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Friends of the Uffizi Gallery president speaks at Palm Beach reception



Sydell Miller and Contessa Maria Vittoria Rimbotti

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Sydell Miller hosted a cocktail reception for Friends of the Uffizi Gallery Feb. 1 at her home.

Contessa **Maria Vittoria Colonna Rimbotti**, president of Friends of the Uffizi Gallery, discussed a new project being undertaken by the group: the restoration of the Valois Tapestries. The tapestries are comprised of a series of eight panels woven with silk, wool, silver and silver-gilt thread, and is thought to have been executed in about 1575. They are based on designs by Antoine Caron, who in 1561 had been appointed the court painter by Catherine de'

Medici, Queen of France, and her husband, King of France Henry II.

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Friends of the Uffizi Gallery was founded in Palm Beach in 2006 as the sister organization to Italy's Amici degli Uffizi. That organization was created in 1993 in Florence to raise funds to aid the museum after a terrorist bombing caused significant structural damage to the building, and badly damaged and destroyed a number of irreplaceable artworks, officials said.