

ON Saturday August 9, 2003, the Art Center hosted an exhibition opening for 24 area artists. The special guest was **Bill Carlson** who donated a beautiful glass sculpture entitled “*Quadrant Constructs*” in the memory of Bill & Sally Steis, dear friends of the glass artist.



Carlson is a world-renowned glass artist who grew up in Dover and was educated at the *Cleveland Institute of Art* (BFA) and received his MFA at *New York University* (Alfred), the premier art glass program in the country. He has been a glass professor at the *University of Illinois* (Champaign) for the last 20-25 years and has recently agreed to “Chair” the art department at the *University of Miami* in Florida. Carlson has numerous pieces in key collections throughout the world and is one of the top glass artists in the United States today.

The evening was truly festive event for 200+ guests as they interfaced with Carlson, old friends, supporters of the art center and several of the 24 exhibiting

artists. It was a huge success in that it commemorated how far our community has come in celebrating the arts and the local support of it. Everyone associated with this event including Jeannine Kennedy (TCCA Director), Dale Foland (primary supporter) and numerous other volunteers should be recognized and commended for their outstanding perseverance, vision and devotion to bring this level of culture to our area. Bravo, well done!

