

## Friends of Uffizi Gallery



Sydell Miller, left, and Contessa Maria Vittoria Colonna Rimbotti **Photo by Lucien Capehart Photography**

Palm Beach resident Sydell Miller hosted a cocktail reception for Friends of the Uffizi Gallery. The organization, based in Palm Beach, is comprised of nationwide and abroad donors who support the restoration and maintenance of some of the greatest works of art in Western culture at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy.

Established in 2006 in Palm Beach as the "sister" organization to Italy's Amici degli Uffizi, it has funded the restoration of 42 priceless works of art as well as the famed Michelangelo Room at the museum.

Contessa Maria Vittoria Colonna Rimbotti, president of Friends of the Uffizi Gallery, discussed a new project being undertaken by the Friends: 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, thought to have been executed in about 1575.