



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

Showcase Photos from Facebook Group:
[Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography](#)



Dickcissel by Meagan Hope Weaver



Black Swallowtail by Mayve Strong

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Mission Statement

The Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club promotes interest in Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and encourages preservation of wildlife and habitats by supporting, assisting and educating nature photographers of all levels.

News

- **Photo Club Meeting.** On 5/20/22 Spencer Beard, the on-site Visitor Services Manager for HNWR, gave a talk on the photo club ties in with the US Fish & Wildlife Service's mission. Professional Photographer Carey Stinson gave a presentation about Night Photography equipment and techniques.
- **Annual Photo Contest.** Every year in September, the Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club sponsors a nature-themed photo contest. For a small fee per photo, photographers may enter as many photos as they wish. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded. Photos must have been taken on the HNWR grounds within the last 5 years. Come on out to the refuge to take some winning photos. Start sorting through your past photos to select some photos to submit. Rules will be finalized and updated within the next few days. [Click here for details.](#)

Event Schedule for the Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club

The [Photo Club Events website page](#) has a list of the events and details.

<p>June 3, Saturday 9:00 am Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trip. Location: Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo, OK. Meet at Tishomingo NWR at 9:00 am to take photos while walking trails or driving through the refuge. Tishomingo Visitor Center will be open from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Meet up for lunch 12:30 pm at Blake Shelton's Ole Red Restaurant. Ole Red is about 5 miles from the Tishomingo NWR Visitor Center.
<p>June or Early July 5:30 am MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trip. Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Photo shoot of Lotus flowers at Meadow Pond at Sunrise. Date will depend upon when the flowers are in bloom. We will meet at the Visitor Center and then drive our vehicles to Meadow Pond Trail and through to Meadow Pond. We will have access to drive to the pond, which is about 2.5 miles from the trailhead. Due to a limited number of vehicles that can be accommodated on the trail, <u>this event is limited to photo club members only</u>. An email will be sent to photo club members as soon as a date is determined. Please note, this may only be a few days advance notice, as we want to select a date when the Lotus Flowers are in peak bloom.
<p>July 15, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Click for Event Details</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 Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photo Contest.
<p>August 1, Tuesday 11:00 pm (approx time) Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trip. Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Night photo shoot. Super moon will occur in the late evening.
<p>September 1 – 30 Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit your photos for the FOH NWR Nature Photography Club Annual Nature Photo Contest. Details for the photo contest will be finalized within a few days.
<p>September 16, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Click for Event Details</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. View his videos at Richard EH Barnes YouTube.
<p>October 7, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trip. Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Photo shoot of butterflies in the Butterfly Garden. Laurie Sheppard and Shawn Stone will be there to identify butterflies.
<p>October 28, Saturday 7:00-11:00 am Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. Photo scavenger hunt. Use your creativity to capture photographs that match a list of categories that will be provided on event day. We will show the photos during the November photo club meeting. Bring your lunch and we'll meet for lunch at 11:00 am in the building and talk about your adventures on the scavenger hunt.
<p>November 11, Saturday 10:00 am Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 11 is the Second Saturday presentation. Following the presentation, winners of the annual photo contest will be announced, winning photos will be shown, and prizes will be handed out.
<p>November 18, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. Winning photos from the annual photo contest will be shown. Photos from the October photo scavenger hunt will be shown.
<p>November 29, Wednesday 6:30 pm MORE DETAILS TO COME</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Trip. Location: Vitruvian Park in Addison, TX. Photo shoot of Vitruvian Lights in the park where more than 1.5 million colorful LED lights are wrapped around 555 trees.

Helpful Information for the Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club

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.

- 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.

Details at <https://friendsofhagerman.com/Photo-Club-Contest>. Come on out to Hagerman NWR and take some winning photographs!

Bird Photo Opportunities

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!

- [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.

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 NWR refuge. You can also ask how to improve a photo, share a technique or tip, ask about camera equipment.

Photo Club Member Directory

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](#).

Newsletters and Field Trips Archives

Newsletters and photos from field trips will be posted on the [Photo Club Newsletters Page](#) on the [Friends of Hagerman NWR website](#).

Membership

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.

Workshops Committee

The Photo Club Workshops Committee organizes workshops on photography and processing skills. Workshops will be held 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).

Field Trips Committee

The Photo Club Field Trips Committee organizes field trips for photo shoots on HNWR grounds and at venues outside of the refuge. Committee members are: Linda Glass (lindajosieglass@gmail.com), Shawn Stone (shawn@stonelink.com), Jeff Gladden (gladden.jeffrey@att.net), and Lisa Wilkins (fohphotoclub@gmail.com).

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