



SEPTEMBER 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



Gulf fritillary on Turk's cap by Mayve Strong



Monarch on Button Bush by Pam Rendall-Bass

News

- **Annual Photo Contest.** The photo contest has begun! Every September, the Friends of Hagerman NWR sponsors a nature-themed photo contest. For a small fee per photo (\$1 per photo for photo club members) you may enter as many photos as you 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.
- **September 16 Meeting.** Our next photo club meeting will feature Wildlife Videos with Richard Barnes. Join us for popcorn and videos. [Click for Event Details](#)
- **October 7 Butterfly Photo Shoot.** Our next photo club field trip will be at the Butterfly Garden at Hagerman NWR. Butterfly Garden docents will be there to help identify butterflies. [Click for Event Details.](#)
- **November 18 Meeting.** The November photo club meeting will have two slideshows and a presentation. We have confirmed that Larry Howard will give a presentation on How to Use a Camera in Manual Mode. [Click for Event Details.](#)

Notes

- **August 30 Night Photo Shoot.** If you attended the August 30 night photo shoot of the blue supermoon, we would enjoy seeing your photos. We would like to post them on our field trip website page at [Photo Club Newsletters and Field Trips](#). You can email them to fohphotoclub@gmail.com or post them on the [Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Facebook Group](#) and we will download them.

8/1/23 and 8/30/23 Night Photo Shoots. Photo club members met on 8/1 for a night photo shoot of the supermoon and also use light painting techniques. The event was so fun that members asked for another night shoot on 8/30 for the blue supermoon. On 8/1 we met at the end of Plover Road and on 8/30 we met at the end of Pad H for a different view. Please note that the refuge closes at sunset, but the photo club had permission to stay in the refuge after dark. Below are some of the photographers and their photos. For more photos go to the webpage for [Photo Club Newsletters and Field Trips](#).



Set up and ready to shoot.



Using phone apps to plot where the moon will rise.



Camera has the moon in view on the camera's viewfinder.



Lisa Walsh



Lisa Walsh



Lisa Wilkins



Eleanor Pate



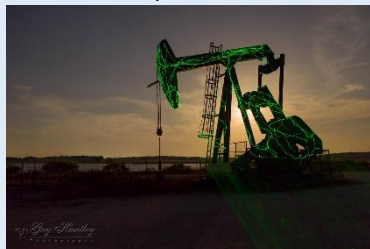
Skip Stevens



Jeffrey Rolinc



Alan Daniel



Guy Huntley



Guy Huntley

3 photos above using light painting technique.

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>September 1 – 30 Annual Photo Contest 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 Photo Club Meeting Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo club meeting. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. • Topic: Wildlife Videos with Richard Barnes. • Richard’s presentation will cover the basics of filming wildlife with some tips about how to get started if you’ve never done it before. He will show videos of some of his more interesting and unusual wildlife observations and he will conclude with a compilation of footage he filmed at Hagerman NWR. • Join us for some popcorn and videos. Richard’s presentation will last about 1 hour. • View his videos at Richard EH Barnes YouTube.
<p>October 7, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Field Trip 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. • Join us for an afternoon in the Butterfly Garden for a photo shoot at Hagerman NWR. We will be shooting in the butterfly garden as well as the garden in front of the visitor center. Bring any of your other butterfly shots that need to be identified and we can help with that as well. • This event is limited to FOHNWR Nature Photography Club members only. Registration is not required.
<p>October 28, Saturday 7:00 am Photo Scavenger Hunt 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.
<p>November 11, Saturday 10:00 am Second Saturday Meeting 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 awards will be handed out.
<p>November 18, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Photo Club Meeting 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. • Larry Howard will give a presentation on how to use a camera in manual mode. Presentation will last about 1-1/2 hours.
<p>November 29, Wednesday 6:30 pm Field Trip 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](#) website page.

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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