



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Showcase Photos from Facebook Group:
Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography



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- **Sharing Raptor Photos.** The category for members and guests to share photos at the May photo club meeting is Raptors, which may include hawk, falcon, vulture, owl, eagle, Mississippi Kite, etc. Select three of your favorite photos of raptors. Your photos must have been taken on HNWR grounds or at the field trip to Blackland Prairie Raptor Center held on April 22. Before May 18, email your photos to FOHphotoclub@gmail.com. Maximum 2MB per photo. Your photos will be included in a slideshow shown at the May meeting. The photos may also be reproduced on other HNWR social media, such as Facebook, website, newsletters, etc.
- **Workshops Committee.** Photo club members have volunteered to become the newly formed Workshops Committee. The committee will organize workshops to provide instructions on photography and processing skills based on interests of photo club members. Workshops will be offered on days/times other than our regular photo club meetings. Committee members are: Sheryn Jones (srj65@outlook.com), Sherry Howard (sherryehoward2@gmail.com), and Larry Howard (larryhoward070@gmail.com). They already have a workshop scheduled for April 29!
- **Field Trips Committee.** Photo club members have volunteered to become the newly formed Field Trips Committee. The committee will organize field trips for photography shoots based on interests of photo club members. Locations will be on HNWR grounds and at venues outside of the refuge. Committee members are: Linda Glass, Shawn Stone, and Lisa Wilkins.
- **Annual Meeting.** The Friends of Hagerman NWR annual meeting was held on March 19. The Board of Directors presented their activities and accomplishments of the past year. Board members beginning new terms were elected. Jeff Gladden's term ended as Chair of the photo club. We thank Jeff for his time and commitment with the photo club activities. Lisa Wilkins was elected new Chair of the photo club for 2023-2024 term. Here's info about Lisa.



Lisa retired in June 2021 after working for over 30 years in the telecommunications industry. Lisa was born in Wisconsin. In July 2000, she moved to Texas. Lisa's retirement plans are to volunteer with organizations to benefit animals and nature, along with improving her photography and birding skills. Her volunteer activities include FOH Nature Nook, FOH NWR Nature Photography Club, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, and committee member of the Prairie and Timbers Audubon Society. At age 40 she got a tattoo, at age 50 she got a motorcycle, and at age 60 she bought a drum set. She has a few years to plan her next milestone event of 70 years.

March 18 Photo Club Meeting. Raul Rivero gave a presentation on Where To Find Your Inspiration. Raul showed his beautiful photographs and shared how he uses Lightroom to enhance his photos.



After the presentation, we showed photos taken by our members that they submitted as their favorites.



by Freda Brown



by Sherry Howard



by Nancy Miller



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by Kevin Chen



by Nancy Chen



by Shawn Stone






by Ken Sheepers



by Janice Goetz



by Glenn Johnson

Event Schedule		Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club
April 22, Saturday 6:30-9:00 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trip to Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (BPRC). • BPRC is hosting a special event for the photo club and guests at Brockdale Park in Lucas. 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. Brockdale Park is on the edge of Lavon Lake and provides a beautiful background for photos. You are welcome to walk around the park and take photos until the event concludes. All fees for this event will be given to BPRC to continue their conservation and rehabilitation of birds of prey. Registration is open now and will close on 4/20/2023. 	
April 29, Saturday 9:00-11:00 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club workshop. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic: Beginning Lightroom Classic with Nancy Miller. • Nancy Miller will teach the two-hour class and students are encouraged to bring their computers so they can follow along with Nancy's instructions and examples. The workshop is designed for people who want to download photos, organize them in the best and safest system and begin post processing photos for basic enhancements for their photos. Organizing into folders, keywording and basic processing such as exposure correction, color enhancement and simple tricks that add power to photographs will be explained so that students will leave the class with the ability to take their photography one step further. Registration is not required, but would be appreciated. This is a great way to be a better photographer. 	
May 20, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Explore the Unknown – Night Photography with Carey Stinson. • Introductory Talk. Spencer Beard will give an introductory talk about how the photo club ties in with the USFWS mission. Spencer is the on-site Visitor Services Manager for HNWR and is an employee of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. • Photography Presentation. Learn the basics of Night Photography from Corporate, Portrait & Fine Art Photographer Carey Stinson. In this presentation you will learn all about shooting photography at night. The discussion will focus on equipment, camera setting, Night photography tips and techniques to capture the night. • Sharing Raptor Photos. We will show photos taken by our members and guests. The category is Raptors, which may include hawk, falcon, vulture, owl, eagle, Mississippi Kite, etc. Use link above for details on how to submit images. 	
July 15, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<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 Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photo Contest. 	
September 1 – 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit your photos for the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club – Annual Nature Photo Contest. 	
September 16, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<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. 	
October 7, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo shoot of butterflies in the Butterfly Garden in HNWR. • Laurie Sheppard will be there to identify butterflies. 	
November 18, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Topic and speaker TBD. 	

Helpful Information		Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club			
<p>2022 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER</p>  <p><i>(Photo credit: Pam Rendall-Bass)</i></p>		<p>Annual Photo Contest</p> <p>Every September, the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club sponsors a nature-themed photo contest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Divisions: Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced. • Categories: Landscapes, Flora and Macro, Artistic, and Wildlife. <p>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!</p>			
<p>Bird Photo Opportunities</p> <p>For photographers interested in birds, HNWR has various scheduled events that may give you a great opportunity to locate and photograph birds. All are free and open for everyone to attend. Bring your camera!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Little Sit. First Saturdays beginning 30 minutes before sunrise. Dedicated birders conduct a bird count as multiple species fly to the water and surrounding land to feed. Leaders will provide tips for identification of the species. This is not a hike, it a “sit” and participants are advised to bring a chair. • Early Bird Walk. Second Saturdays at 8:00 am. Lead by Master Naturalist Jack Chiles. • Birding with Jack. Tuesdays. Experienced birders, including Master Naturalist Jack Chiles, traverse 35 miles of refuge roads and hiking trails, documenting every bird they encounter. Each week they provide a link to their Bird Census Results that lists species and quantity of birds seen at the refuge. 					
<p>Photo Club Facebook Group</p> <p>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 NWR refuge. You can also ask how to improve a photo, share a technique or tip, ask about camera equipment.</p>					
<p>Photo Club Member Directory</p> <p>Want to connect with photo club members to ask questions, share information, see camera equipment? You can share and see contact info in the photo club member directory on the Friends of Hagerman NWR website.</p>					
<p>Membership</p> <p>Interested in joining the Friends of Hagerman NWR and Photo Club or have a friend that is interested? Go to the website at https://friendsofhagerman.com/Membership to sign up for a membership.</p>					
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