



NOVEMBER 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](#)



Photo by Lisa Walsh



Thousands of Franklin Gulls by Laurie Sheppard

News

- **Photo Contest Winners to be Announced.** The 2023 Friends of Hagerman NWR Annual Nature Photography Contest photo contest ended on September 30. Thank you for all participants that entered their photos. Judging of the photos has been completed. Winning photos will be announced on November 11.
 - The Second Saturday program starts at 10:00 AM on November 11 and the presentation is Waterfowl by Dr. Wayne Meyer. After the main program, we will present a slideshow of the photo contest winning photographs and awards will be presented to the photographers. Come to the Second Saturday program and stay for the photo contest presentation. We're sure to see some spectacular photos.
- **Photo Scavenger Hunt.** We scheduled this event for October 28 which turned out to be a very wet rainy day. Not complaining, we need the rain! You can still do the photo scavenger hunt. Info is on the next page. Hope you take some photos and send them in for a slideshow at an upcoming meeting.
- **2024 Events.** We will be working on the photo club schedule for 2024. Do you have ideas for speakers, presentations, topics, workshops? Do you have any ideas for photo shoots at Hagerman NWR? Do you have ideas for field trips outside of Hagerman NWR? Do you have ideas on how to improve the annual photo contest? I would appreciate input and suggestions from you. Send your suggestions to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

Photo Scavenger Hunt



Start date:
Saturday, October 28, 2023

Presented by
Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature
Photography Club

Go out on Hagerman NWR grounds and take photographs that match each category listed below. Use cameras, phones, tablets, etc. Use your creativity! Take as much time as you want. There's no contest for getting done the fastest or completing all categories. Explore the refuge and have fun!

<input type="checkbox"/> Buggy	<input type="checkbox"/> Sparkles	<input type="checkbox"/> Framed
<input type="checkbox"/> Pattern, Texture	<input type="checkbox"/> That Rocks!	<input type="checkbox"/> Sneaky
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexpected	<input type="checkbox"/> Shadow
<input type="checkbox"/> Easy, Breezy	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Hard	<input type="checkbox"/> Hoppity Hop
<input type="checkbox"/> Wet	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp, Jagged	<input type="checkbox"/> Triangle
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple	<input type="checkbox"/> Yucky	<input type="checkbox"/> Smooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Calm	<input type="checkbox"/> It Floats	<input type="checkbox"/> My Favorite Thing Today

We will show some of the photographs at the November photo club meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend photo club meeting. To share your images:

- Send only 1 photo per category. You do not need to send a photo for each category. Choose your favorites! Filename of each image should include the category and your name. Filename example: Yucky_Lisa_Wilkins.jpg.
- Email your images to FOHphotoclub@gmail.com or use WeTransfer.com.
- Send your images by Tuesday, November 7th.

Any questions, please email FOHphotoclub@gmail.com.

10/4/23 Butterfly Garden. Photo club members met at the Hagerman NWR Butterfly Garden for a photo shoot. Butterfly Garden docents were there to help spot and identify species. Below are some members' photos. For more photos go to the webpage [Photo Club Newsletters and Field Trips](#).



Photos by Jason Foster



Photos by Lisa Wilkins

10/14/23 Refuge Roundup. The National Wildlife Refuge System, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provides vital habitat for thousands of native species. National wildlife refuges offer outstanding recreation, too. Wildlife refuges also add to Americans' comfort and safety by curbing flood risk and wildfire damage, providing cleaner air and water, and supporting local communities. National Wildlife Refuge Week, observed the second full week of October each year, celebrates the great network of lands and waters that conserves and protects Americans' precious wildlife heritage. Hagerman NWR celebrated on October 14 with Refuge Roundup day. Our photo club members volunteered to take photos at Refuge Roundup. Here are some of their amazing photos from events of the day.



Kids and Mega Bubbles



Filtered Telescope to see Eclipse



Skins and Skulls Displa

Photos by Curt Hall



Snakes Presentation



Monarch Tagging



Spiders Presentation

Photos by Lea Watson

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.

November 11, Saturday 10:00 am Second Saturday Program followed by Photo Contest Winners Announced Click for Event Details	<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.
November 18, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm Photo Club Meeting Click for Event Details	<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 photo contest. A slideshow of photos from the October photo scavenger hunt. 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.
January 20, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting. Topic TBD.
March 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting. Topic TBD.
May 18, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting. Topic TBD.
July 13, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting. Topic TBD.
September 14, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting. Topic TBD.
September 1-30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOHNWR Annual Nature Photo Contest. Photos can be submitted in September.
November 9, 2024, Saturday 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOH Second Saturday program starts at 10 am. After the program, photo contest winners announced, slideshow of winning photographs shown, and awards presented.
November 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting. Slideshow of winning photographs from the photo contest.

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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