

# *National Conservation and Restoration Awards presented at Las Terrazas*

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Cuban Cultural Heritage Council President, Gladys Corrao, presented the National Conservation and Restoration Awards at Las Terrazas rural community on Tuesday.

With the attendance of Deputy Culture Minister, Kenelma Carvajal, the Conservation Award went to the private house located at 5201, 33 Street between 52th and 54th, in the south-central Cuban city of Cienfuegos, for dedicated efforts in the systematic conservation of a work that has maintained its attributes and values, both from an architectural point of view and its furniture. The award is aimed at encouraging the protection and rescuing of Cuban monuments and heritage sites and to recognize the work of experts in the country that deal with conservation and restoration.

Meanwhile, the prize in the category of Restoration went to the home in which Cuban revolutionary hero, Abel Santamaría, was born in central Villa Clara province in recognition of a work that can be considered a true example of courage in approach, procedures, technique and execution.

The birth home of Abel Santamaría, who was also the deputy Chief of the attack on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago de Cuba in 1953, also received the special awards by the Cuban Committee of the

International Monuments and Sites Council and the one granted by the Gonzalo Cárdenas vernacular architecture office. The jury also noted that it was an excellent documented restoration of a national monument in which its historical importance is added to the architectural fragility of a wooden house that was about to be lost.

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