



JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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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.

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



Red-Winged Blackbirds by Murali Hanabe



*Female Bobolink and Female Red Winged Blackbird
by Murali Hanabe*

Murali Hanabe is the guest speaker at the [July 15 photo club meeting](#).

News

- **July 15 is the next photo club meeting.** The meeting will be a combination of a presentation and a workshop. Presentation "Beyond the Feathers" by Murali Hanabe followed by a Camera Cleaning Workshop. Please register for the event so we have enough supplies for everyone at the workshop. The event is free. [Click for Event Details and for Registration.](#)
- **August 1 is our next field trip.** It will be a late night photo shoot on the grounds of Hagerman NWR. Super moon will occur in the late evening. [Click for Event Details.](#) We are still finalizing details and info will be updated when plans are completed.
- **Annual Photo Contest.** Every year in September, the Friends of Hagerman NWR sponsors a nature-themed photo contest. For a very 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. [Click here for details.](#)
 - Everyone is welcome to enter the contest. All proceeds go to the Friends of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge to support environmental education, recreational activities, and programs.
 - Winning photos are displayed in the multi-purpose room in the HNWR Visitor Center.

June 3rd Field Trip to Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The Photography Club went on a field trip to the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge in Tishomingo, OK. Although storms were predicted in the area, it was a beautiful day and not a drop of rain fell while we were there. After a few hours of photography, we had lunch at Blake Shelton's Ole Red restaurant in Tishomingo. Take a look at the photos below from photo club members who attended the field trip. To view more amazing photos, [click here](#).



By Chris Balsamo



By Chris Balsamo



*Diamond Backed Water Snake
By Jeffrey Rolinc*



By Jeffrey Rolinc



By Ken Scheepers



By Ken Scheepers



By Ken Scheepers

July 1st Field Trip to Meadow Pond. The Photography Club went on a field trip to photograph Lotus flowers in Meadow Pond at Hagerman NWR. We met up before sunrise and reached Meadow Pond in time to set up our equipment and catch the sunrise. Take a look at the photos below from photo club members who attended the field trip. To view more amazing photos, [click here](#).



By Nancy Miller



By George Mason



By Duffie White



By Lisa Walsh



By Jeffrey Rolinc



By Alan Daniel



Infrared Photo by Jason Foster

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>July 15, Saturday 1:00-4:00 pm Click for Event Details and for Registration</p> <p>Please register by July 14.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. • Meeting will be a combination of a presentation followed by a workshop. • Presentation “Beyond the Feathers” by Murali Hanabe. Murali will talk about his approach to bird photography drawing some concepts from his background in landscape photography. Murali’s landscape photos won multiple awards in the 2022 Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photo Contest. • Camera Cleaning Workshop. David Parsons, Bert Garcia, and Alan Lusk will present a workshop on cleaning your camera and photography equipment. David will give a presentation that will include a live demonstration of cleaning techniques. Bring your camera and lens to participate in the hands-on workshop that follows the presentation. Basic cleaning materials will be available for you to use at the workshop. • Please register for this event if you plan to attend the workshop. We want to be sure we have enough supplies for everyone during the workshop. Registration closes on July 14. There is no cost for this event.
<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. • More details will be provided closer to the event date.
<p>September 1 – 30 Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FOH NWR Nature Photography Club Annual Nature Photography Contest runs from September 1 -30. Submit your best photos taken at Hagerman NWR within the last five years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced Divisions. ○ Four nature categories. ○ Cash and ribbons awarded. ○ Special Youth Best in Show award. • All proceeds go to the Friends of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge to support environmental education, recreational activities, and programs.
<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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