



OCTOBER 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



River Otter by Jim Oliver



Green Tree Frog by Mayve Strong

Recent Events

Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club

9/1 through 9/30/23 Photo Contest. Our annual photo contest ended on 9/30. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for the contest. Judging is taking place and winners will be announced in November.

9/16/23 Photo Club Meeting. Richard Barnes was our guest speaker at the club meeting. Richard's home yard has a garden for wildlife –a flower bed for pollinator plants and a small back yard pond. He look for wildlife in local parks and nature preserves in Denton County and visits Hagerman NWR several times each year. Richard's presentation included his videos of interesting and unusual wildlife observations. He concluded with a compilation of footage that he filmed at Hagerman NWR.



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>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. • 7:00 am. A list of photo scavenger hunt categories will be available in the Visitor Center starting at 7:00 am. The Visitor Center will be open early at 7:00 am for photographers that like to shoot in the early morning light. Sunrise is expected to be 7:40 am. Visitor Center will close at the regular time of 4:00 pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pick up a category list from the Visitor Center between 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. Go out on the Hagerman NWR refuge to capture photographs that match each category. Use your creativity! There is no wrong interpretation of the categories. ○ You can start at any time on Saturday, October 28th. Take as much time as you want on that date. There's no contest for getting done the fastest or completing all categories. Just have fun! ○ What might be one of the categories??? Maybe "Pattern and Texture" will be a category. You can photograph anything that has a pattern or texture. • Photo club members, guests, and visitors are welcome to participate in the photo scavenger hunt. No registration is required. Use cameras, phones, or tablets. • We will present a slideshow of photo club members' photos during the November 18th photo club meeting. It will be fun to see what everyone interprets for each category. • Go to Event Details for directions on how to send in your photos to be included in the slideshow.
<p>November 11, Saturday 10:00 am Second Saturday Meeting followed by Photo Contest Winners Announced Click for Event Details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 11 is the Second Saturday presentation. Location: Visitor Center in HNWR. • The Second Saturday program starts at 10:00 am and will be Waterfowl with Dr. Wayne Meyer. • Following Dr. Meyer's 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. • The November photo club meeting will have two slideshows and a presentation. • A slideshow of winning photos from the annual photo contest will be shown. • A slideshow of 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. • Larry will be covering the advantages of using your camera in manual mode to optimize control of camera and/or subject movement, control of depth of field, and exposure. All brands of cameras are welcome. Decisions about whether depth of field or movement takes priority for the shot will be discussed.

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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