Since a 70th birthday party would be expected, a surprise 69th soiree was thrown for Barry, a fly fishing fanatic whose love of the outdoors was brought to life at the Exchange Conference Center in Boston. “Since we could not bring the streams to him,” told Melissa Stewart, creative director of Artistry, “we thought it would be great to recreate the space to reflect a rustic yet refined fishing lodge.” Vignettes were created throughout the venue to really give the feeling of a fly-fishing adventure. Adirondack chairs, throws, lanterns, and other natural elements like birch containers filled with crab apples, pumpkins, pears and flowers were used to bring streamside fun to Barry’s party. Dramatic lighting also added to the ambiance. “We used lots of candlelight for an evening camp glow,” added Stewart, “weathered whisky barrels were filled with birch trees and lit with a warm glow against the cool color splashes of light to give the sense of a chilly fall forest.” Each table was uniquely set with vintage fishing baskets, lures, and wooden boats filled with ferns. “The vintage pieces brought you back in time and added another dimension to the design,” stated Stewart. Guests mingled and reminisced with the guest of honor at “Barry’s Fishing Lodge” while they overlooked the boats of Boston Harbor reeling in the catch of the day.