



# FLORIDA PRESERVATION AWARDS

PRESERVATION  
on Main Street

## Restoration / Rehabilitation

### **Coral Gables Merrick House | City of Coral Gables** Coral Gables



Coral Gables Merrick House was completed in 1910. The childhood home of City founder George Merrick was named “Coral Gables” for its coral rock exterior finish and gabled roof. The house and grounds set the stage and architectural precedent for what would eventually become the city named in its honor. The property, acquired by the City in 1976, operates as a historic house museum.

This project, a comprehensive interior and exterior restoration of the house and detached garage, was completed in late 2017. It included conservation of the exterior coral rock façade, restoration of decorative interior finishes, restoration of original wood windows and doors and bringing the site into ADA compliance. The Coral Gables Merrick House is a significant historic site in the City. The careful restoration accomplished with this project ensures that this living testament to George Merrick will educate visitors for decades to come.