



MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

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**Showcase Photo from Facebook Group:
Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography**



(Great Blue Heron by Brenda Kay Edwards)

Volunteers

Want more photo shoots scheduled at HNWR and off-site field trips? We need members to volunteer to make these events happen. If you can help, send email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

- Some ideas for photo shoots at HNWR: Dragonflies at Picnic Pond in the Goode Day Use Area; Late night photo shoot at Crow Hill; Lotus flowers at Meadow Pond at Meadow Pond Trail.
- Some ideas for off-site field trips: Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo, OK; Ennis Bluebonnet Trails in Ennis, TX; Japanese Garden in Fort Worth Botanic Garden; and Texas Tulips in Pilot Point, TX.

Photographs by Members

Here are a few photographs taken in February by our photo club members.






*Calm Evening at Sunset
By Pam Rendall-Bass*



*Western Meadowlark
By Mike Petrick*

Upcoming Events

- Photo club meetings are on the third Saturday of every other month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov) at 1:00-2:30 pm in the Visitor Center at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (HNWR). If you want, bring your camera to meetings and at the end of meetings you can ask questions of each other and share information.

Date	Event
<p>March 18, Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm</p>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic: Where to find your inspiration with Raul Rivero. • Raul Rivero was born in San Antonio, Texas, in 1968. At a very young age, he moved to Mexico City where he grew up, studied, worked, and got married. Immediately after high school, he started working at the family advertising agency. In 1988 he got a part-time job at the Mexican Film Institute as a CGI artist and at the Consumer institute where he created computer graphics and animation for television shows. After that, he worked in different television networks where he participated in the creation of visual content for television shows and social media sites. As a freelancer, he also created digital visual content for magazines, retail stores, and plays. In 2016 he decided to move back to Texas and establish his new home in Allen, where he works as a freelance commercial and portrait photographer. Collin Heritage is Raul's personal project, a heartfelt homage to all the historic and emblematic places in Collin County, Texas. Raul is an experienced and versatile photographer, videographer and digital content creator. You can see Raul's photography at www.raulriverophotography.com. • Prior to March 10, select 3 of your favorite photos taken at HNWR and email them to FOHphotoclub@gmail.com. Maximum 2MB per photo. Your photos will be included in a slideshow shown at the March meeting for you to talk about content of the photo, techniques, ask for assistance, etc.
<p>April 22, Saturday 6:30-9:00 am</p> 	<p>Field trip to Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (BPRC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPRC is hosting a special event for the photo club. BPRC's raptor ambassadors will be on display for you to photograph. The raptors will be tethered and perched on a natural setting or platform. All fees for this event will be given to BPRC to continue their conservation and rehabilitation of birds of prey. Registration is open!
<p>May 20, Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic: Night Shooting with Carey Stinson. • Carey is a professional photography and teaches aspiring photographers via Collin College Continuing Education and online Wyzant tutoring. More info about Carey at careystinson.com.
<p>July 15, Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic: TBD. Speaker: Murali Hanabe. • Murali's landscape photos won multiple awards in the 2022 Hagerman Nature Photo Contest.
<p>September 1 – 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your photos for the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club – Annual Nature Photo Contest.
<p>September 16, Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic: Nature Videos with Richard Barnes. • Richard creates wondrous videos of nature in action, including videos shot at HNWR. Richard EH Barnes YouTube.
<p>October 7, Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo shoot of butterflies in the Butterfly Garden in HNWR. • Laurie Sheppard will be there to identify butterflies.
<p>November 18, Saturday 1:00-2:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic and speaker TBD.

2022 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



(Photo credit: Pam Rendall-Bass)

Annual Photo Contest

Every September, the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club sponsors a nature-themed photo contest. Divisions include Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced.

- All photos entered in the contest must have been taken within Hagerman NWR boundaries within the past five years.
- Entries will be accepted from September 1 – September 30, 2023.
- Categories: Landscapes, Flora and Macro, Artistic, and Wildlife.

Details can be found at <https://friendsofhagerman.com/Photo-Club-Contest>. Entry instructions for 2023 contest will be updated soon.

Come on out to Hagerman NWR and take some winning photographs!

Photo Blind

There is a photo blind located on Raasch Trail at HNWR. The photo blind will be relocated to a different area on the refuge grounds. Volunteers will be needed to give the photo blind some much needed updating at the new location. This will be a great volunteer opportunity for our photo club to get together. More info to come.

Photo Club Facebook Group

The [Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Group](#) on Facebook is aimed to support, assist and educate nature photographers of all levels. Post your photos taken on the Hagerman refuge. Post recent photos of bird sightings, wildlife, habitats, nature. Ask a question about how to improve your photo. Share a technique or tip that you used. Ask about camera equipment.

Photo Club Member Directory

Want to connect with other photo club members to ask questions, share information, or get together? You can share and see contact info in the photo club member directory on the [Friends of Hagerman NWR website](#). Click on [instructions](#) for how to setup your profile and view the member directory.

Membership

Do you know someone that wants to join the Friends of Hagerman and Photo Club? Give them this link <https://friendsofhagerman.com/Membership> to sign up for a membership.

Contact Info

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