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## VIP RECEPTION kicks off season

Over 75 people attend gala for Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens at Café Boulud

Café Boulud was a "salle comble" as the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens opened its 2017-18 season with a VIP reception. The event took place Tuesday and featured William Eiland as guest speaker. In addition to cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music, the evening included a presentation by Eiland, who is director of the Georgia Museum of Art and author of *Ann Weaver Norton: Sculptor*. "Ann always insisted that her work was meant to coexist with nature, to unite with it as a barrier

against the invasion of the artificial environment of tall condominium and super highway," said Eiland. "Until she created the foundation in 1977, Ann had believed it best to leave the gardens as a sort of 'wilderness' with the occasional work of art to remind the visitor that man was, or more important, had been nearby." Roger Ward, president and CEO of the sculpture garden, noted that Eiland's presentation complemented the current exhibition, "Ann Weaver Norton: Gateways to Modernism," which includes Norton's drawings and pastels, ma-

quettes and finished sculptures, reflecting both her artistic journey and the technical evolution of her works. Cindy Anderson and Karyn Lamb are chairwomen of the exhibition. Host committee members are Joanne Berkow, Stephanie Conrad, Jane Manus, David Miller, Patricia Nix, Regina Porten and Edwina Sandys. The exhibition closes Nov. 26. More than 75 people attended.

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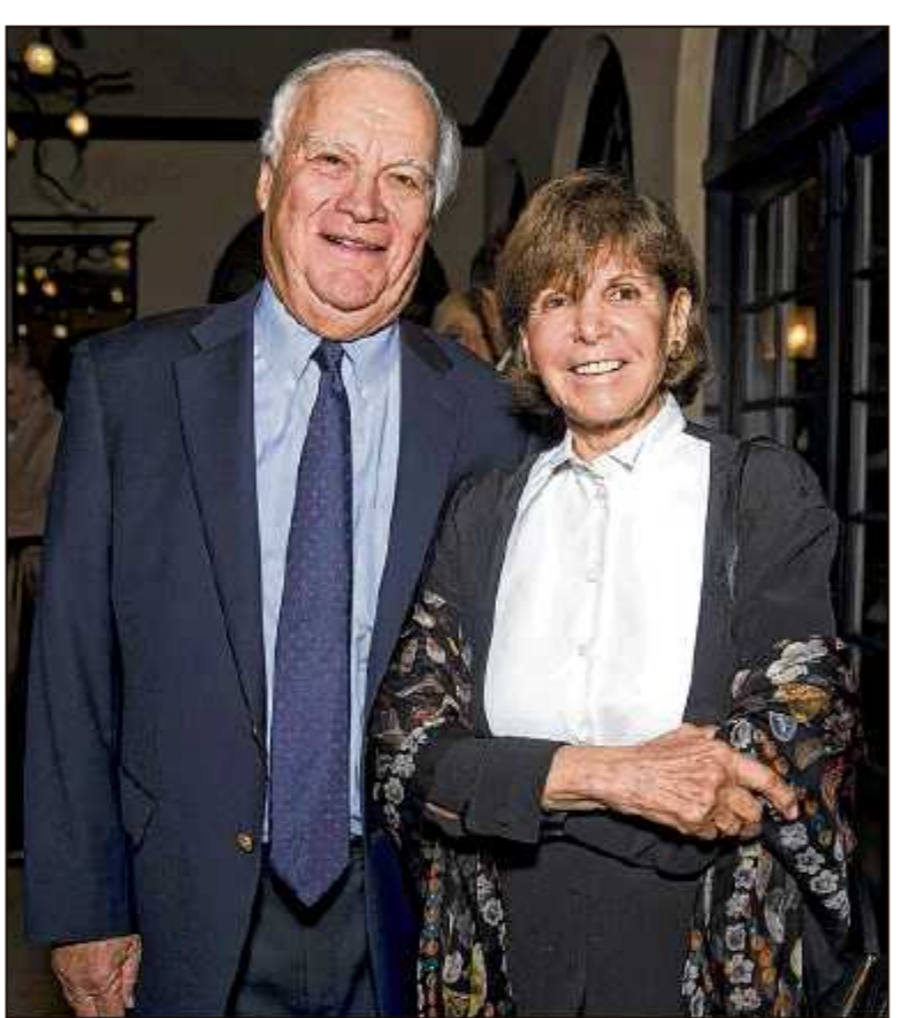
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