

Genealogy Society 2026 Programming
All are Tuesdays at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Date	Presentation/Topic	Presenter
27-Jan	“Bring a Friend” Experienced members will show new members and interested persons how to use our resources and do some hands-on work. Bring your laptop for an in-depth experience.	Members of the society
24-Feb	“A New Paradigm for Managing Roadblocks” This presentation will offer you strategies, methods, sources and case studies, which can will show you new ways to look at your research.	Suzanne Brayer She holds degrees from ASU. As an avid researcher with her own family—from Mayflower ancestors to Revolutionary War patriots with some German ancestors and a few criminals in the lot, she worked with her father on the family research. She has held several positions in genealogical organizations here in Arizona and taught for 30 years.
24-Mar	“Finding Nettie” Identifying and locating female ancestors. Finding females is more difficult than finding males. Sue Horsfall will give us some valuable ideas on how to find your female relatives. Carolyn Brown , a well-known genealogist has retired, but has kindly donated her body of work to our society. Sue will use her special strategies for finding female ancestors.	Sue Horsfall Our own member with a large knowledge of family research. She works at the Tucson Arizona West Family Research Center, and sees all the questions that come in as well as the solutions for those who are trying to help people find their relatives. Life got in the way of creating the organized family history, But finally she was able to devote time and energy to make her meaningful additions.
28-Apr	“Making Your Family Tree Come Alive using New Technology” Part I. A presentation of AI as it relates to genealogical research. Bring your laptops for a hands-on experience.	Jeri Martinez She is an educator and genealogist with degrees from BYU and UA. She has been a consultant and trainer at the Family History Center here in Tucson, All the branches of her family tree are filled with names of ancestors dating back to 1500 AD. Collecting the pictures and memories aspect of genealogy is the part that is of most interest to her six grandchildren.
26-May	“Making Your Family Tree Come Alive using New Technology” Part II. A presentation of AI as it relates to genealogical research. Bring your laptops for a hands-on experience.	Jeri Martinez See Above

Summer	Summer off (June, July, August)	
22-Sep	“I Have Finished the Research Now What Do I Do with My Data” How one researcher produced a magnificent product for her family To understand all the research done to find their ancestors. This project will give your family an amazing keepsake for generations to enjoy and understand your family’s record.	Beth Van Blaricom Another of our own members who has created stunning books from her meticulous research for her family to enjoy. She has traced her lineage back to her 23 rd great grandmother. What a journey!
27-Oct	“How to Use DNA in Family Research” Part I. Learn how to understand data and apply it to your research. Bring your laptop for a hands-on experience	Bridgette LeFevre She is the owner of Roots Detectives, specializing in genealogical mysteries, has been ongoing for 16 years. With a degree from BYU and numerous on-line classes, she has written seven family history biographies along with solving many cases of unknown paternity using DNA. Brick walls mean nothing to her in her work! She is the mother of two amazing children and a very supportive husband.
?-Nov	“How to Use DNA in Family Research” Part II. More learning about the role of DNA in your family search. Bring your laptop for a hands-on experience.	Bridgette LeFevre See Above
?-Dec	 Christmas Party Pictures and souvenirs are great fun to share with everyone.	We will have treats and beverages to share with everyone.