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**Lighthouse Center for the Arts' 46th Annual Beaux Arts Ball
Presented the Ultimate Cocktail Party, Ultimate Crowd Pleaser**

Tequesta, FL — (February 17, 2010) – The Lighthouse Center for the Arts' 46th Annual Beaux Arts Ball – The Ultimate Cocktail Party was held February 6 at the Jupiter Hills Club. The elegant, members-only venue was made possible by the Ball's Honorary Chairs, Drs. Anne and Vincent Palumbo. Party-goers enjoyed the variety of chef-served dinner stations featuring exotic and tempting gourmet fare, diverse and exciting silent- and live-auction items, and ultimately, dancing the night away. The Beaux Arts Ball is northern Palm Beach County's oldest charitable ball, and all proceeds raised during the evening directly support the mission and programs of Lighthouse Center for the Arts.

Hap Erstein, local theatre critic, led the evening as emcee and auctioneer. Ball committee member Susan Bardin said, "The atmosphere was electric with fun. Our guests enjoyed the more relaxed feel and the incredible view from the Jupiter Hills Club and the food and service was excellent." Decorations included giant lighted martini-glass centerpieces with huge glittery glass olives created and sponsored by artists Julie-Silk Beaumont and Carolyn Austin.

During cocktail hour guests nibbled on mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and chose their favorite drinks from the bar or tried the night's specialty, the "Ultimate-tini," a Champagne, Kir Royale and cherry concoction. A custom ice-carving, sponsored by Susan Bardin, featured the Lighthouse Center for the Arts' logo. The bartenders sliced gin through the sculpture, chilling it as it flowed, making the "ultimate cocktail" a reality. A sleight of hand magician entertained guests as a vocal jazz performer from Hard Habit produced smoky sounds.

Executive Director Katie Deits was pleased with the generous giving to LCA's arts programs. "This Ball is our most important fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to continue our enriching cultural programs, museum-quality exhibitions, professional School of Art courses, as well as our ArtBridge outreach programs. We take great pride that our Board of Directors, supporters and community step up each year to say that our work at the Lighthouse Center for the Arts is not just great to have, but necessary."

Ultimate auction items included two trips to Wine Country in the Sonoma Valley, an exclusive lunch with the famous wildlife artist Wyland in his Islamorada home and studio, custom portraits provided by Master Painter Norma Conway and Master Photographer Katie Deits, an original painting by fine artist James Hook of the Augusta National Hole # 12, *Golden Bell*, and a day cruise aboard the yacht of artist JB Berkow.

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The Shine Award, given annually to the volunteer most supportive of the organization through their generous gift of time and spirit, was awarded to Rosalie Roush. The commissioned pendant was artistically created in glass by Carolyn Austin of Unique Art Glass, who also served on the committee and sponsored the award.

The Lighthouse Center for the Arts would like to thank its Board of Directors, Sponsors and Underwriters, Auction Donors and Volunteers for the success of the 46th Annual Beaux Arts Ball. Committee members included Carolyn Austin, Susan Bardin, Evelyne Bates, Julie Silk-Beaumont, Lani Click, Irene Goodkind, Cathy Helowicz, Mary Imle, Denise LeClair-Robbins, Elizabeth Neuhoff, Rosalie Roush, Gil Walsh and Kathryn Wong.

For more information on the Lighthouse Center for the Arts Museum, School of Art, exhibitions, programs and events visit www.LighthouseArts.org or call (561) 746-3101. The Lighthouse Center for the Arts is located in Gallery Square North, 373 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL, one-half mile west of US Hwy 1. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday is Family Day, with free admission, hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ABOUT THE LIGHTHOUSE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Lighthouse Center for the Arts (LCA) is a member-supported not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community arts organization providing excellence in arts exhibitions, instruction, education and outreach for all ages. Programs are funded in part by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

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LCA-BAB-001 Beaux Arts Ball Honorary Chairs Vincent and Anne Palumbo dance the night away at the Lighthouse Center for the Arts' 46th annual event. (Photo by Durga Garcia)



LCA-BAB-002 Beaux Arts Ball revelers enjoy the Lighthouse Center for the Arts' Ultimate Cocktail Party held February 6 at the Jupiter Hills Club. Guests left to right are, Don Doyle, Kay Lenahan, Kay Bourque, Sheldon Lenahan, Ray Bourque and Pat Bamdad. (Photo by Durga Garcia)



LCA-BAB-003 Master Painter Norma Conway at the Lighthouse Center for the Arts 46th Annual Beaux Arts Ball – The Ultimate Cocktail Party. (Photo by Durga Garcia)



LCA-BAB-004 A sleight of hand magician entertains Beaux Arts Ball guests and Lighthouse Center for the Arts member Denise LeClair Robbins (right) at the Jupiter Hills Club. (Photo by Durga Garcia)



LCA-BAB-005 Rosalie Roush (left), volunteer of the year, accepts her Shine Award from Katie Deits, Executive Director of Lighthouse Center for the Arts, at the 46th Annual Beaux Arts Ball. (Photo by Durga Garcia)