Tickets for the New Year's Eve event – held in celebration of the exhibit *Egypt, Gift of the Nile* – are going fast, and can be purchased at the Galt Museum Store. Two types of tickets are available: the **Dinner & Dance** beginning at 6:30 pm, and the **Dance only** beginning at 9:00 pm. Dinner & Dance tickets are \$125 per person [includes a \$50 tax receipt]. Tables of eight are \$800 per table [a \$200 tax receipt will be issued]. 100 Dance Only tickets cost \$50 each [\$30 tax receipt].

For more information on the **Adopt-an-Artifact** fundraiser, please call Lori Harasem at 403.320-4219. To purchase tickets for **An Egyptian New Year's Eve** call 403.320-3954. *Egypt, Gift of the Nile* is organized and circulated by Royal Ontario Museum and closes January 25, 2009.

2009 special events at the Galt include **Scotch & Burns** on Saturday, January 24; **Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, April 11; **Taste of Downtown** on Wednesday, May 6; **Feast by the Bridge Fundraiser** on Friday, May 8; and **Galt Beer Tasting** on Friday, September 11. Check www.galtmuseum.com for more information

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