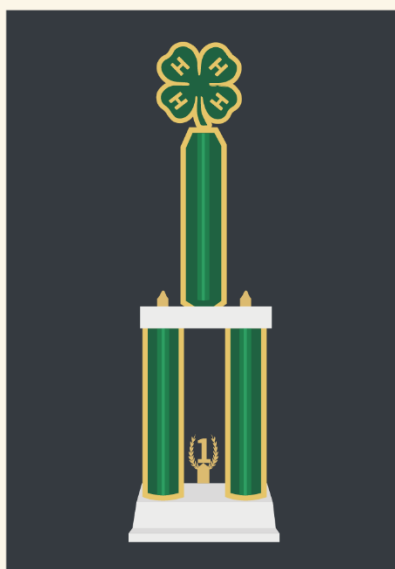


OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



Instructions on How to Enter Open Class Exhibits

1. **Fair Book:** The Fair Book contains all the entry guidelines, classes and descriptions. Access the 2023 Larimer County Fair Book online at: <https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair/4-h-and-open-class>. Each department is listed separately. Information follows regarding this specific department. Printed Fair Books may be requested from the Competitions Coordinator at 970-619-4023, boldtla@larimer.org

2. **Schedule:** Read the Open Class Schedule at the end of this document.

3. **General Information:** Read the general information and rules. There are separate rules for Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography & Creative Crafts division rules and Open Class Horticulture.

4. **Exhibitors** do not need to be Larimer County residents to enter.

5. **Online Entry:** Complete the Open Class Registration online through Fair Entry (not 4-H online)

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/18412>

If you entered last year, you are in the Fair Entry System as an exhibitor and you just need to add classes. If you are a new exhibitor, please sign up as such and follow the prompts to set you up as an exhibitor. Then add your classes. Everyone should make sure to hit the submit button and receive confirmation of your entries.

6. **Entry:** Pre-Registration Entry is required in all departments through an on-line Fair Entry system beginning April 1st through July 23rd at 11:50 pm. Written entry forms can be requested through the

Competitions Coordinator at 970-619-4023, boldtla@larimer.org. Printed entries can be emailed, delivered, or mailed to the Larimer County Fair Office, 5280 Arena Circle, Ste #100, Loveland, CO 80538. The Entry Office closes at 4:30 p.m. Postmarks, faxes, or email pre-registration will be accepted only if posted on or before July 23rd at 4:30 pm.

7. **Late Registration Forms** – Registrations received after July 23rd are subject to a late charge of \$5.00/exhibitor. **No Late Entries Taken After Department Check-In, August 1st.**

8. **Check-In** – Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography and Creative Crafts exhibits must be in place between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1. Horticulture exhibits entered Wednesday, August 2nd between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. At check-in, arrive in time to receive your exhibitor number and exhibit identification tag(s). Review the information on the I.D. tag and attach one tag to each exhibit. Take exhibit(s) to the Larimer County Fairgrounds (South Hall of the 1st National Bank Exhibition building) during check-in time for the exhibit(s). Park in the 4-H parking lot or Lot A or B.

9. **Check-Out** - Please return to the Fairgrounds to pick up your exhibits on **Wednesday, August 9 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Collect any awards won. **If you are unable to pick up your exhibits that evening, please have someone else do it for you.** Removal of any exhibit before the designated time requires written approval from the Superintendent or Exhibitor Coordinator. Violation of this rule shall cause the exhibitor to forfeit any awards due to him or her.

10. **Judging** - Viewing of judging is open to the public. You are welcome to listen and learn from the judges.

Open Class Horticulture Division (Garden Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit and Herbs)

Co-Superintendents – Mitzi Davis & Karen Collins
Extension Contact – Alison O'Connor

Open Class Horticulture Garden Flowers Rules

Key dates and times:

Entry for Garden Flower exhibits: Wednesday, August 2, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Judging time for Garden Flower exhibits: Wednesday, August 2, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Check-out for Garden Flower exhibits: Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. All exhibits in this department are subject to the general rules and regulations.
2. **All flowers used in entries, including fresh flower arrangements, must be grown by the exhibitor. Store-bought flowers are prohibited.**
3. Exhibits must be checked in with the superintendent and in place between 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on August 2.
4. Exhibits must remain on display through Tuesday, August 8. If not removed by 7:00 p.m., August 9 they will be disposed of by Fair Management.
5. Judging will start promptly at **10:30 a.m.**, Wednesday, August 2, and is open to the public to hear judges' comments.
6. At check-in time on August 2, your department's exhibitor's number will be given to you. At that time, each exhibitor will make out his or her own individual class entry tags and place them on their exhibits. A list of these entries should be given to the Superintendent for checking.
7. Please write variety of the flower, if known, on the entry tag.
8. Unworthy exhibits and exhibits which do not follow the class description will be disqualified. Exhibits will be displayed and presented to the Judge by Superintendents and/or assistants in charge of this department.
9. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the Superintendents. If there are 5 or more exhibits in an "any other" class. A new class may be made.
10. Exhibitors may keep flowers in good condition during the Fair by replacing flowers when necessary and maintaining water levels.
11. Entering exhibits in the proper class is the exhibitor's responsibility. If exhibitors have questions regarding plant identification, it is encouraged that you contact the Extension Office prior to entry.
12. **If a class specifies one variety, all blooms, stems, or spikes must be one color.**

13. If a class requires more than one bloom, stem, or spike, but does not specify "one variety", they may be all one color or a mixture of colors.

14. An exhibitor may not exhibit more than **one** entry of the same variety in the same class. If entering more than one variety, variety must be listed on the entry tag.

15. The use of marijuana or CBD in any display, food item, or exhibit is prohibited and shall be rejected. The exhibitor shall be referred to law enforcement.

16. In cut flower classes, foliage above the waterline should remain on the stem but removed if in the water. Multiple stems show best if cut at the same length.

17. All flowers must be grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months; houseplants must be in possession of the exhibitor for 3 months.

18. All 4-H members and other children are encouraged to enter flowers in the Open Class Garden Flower and Horticulture Show. Garden Flower classes 390 - 440 are specific for children and youth (ages 5 – 18). Youth are encouraged to enter in any other classes, as per their exhibits.

19. Awards/Champions – The Outstanding Flower Exhibit (Judge's Choice) will be picked by the Judge from any class, 110 – 440. Champions (County Flower Champion, County Flower Reserve Champion, Champion Houseplant, Outstanding Children's, and Outstanding Youth) will be determined by points: First, 4 points; second, 3 points; and third, 2 points. In the event of a tie based on the points awarded, the award will be divided equally among winners.

20. **Payment of Awards: Exhibitors may collect special awards. See Open Class Division General Rules and Regulations for schedule. Special awards not collected before noon Friday, August 11, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

Open Class Horticulture Garden Flowers

Garden flowers will be judged based on uniformity with foliage and flowers free from insect damage and/or disease, as well as petal color and overall flower freshness.

Class

- 110. Hybrid tea rose, 1, 8" stem or longer
- 120. Rose, 3 varieties, 1 each, 8" stem or longer, specify variety (if known)
- 130. Gladiola, 1, single spike
- 140. Zinnias, 3 stems, any variety, flowers must be the same size (i.e., all giant or pompom)
- 150. Phlox, 1, single stem
- 160. Marigold, 3 stems, any variety
- 170. Petunias, 3 stems, any flower size, one variety
- 180. Calendulas, 3 stems, one variety
- 190. Snapdragons, 3 spikes, any variety
- 200. Shasta Daisies, 3 stems
- 210. Cosmos, 3 stems, any color
- 220. Sunflower, 3 stems, one variety
- 230. Rudbeckia (black-eyed Susan), 3 stems
- 240. Echinacea (coneflower), 3 stems
- 250. Chrysanthemums, 2 sprays (multiple flowers/buds per spray)
- 260. Yarrow, 3 stems, one variety
- 270. Dahlias, 1 stem, flower size < 6" in diameter
- 280. Dahlias, 1 stem, flower size > 6" in diameter

- 290. Dahlias, 1 stem floating, dahlia water lily (displayed with at least two detached leaves, but no stem; free floating in a clear bowl or brandy snifter – no artificial enhancements, such as marbles, are permitted)
- 300. Daylily, 2 stems, one variety
- 310. Any other flower, 3 stems

Floral Arrangements

- 320. Miniature arrangement in any media, measuring no larger than 5" x 5"
- 330. Fresh flower arrangement or bouquet, in water or floral foam

Houseplants

- 340. Houseplants, any size container, in possession of exhibitor for at least 3 months
- 350. Houseplants, succulents or cactus only, any size container, in possession of exhibitor for at least 3 months
- 360. African Violet, any size container, in possession of exhibitor for at least 3 months
- 370. Orchid, must be flowering, in possession of exhibitor for at least 3 months
- 380. Terrarium or fairy/dish garden display, with living plant material (figurines okay)

Classes for Children

Ages 5 – 12

- 390. Mug arrangement, fresh flowers only
- 400. Terrarium or fairy/dish garden display, with living plant material (figurines okay)
- 410. Fresh flower arrangement or bouquet, in water or floral foam

Classes for Youth

Ages 13 Through 18

- 420. Miniature arrangement in any media, measuring no larger than 5" x 5"
- 430. Terrarium or fairy/dish garden display, with living plant material (figurines okay)
- 440. Fresh flower arrangement or bouquet, in water or floral foam

Special Awards

County Flower Champion

Fossil Creek Nursery, Fort Collins

County Flower Reserve Champion

Palmer Flowers, Michelle Adams, Fort Collins

Outstanding Flower Exhibit (Judge's Choice)

Fossil Creek Nursery

Champion Houseplant

Plantorium

Outstanding Children's Exhibit

Fossil Creek Nursery, Fort Collins

Outstanding Youth Exhibit

Fossil Creek Nursery, Fort Collins

Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruit, and Herbs Rules

Key dates and times:

Entry for Horticulture exhibits: Wednesday, August 2, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Judging time for Horticulture exhibits: Wednesday, August 2, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Check-out for Horticulture exhibits: Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. All exhibits in this department are subject to the general rules and regulations.

2. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor. Store-bought vegetables, fruit and herbs are prohibited.

3. Exhibits must be checked in with the superintendent and in place between 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on August 2.

4. Judging will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, and is open to the public to hear judge's comments.

5. At check-in time on August 2, your Department's exhibitor's number will be given to you. At that time, each exhibitor will make out his or her own individual class entry tags and place them on their exhibits. A list of these entries should be given to the Superintendent for checking.

6. An exhibitor may not exhibit more than **one** entry of the same variety in the same class. If entering more than one variety, variety must be listed on the entry tag.

7. Vegetable Critter Art (classes 510 and 700) – Made from any parts of vegetables or fruits, including stems, leaves, and seeds. Not to exceed 12" x 12" x 12". Fastened with toothpicks only. Not glue or tape. Judged on creativity.

8. Unworthy exhibits and exhibits which do not follow the class description will be disqualified. Exhibits will be displayed and presented to the Judge by Superintendents and/or assistants in charge of this department.

9. Exhibits must remain on display through Tuesday, August 8. If not removed by 7:00 p.m., August 9 they will be disposed of by Fair Management.

10. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the Superintendents. If there are 5 or more exhibits in an "any other" class, a new class may be made.

11. The use of marijuana or CBD in any display, food item, or exhibit is prohibited and shall be rejected. The exhibitor shall be referred to law enforcement.

12. Hot peppers will be the final judged exhibits. Tasting these peppers has resulted in residual heat in the mouth, making it difficult to taste/sample the entries from other classes.

13. All 4-H members and other children are encouraged to enter vegetables in the Open Class Garden Flower and Horticulture Show. Horticulture classes 510 - 540 are specific for children and youth (ages 5 – 18). Youth are encouraged to enter in any other classes, as per their exhibits.

14. Champions will be determined by points: First, 4 points; second, 3 points; and third, 2 points. In the event of a tie based on the points awarded, the award will be divided equally among winners.

15. Payment of Awards: Exhibitors may collect special awards. See Open Class Division General Rules and Regulations for schedule. Special awards not collected before noon Friday, August 11, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.

Open Class Horticulture Vegetables

Vegetables will be judged for "table use." Uniformity in size, shape and color are important. Please include a variety name (if known) on entry tag.

Class

(Classes for youth only; ages 5 – 18)

- 510.** Vegetable Critter Art – grown by exhibitor, made from vegetables or fruits, including stems, leaves and seeds. Cannot exceed 12" in any dimension.
- 520.** Beans, 9 pods, with stems not more than 1" in length, any variety
- 530.** Squash, 3 summer-type or zucchini, any variety
- 540.** Tomatoes, 5 cherry

Classes for all exhibitors

- 550.** Beans, 9 pods, with stems not more than 1" in length, green, snap
- 560.** Beets, 3 red table (topped to ½")
- 570.** Broccoli, 2 heads
- 580.** Cabbage, 1 head, any variety
- 590.** Carrots, 3 (topped to 1")
- 600.** Cucumbers, 3 pickling (4" to 5" in length)
- 610.** Cucumbers, 3 slicing
- 620.** Eggplant, 2
- 630.** Lettuce, 2 heads
- 640.** Kale, any variety, 2 bunches with 2 stalks per bunch, each bundled
- 650.** Any other greens, 2 bunches
- 660.** Onions, 6 green, bunched, tops may be trimmed
- 670.** Onions, 3 round – or globe-type, white
- 680.** Onions, 3 round – or globe-type, yellow
- 690.** Sweet Peppers, bell type, 3
- 700.** Sweet Peppers, tapered type, 3
- 710.** Vegetable Critter Art – grown by exhibitor, made from vegetables or fruits, including the stems, leaves and seeds. Cannot exceed 12" in any dimension.
- 720.** Potatoes, 3, any variety
- 730.** Pumpkin, 1, any variety
- 740.** Rhubarb, 3 stalks, pulled from plant, leaf cut to 1"
- 750.** Squash, 3 summer-type or zucchini, any variety
- 760.** Squash, Biggest Zucchini, by weight, stem trimmed to 1"
- 770.** Winter Squash, 2, any variety
- 780.** Tomatoes, 5 cherry
- 790.** Tomatoes, 3 green (unripe)
- 800.** Tomatoes, 3 ripe
- 810.** Any other vegetable, 3

Open Class Horticulture Fruit

- 820.** Apples, 3, any variety
- 830.** Any other fruit: (e.g., plums, peaches, pears); Small fruits, ½ cup or 4 ounces (e.g. currants, raspberries, gooseberries)

Open Class Horticulture Herbs

- 840.** Basil, 3 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (with leaves, in container of water)
- 850.** Chives, 6 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (no flowers, in container of water)
- 860.** Dill, seed heads only, 2 (displayed on a paper plate)
- 870.** Garlic, 3 bulbs
- 880.** Lavender, with flowers, 3 stems, trimmed to a maximum of 10" (in a container of water)
- 890.** Mint, 3 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (with leaves, in container of water)
- 900.** Oregano, 3 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (with leaves, in container of water)
- 910.** Parsley, 3 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (with leaves, in container of water)
- 920.** Sage, 3 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (with leaves, in container of water)
- 930.** Any other herb, 3 stems, trimmed to maximum of 10" (with leaves, in container of water)

Open Class Horticulture Hot Peppers

- 940.** Peppers, Chili – Anaheim type, 3 (limit 3 varieties per exhibitor)
- 950.** Peppers, Chili – Jalapeno type, 3 (limit 3 varieties per exhibitor)
- 960.** Peppers, Chili - Large, hot, 3 (limit 3 varieties per exhibitor)
- 970.** Peppers, Chili - Small, hot, 3 (limit 3 varieties per exhibitor)
- 980.** Hottest Pepper, any size, 1 (limit 3 varieties per exhibitor)

Special Awards

These special awards are made possible by the following sponsors:

Champion Open Horticulture Exhibit

Larimer County Master Gardeners, Alison O'Connor

Reserve Champion Open Horticulture Exhibit

The Koski Family

Christopher Karr Memorial - Hottest Pepper Exhibitor

The Koski Family

Vegetable Critter Art Exhibitor – **Youth**

The Davis Family, Fort Collins

Vegetable Critter Art Exhibitor – **Adult**

Fossil Creek Nursery

Biggest Zucchini Exhibitor

Fort Collins Nursery, Dan Booth

Best of Show – Herb Division

Dick Christensen

2023 Larimer County Fair Schedule of Events for Open Class

SCHEDULE as of May 10, 2023 ---- SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY, JULY 23

11:59 p.m. OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT
ENTRY/PRE-REGISTRATION
FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE-

SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:30 a.m. LARIMER COUNTY FAIR PARADE
Downtown Loveland

MONDAY, JULY 31

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Set Up
SFNBO

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Class Home Economics, Fine
Arts, Photography & Creative Crafts
Exhibits - Check-In *SFNBO*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Open Class Horticulture (Garden
Flowers & Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs)
Check-In *SFNBO*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open Class Creative Crafts, Quilting,
Needlework, Machine Work, Knitting,
Baked Products, Canned & Dried
Products Spinning & Weaving & Fine
Arts Judging *SFNBO*

10:00 a.m. Wine & Liqueur Judging *SFNBO*

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Vegetables,
Fruits & Herbs Judging *SFNBO*

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Garden
Flowers & Floral Arrangements
Judging *SFNBO*

1:30 p.m. Honey Judging *SFNBO*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 a.m. Building open to Superintendents for
display *SFNBO*

5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m. Judge's Comments on Children, Youth,
Teen Photography Exhibits

6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m. Judge's Comments on Amateur
Division Photography Exhibits

7:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. Judge's Comments on Advanced
Amateur Division Photography
Exhibits *SFNBO*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls
Open to the Public

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls
Open to the Public

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Demonstration Presentations
SFNBO Stage

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast
Party Tent outside MAC Arena

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls
Open to the Public

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Demonstration Presentations
SFNBO Stage

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls
Open to the Public

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls
Open to the Public

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Check-Out *SFNBO*

SFNBO= South First National Bank Building