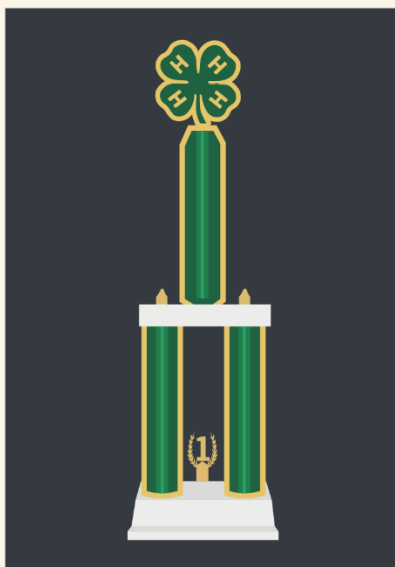


OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



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://fairent.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 a 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. 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 8:00 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 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 Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography, Creative Crafts

Competition Coordinator–Laura Boldt

1. Exhibitors in this department shall make entry by each Department Only – **Baked Products, Canned & Dried Products, Needlework, Knitting, Crocheting & Felting, Quilting, Spinning & Weaving, Machine Work, Fine Arts, Photography, and Creative Crafts.** At check-in time, each exhibitor will be given an exhibitor entry tag. Take each entry and entry tags to the proper department.

2. All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2022 except for quilts. Exhibits can be entered only once.

3. Any article may be tested to the satisfaction of the judges. All articles and garments entered must be clean.

4. Children's age is determined as of December 31, 2022.

5. Only one entry will be accepted in each class from each exhibitor except Fine Arts, Photography, and Spinning and Weaving. No Champion or Reserve Champion will be awarded if the exhibit is not worthy. Special Awards will be given at the judges' discretion.

6. All awards will be chosen at the discretion of the judge(s) in each department.

7. All exhibits must remain on exhibit for the entire Fair, regardless of whether an award is given.

8. **Special Awards** - Exhibitors may collect special awards for department winners. Collection of the award is as follows: Wednesday, August 9th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Administration office Thursday, August 10, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 11th 8:30 a.m. – noon. Special awards not collected will be forfeited. No Exceptions.

9. **Premiums/Money** - Premiums will be given for class placement in youth designated classes. No money is awarded for general/adult classes.

10. **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.**

11. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents. If there are 3 or more items in a miscellaneous or "Any Other" class, a new class may be made.

Spinning and Weaving

Co-Superintendents – Valorie Gathright & Kim Foster
Competitive Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Entry for Spinning & Weaving exhibits: Tuesday, August 1, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Judging time for Spinning & Weaving exhibits: Wednesday, August 2, 8:30 a.m.

Check-out for Spinning & Weaving exhibits: Wednesday, August 9 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public August 4, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

2. See Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography and Creative Crafts General Rules for additional information.

3. All articles entered in this department can be entered in the Larimer County Fair only once. Articles must be finished since August 1, 2022.

4. All articles entered must be clean.

5. **Up to three entries per exhibitor** will be accepted in each class.

6. All work must be done by exhibitor in all entries.

7. Articles that have name labels or “created by” tags need to be removed or cover the tags or labels.

8. All articles will be judged on **workmanship, design** and **suitability** to purpose.

9. Handspun judging will **also be based on preparation of fiber, consistency, size, twist, and strength**. All must be appropriate to the purpose of the yarn.

10. Children's age determined by their age as of December 31, 2022.

12. 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 12, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.

Hand Spun Yarn

1. All adult class skeins must be 2 ounces unless otherwise noted; youth class skeins must be 1 or more ounces. All skeins must be two or more ply, spun smooth and even unless otherwise noted. Yarn must be 100% of one fiber type except blends and novelty. Entries may be assigned to another class at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.

2. **Thoroughly describe** on a 3" x 5" card:

- a. type of fiber
- b. fiber preparation
- c. method of dyeing
- d. method of spinning
- e. purpose

Class

110. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Youth (13 and under)

120. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Teen (14 - 18)

130. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Senior (60 and over)

140. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Adult - First hand spun entry in Larimer County Fair.

150. Any Fiber Using Any Kind of Hand Spindle, single or multi-ply, 1 oz.

160. Alpaca, single or multi-ply

170. Angora Rabbit, single or multi-ply

180. Goat (mohair, cashmere, cashgora, pygora), single or multi-ply

190. Llama, single or multi-ply

200. Plant fiber (i.e. cotton, flax, soy silk), single or multi-ply

210. Sheep Wool, medium single

220. Sheep Wool, two or more plies

230. Silk, single, or multi-ply, 1 oz.

240. Yarns (animal fiber) not listed (i.e. musk ox, dog, cat), single or multi-ply, 1 oz.

250. Blends of any above fiber, single or multi-ply

260. Novelty Yarn, any above fiber or blend, (i.e. looped, fluffy, thick, and thin, knotted, beaded, etc.), single or multi-ply. Binder thread may be non-animal fiber.

270. 3 Skeins – hand spun from the same fiber, each skein 2 oz., 2-ply

280. Any non-woven project using handspun yarn, both completed by the exhibitor. Must include yarn sample.

Hand Weaving

Thoroughly describe on a 3" x 5" card:

1. type of fiber
2. description of project

Class

290. Hand woven clothing, using hand spun yarn as a significant element

300. Hand woven clothing, using commercial yarn

310. Hand woven household article, using hand-spun yarn as a significant element

320. Hand woven household article, using commercial yarn

330. Hand woven article, Youth, 13 years and under

340. Hand woven article, Teen, 14 years to 18 years

350. Hand woven article, Senior, 60 and over

360. Miscellaneous: off-loom, 3 dimensional, free-form, or other hand-woven articles

370. Hand woven Yardage (using handspun and/or commercial yarn) designed for clothing or household article, 2 yard minimum. Include your purpose on your 3" x 5" card.

380. Tapestry – wall hanging

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and 3 Champion and 3 Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for outstanding exhibits. These special awards are made by the following sponsors:

Outstanding Spinning Exhibit

Lambspun of Colorado

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

Lambspun of Colorado

Outstanding Hand Woven Exhibit - Clothing

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Hand Woven Exhibit - Household Article

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Hand Woven Exhibit–Off Loom Free Form 3 Dimension

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Special Champion Hand Spun Exhibit

Valorie Gathright

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

My Sister Knits

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

Cynthia Tiger

Most Creative Spinning/Weaving Exhibit

Westwind Fibers, LLC

Excellence in Spinning

Cynthia Tiger

Promising Young Fiber Artist – In Memory of Joyce Klein

Cynthia Tiger

Outstanding Youth Exhibits

Gathright Family, Fort Collins

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-

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls
Open to the Public

SATURDAY, JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

LARIMER COUNTY FAIR PARADE
Downtown Loveland

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Open Class Exhibit Set Up
SFNBO

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Free Pancake Breakfast
Party Tent outside MAC Arena

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Open Class Home Economics, Fine
Arts, Photography & Creative Crafts
Exhibits - Check-In *SFNBO*

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Open Class Horticulture (Garden
Flowers & Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs)
Check-In *SFNBO*

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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

Open to the Public

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Open Class Creative Crafts, Quilting,
Needlework, Machine Work, Baked
Products, Spinning & Weaving & Fine
Arts Judging *SFNBO*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

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

Open to the Public

10:00 a.m.

Wine & Liqueur Judging *SFNBO*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Open Class Check-Out *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*

SFNBO - South First National Bank of Omaha Building

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