

Presto Preservation Association

Guiding Statements

Mission

The *Presto Preservation Association* preserves the history of the Nels and Emma Just family for present and future generations.

Vision

Association: *Presto Preservation Association* members have a shared interest in memorializing the history of the Presto area and its inhabitants to provide educational opportunities for all.

Just House: The Just Homestead house is a place of visitorship. It is a living history museum that memorializes the lifestyles of former occupants and educates viewers on the Presto area, early Bingham County, and Southeast Idaho regional history.

Values

1. The *Association* respects the working ranch operated by the descendants of Nels and Emma Just, which surrounds the Just homestead, and will conduct activities in harmony with the families whose livelihoods are provided for on this land. Open, two-way communication between *Association* members and ranch partners shall be a priority.
2. Descendants and other interested individuals are encouraged to participate in the Mission in ways unique to their own strengths and interests.
3. All voices will be listened to with respect, and all ideas will receive fair consideration.
4. All prudent precautions are taken to ensure the safety of visitors.

Goals

1. Establish and adhere to a Just House Ten-Year Restoration/Preservation Plan by seeking the assistance of consultants, contractors, experts, family members, historical organizations, volunteers, and others as available.
2. Appoint a Fund-Raising Committee to plan and implement fund-raising activities and communicate goals to *Association* members, potential funders, collaborators, partners, and beneficiaries.
3. Implement a process for restoration and preservation of the Nels and Emma Just house, contents, documents, artifacts, and photographs by researching the history of the aforementioned items and coordinating with family descendants and archival repositories to document all findings in a centralized location.
4. Maintain an ongoing, written inventory of all house and property contents, documentation, articles, and photographs.

5. Participate with family descendants, who currently possess historical artifacts, documents, photographs, etc., to inventory, digitize, and provide a safe repository for the items in the future should the family descendants so desire.
6. Implement a process for digitizing all documentation and photographs, when appropriate; provide a safe repository for the items; and make available to descendants, the public, visitors, and others as appropriate.
7. Ensure that successful restoration to accurate historical periods will provide the essence of a cultural experience for visitors to the house.
8. Develop a plan for opening the Nels and Emma Just house and property to the public for supervised tours.
9. Enhance a historical synopsis to share as a “tour guide” for visitors to the Nels and Emma Just house.
10. Continue to research and add genealogical information of descendants to *Ancestry.com*.
11. Continue to provide an annual venue for descendants and friends to meet and share important family history information.
12. Develop a set of actions and opportunities to recruit, educate, and empower the next generation of *Association* leaders and participating descendants to continue the Mission and Vision of the *Association* (e.g., publication of the Presto Press, restoration and preservation of the Just house, etc.).

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