

2010 Adopt an Artifact Gala
Idaho State Historical Museum
November 13, 2010

Over eighty people attended the launch event for the Adopt an Artifact program. Together, we raised \$20,000. Forty seven adoptions were made at the Gala. A few highlights of the evening included:

- Drinks served over the historic M.C. Smith bar
- Idaho Civil War volunteer dancers in civil war dress- military uniforms for most of the men and ballgowns for the women- they danced many of the period dances including the Virginia Reel
- Fiddle and guitar music by Ken Pollard and Bill Elmer
- A behind-the-scenes look into the historic weapons vault
- “*Early Boise Stories*” – from local 19-year-old storyteller, Ben Kemper. Kemper apprenticed with Idaho Shakespeare Festival and has been telling stories in public libraries for 10 years, won the Grand Torchbearer Award at the National Youth Storytelling Showcase in 2007.

At the gala event, guests had the opportunity to “Adopt an Artifact” through our new program. Funds raised through the 2010 program will go toward collections care and related activities for the artifacts of the state historical museum, including artifact preparation for the summer 2011 exhibition, the *Greatest Generation*.

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