

STUDIO VISIT

THE BIRTHDAY BASH

On Sunday afternoon, October 10, 2004, Artlink celebrated their 25th Birthday by decorating 8 cakes and devouring the results. The occasion was arranged by Terri Stumpf, Artlink Vice-President, who spent the day in the hospital instead of attending. (By the way-she is recovering nicely.) Linda Wootton who ably assisted her, brought in Country Kitchens who gave our decorators professional tips. Thanks to Carol Mauch who took over the cake cutting after Betty Fishman mangled the stuff. Brave cake decorators were; Tom Keesee who finished first (see photo), Mary Lee, Geoff Gephart, Mark Suedhoff, John Boerger, Brenda Betley and her teammate daughter, Clara Faye, Max Meyer and his two week old daughter, and Sharon Jokay.



The **Big Surprise** of the day was the presentation of an award from Governor, Joseph Kernan. **The Sagamore of the Wabash**, which is the highest award given in the State of Indiana to an outstanding citizen, was presented to Board President Maurice Keltsch for years of volunteering in the areas of health and the arts. Maury was surprised and graciously pleased. His daughters, granddaughters and son-in-law were in attendance and all 200 members and friends who attended had good fun. Thanks to Maury for all his good works for the Fort Wayne community. He did *Grow up in Indiana* and we are proud to have him as Artlink's president.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM LEFT: NENA CLARK, CAROL MAUCH, SUZANNE GALAZKA, MARCIA NEELEY, AND EMILY MCINTYRE.



Sam Lipscomb

Who made the beautiful gallery furniture for displaying the *Growing up in Indiana* art pieces? Sam did it. The common question and answer that frequently transpires in the gallery brings Artlink to address one more participating artist. Sam Lipscomb came to Artlink via Sue and George McCullough. The Witchet Remodeling Company of which Sam is President, did remodeling on the McCullough home, did some restoration and work for Betty Fishman and became friends of all the folks at Artlink. When the steering committee of *Growing Up in Indiana* needed an accomplished woodworker, Sam agreed to help and served on the committee. He already had worked with architect, Rich Wismer.

Sam is Fort Wayne native born, as are his four children. His wife is from California and how she arrived in Fort Wayne is another story. Their two sons and two daughters all are Purdue University people. Sam graduated from Snider High School and spent the next three years in the US Army in Korea and Fort Lewis, Washington. One son is third generation in the military and wore his grandmother's officer's bars (she was a nurse

in World War II). Sam's father was an enlisted man in the army. When this son arrived home after a year in Iraq, the entire family was relieved. This family has been a supporter of "troops" on many fronts.

Sam has a private woodworking shop where he works. He has been a carver of wood, a builder and has a true fondness for the material he uses. His slotted, collapsible pieces at Artlink are unique and make for easy storage when necessary. The woods used are 11 different native Indiana specimens. Some of the boards are spliced because the width of some of the rare woods is narrow. The next time you are in Artlink take a look at the great workmanship and manipulation of the wood art pieces.

An appreciation of beautiful wood is an addition to your life. And when the wood is turned into furniture, there is another art form involved. Thank you, Sam.