Programming Recommendations by Society Leaders

Records & Resources
- Military Records
    - Civil War Records
- Death Records
- 1950 Census (Thomas McEntee) – Virtual
- Newspaper research
    - Use of new library resources (newspaper.com)
- How to use national archive (NARA)
    - Fort Worth National Archives
- Overlooked Record Types
- Using City Directories
- Kim Harrison – Railroad Records
- Underutilized Records (Masonic, etc)
- Funeral Records
- Southern Records – Ari Wilkins
- Family Search – Moss
- Sandborn Maps – Ari Wilkins
- Fold 3 – Stephanie Bennett -Dallas Public Library
- Maps: finding, using
- Houston Public Library – What is available via remote access.

Methodology & Skill-building
- Researching Women in your family
    - RootsTech has good information.
    - Members told personal stories about women in their family.
- Genealogy Proofing your Research – Thomas McEntee
- Timelines
- Emigration and Immigration
- Social Media
- Tools to google your ancestors
- Technology &Genealogy

Ethnic Research
- English Research (Paul Milner) – Virtual
- African American Research
- Spanish Land Grants
- Jewish Genealogy
- Mexican Civil and Territorial Records
- Hispanic Research

DNA
- Hix babies

- Lavender Doe case - Kevin Lord
- Texas Orphan Train Riders
- Making DNA work well with traditional research
- Use of DNA by the Police Department
- DNA – Finding Grandfather through DNA – Paul Beaty

Local Possibilities
- Local Topics – History of families in the area
- Applying for historical markers
- Historical Repositories & Museums
- Local History
- Local/Regional Library Archives

Organization
- Organizing Your Research - Thomas McEntee
- Organizing Like an Archivist
- Reviewing Research Tips & Being Organized

Preservation
- Donating Genealogy Research to a facility
- 10 things you should do before leaving the library or archive - Melissa Barker – Virtual
- How to hand off/future proof your research. Find someone who will take it or making it technologically future-proof.
- Genealogy Information afterlife
  - Beneficiaries on various social media and/or genealogical platforms
- Capturing tomorrows history today – Saving information from Social Media

Writing/Family Histories
- Oral History
- Best Practices for writing family stores
- Solving Family Mysteries
- How to write your stories by a Local retired teacher – Paula Broch
- Personal Research Stories
  - Foreign Research
  - Publishing Books

Miscellaneous (just didn't fit in one of the categories above)
- Saints & Sinners – Stories of Bad and Good ancestors
- Insanity in the 19th century
- Buffalo Soldier
- Archeological Dig
- Same name Same Location Which One is My Ancestor? – Emily Richardson

- Salem Witch Trials – Coppell Resident
- Crime Analysis – Genealogy in Police Investigation
- Digital Scrapbooking for Genealogists
- Old Photographs – Describing the different kinds that were created.
- Presentations by Society Leaders

Meetings
- Hybrid Meetings (In Person & Long-Distance Members)
- Genealogy-Related Christmas Projects
- Open Forum Meetings – No speaker, no organized program (Round Robin)
- Show and Tell
- Genealogy Jeopardy – Christmas Program using online website
- Field Trips
- Genealogy Fair – Members, Historical exhibitors & Others – Public Invited
- Stories about using old family recipes.
- Monthly meetings that support seminar topics

Places to find speakers
- Purchased syllabus for the Ohio Genealogical Society Conference to identify speakers
- New England Archives Private Webinars
- Legacy Family Tree webinars

Things to consider when planning programming
- The Goal is "Creating Energy in the Room"
- How do we mentor new people to become society leaders?