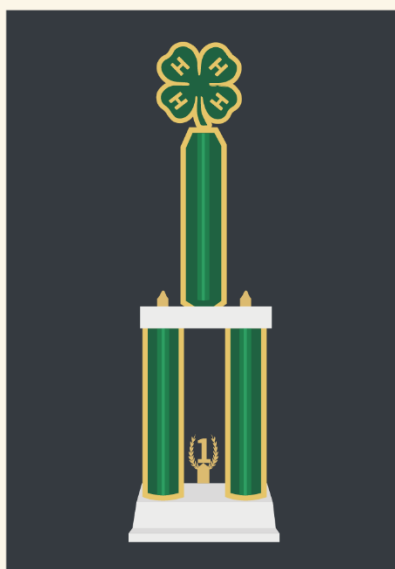


OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



Instructions on How to Enter Open Class Exhibits and Overall Information

1. **Fair Book:** The Fair Book contains all the entry guidelines, classes and descriptions. Access the 2026 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 and follow the specific information for each departments. **Photography exhibitors should be sure to understand and follow the rules for size and mounting of photos before arriving at check-in.**
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) <http://lcfopenclass.fairentry.com>
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 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 email confirmation of your entries.**
6. **Entry:** Pre-Registration Entry is recommended in all departments through the on-line Fair Entry system beginning **Tuesday, March 16th through Wednesday, July 22nd 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 opens at 8:30 a.m. and 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:** Late Entries Taken at Department Check-In, Tuesday, July 28th. Horticulture late entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 29th from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
8. **Check-In:** Park in the McKee Building parking lot or Lot A or B then enter the Northeast doors in Pedersen Toyota Center -South at The Ranch. Open Class exhibits (except Horticulture) must be received **Tuesday, July 28th between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Horticulture exhibits check-in Wednesday, July 29th between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. At check-in, arrive in time to receive your exhibitor identification tag(s). Review the information on the I.D. tag and assign one tag to each exhibit. Take exhibit(s) to the respective departments.
9. **Check-Out:** Please return to The Ranch Pedersen Toyota Center-South to pick up your exhibits on **Wednesday, August 5th between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 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. Otherwise your projects are available for pickup in the Event office during normal business hours. 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.

11. All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2025, except for quilts or photography. Exhibits can be entered only once in the Larimer County Fair.
12. Any article may be tested to the satisfaction of the judges. All articles and garments entered must be clean.
13. Children's age is determined as of December 31, 2025.
14. Only one entry will be accepted in each class from each exhibitor except Arts, Photography, and Spinning and Weaving. No Champion or Reserve Champion will be awarded if the exhibit is not worthy.
15. Special awards will be chosen at the discretion of the judge(s) in each department and coordinated through the Superintendents.
16. All exhibits must remain on exhibit for the entire Fair, regardless of whether an award is given. An open class exhibitor schedule included at the end of this Fair Book.
17. **Special Awards:** Exhibitors may collect special awards for department winners. Collection of the award is as follows:
Wednesday, August 5th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Events office Thursday, August 6th, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 7th 8:30 a.m. – noon. Special awards not collected will be forfeited.
No Exceptions.
18. **Premiums/Money:** Premiums will be given for class placement in youth designated classes. No money is awarded for general/adult classes.
19. **The use of marijuana or CBD in any display, food item, or exhibit is prohibited and shall be rejected.**
20. 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.
21. **Responsibility:** The Ranch staff, the Larimer County Fair Board and Volunteers will use reasonable diligence to ensure safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement. Under no circumstance will the parties listed be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any articles on exhibit. The exhibitors shall indemnify The Ranch, Larimer County Fair Board and volunteers of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The entry of any exhibits on the fairgrounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his or her agreement to abide by this rule.

Arts

Superintendent – Joyce Kilmer
Competition Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Entry for Arts exhibits: Tuesday, July 28th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Judging time for Arts exhibits: Wednesday, July 29th, 9:00 a.m.

Check-out for Arts exhibits: Wednesday, August 5th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. **Each exhibitor may show a maximum of one entry of the same class number.** This prevents you competing against yourself, so please choose your best piece.
2. Viewing of judging is open to the public on Wednesday, July 29th, at 9:00 a.m.
3. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents and/or judge. **If there are 3 or more of any media in a class that are of a similar topic, a new class may be made.**
4. Children, Youth and Teen exhibitors will need to supply their date of birth upon entry.
5. **All pictures must be framed except those exhibited by Children 7 and under and Youth 8 – 13 years. Oils and Acrylics that are on gallery wrapped canvas do not need to be framed. Inexpensive frames are fine. Do not tape mat to art. Framed work must have screw eyes and wire. Paper drawings or any medium must be mounted on a solid backing, i.e. foam core, styrene, or gatorboard.**
6. **Artwork will be rejected if not properly prepared for hanging.** Matted work must have a wire hanger sturdy enough to hold work. No glue back hangers unless they have been reinforced (do not use masking tape). This rule is for your protection as well as the viewers.
7. To qualify for the Advanced Category, the artist must have previously won an award or successfully entered any juried show. If the judge or superintendent merits your work as advanced, even if you have not won a previous award or entered a juried show, your work will be put into the advanced category.
8. The judging of the Art exhibits will be based on the following:
 - Originality of idea (Absolutely no copying of any other painting.)
 - Manner in which medium is used.
 - Proper presentation of entry. (How artwork is framed, matted, or mounted.)
 - Entry should be an example of your best work. The work should not have been shown in past County Fairs.
9. Superintendent has the right to reject oversize pictures and subject matter of a sensitive nature.
10. **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 7th, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

Children—7 years and under

Class

- 100.** Drawing, Any Media
- 110.** Painting, Any Media
- 120.** Collage (including seed or bean picture)
- 130.** Sculpture, Any Media
- 140.** Pottery/Ceramics, handmade design
- 150.** Purchased Mold Pottery/Ceramics, Painted
- 160.** Computer Art

Youth—8 years through 13

Class

- 200.** Drawing, Pastel
- 210.** Drawing, Any Media
- 220.** Painting, Oil/Acrylic
- 230.** Painting, Watercolor
- 240.** Collage (including seed or bean picture)
- 250.** Sculpture, Any Media
- 260.** Pottery/Ceramics, handmade design
- 270.** Purchased Mold Pottery/Ceramics, Painted
- 280.** Computer Art

Teenage—14 years through 18

Class

- 300.** Drawing, Pastel
- 310.** Drawing, Any Media
- 320.** Painting, Oil/Acrylic
- 330.** Painting, Watercolor
- 340.** Collage or Mixed Media
- 350.** Sculpture, Any Media
- 360.** Pottery/Ceramics, purchased mold and painted
- 370.** Pottery/Ceramics, handmade design and painted
- 380.** Computer Art

Advanced

Class

- 500.** Oil/Acrylic
- 505.** Watercolor
- 510.** Pastel
- 515.** Graphite Pencil, Charcoal or Colored Pencil
- 520.** Mixed Media, Collage or anything not included in above categories
- 525.** Sculpture, Metal
- 530.** Sculpture, Any Other (except wood)
- 535.** Ceramics, fired, glazed, stained, chalks, all included
- 540.** Pottery
- 545.** Scratchboard

Amateur

Class

- 600.** Drawing, Pastel
- 605.** Drawing, Any Media
- 610.** Painting, Oil/Acrylic
- 615.** Painting, Watercolor
- 620.** Collage or Mixed Media
- 625.** Sculpture, Metal
- 630.** Sculpture, Any Other (except wood)
- 635.** Ceramics, fired, glazed, stained, chalks, all included
- 640.** Pottery
- 645.** Scratchboard

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of the Show will be selected, and a Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon will be presented in each age division.

These special awards are made possible by the following sponsors:

Overall Champion Arts Exhibit

Heritage Fine Arts

Artisan You

Reserve Champion Children 7 and Under Exhibit

Magpies

Artisan You

Overall Reserve Champion Arts Exhibit

Heritage Fine Arts

Artisan You

Champion Youth 8-13 years Exhibit

Dr. T Pottery

Artisan You

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2026 Larimer County Fair Schedule of Events for Open Class

SCHEDULE as of February 5, 2026

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibits Set Up – Superintendents only *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

TUESDAY, JULY 28

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibits - Check-In *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open Class Arts, Baked Products, Creative Crafts, Knitting, Machine Work, Needlework, Preserved Food Products (& Honey), Quilting & Spinning & Weaving *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open Class Garden Flowers & Floral Arrangements Judging *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs Judging *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

THURSDAY, JULY 30

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Building open to Superintendents for display *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

FRIDAY, JULY 31

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Open Class Check-Out *South Pedersen Toyota Center*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *Event Office Pedersen Toyota Center*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *Event Office Pedersen Toyota Center*