



## DECEMBER 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](#)



*Laurie Sheppard*

### News

- **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](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com).
- **Annual Photo Contest.** We will be working on updating photo contest rules for 2024. I would appreciate input and suggestions from you on how to improve the contest. Send your suggestions to [fohphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:fohphotoclub@gmail.com).

### Recent Events

- **Photo Club Meeting on 11/18.** Larry Howard gave an informational presentation on how to use your camera in manual mode.
- **Sell/Buy Camera Equipment on 12/2.** We had photo club members bring a variety of great used equipment to sell at this event. Sales were made!



**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.

January 20, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm <a href="#">Click here for details.</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo Club Meeting in Visitor Center at Hagerman NWR.</li><li>• Russell Graves will give a presentation about his nature photography and adventures. Russell Graves is the owner of the <a href="#">Hackberry Farm Photo School</a>.</li></ul>
March 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo Club Meeting.</li><li>• Topic TBD.</li></ul>
May 18, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo Club Meeting.</li><li>• Topic TBD.</li></ul>
July 20, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo Club Meeting.</li><li>• Topic TBD.</li></ul>
September 21, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo Club Meeting.</li><li>• Topic TBD.</li></ul>
September 1-30, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">FOHNWR Annual Nature Photo Contest</a>.</li><li>• Photos can be submitted in September.</li></ul>
November 9, 2024, Saturday 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FOH Second Saturday program starts at 10 am. After the program, photo contest winners announced, slideshow of winning photographs shown, and awards presented.</li></ul>
November 16, 2024, Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photo Club Meeting.</li><li>• Slideshow of winning photographs from the photo contest.</li></ul>

## Helpful Information for the Friends of Hagerman NWR Nature Photography Club

### 2023 PHOTO CONTEST BEST OF SHOW



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### 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, 2024.
- 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.

### Contact Info

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