



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 2024 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 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 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 recommended in all departments through an on-line Fair Entry system beginning **Friday, March 1st through Tuesday, 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 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 30th. Horticulture late entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 31st 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 on the Northeast doors in South Hall of the 1st National Bank building at The Ranch. Open Class exhibits (exception Horticulture) must be received **Tuesday, July 30th between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Horticulture exhibits check-in Wednesday, July 31st 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 South Hall of the 1st National Bank building to pick up your exhibits on **Wednesday, August 7 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.
- All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2023, except for quilts or photography. Exhibits can be entered only once.
- Any article may be tested to the satisfaction of the judges. All articles and garments entered must be clean.
- Children’s age is determined as of December 31, 2023.
- 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 chosen at the discretion of the judge(s) in each department and coordinated through the Superintendents.
- All exhibits must remain on exhibit for the entire Fair, regardless of whether an award is given.
- 17. Special Awards** - Exhibitors may collect special awards for department winners. Collection of the award is as follows: Wednesday, August 7th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Administration office Thursday, August 8th, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 9th 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.**
- 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.

Knitting, Crochet & Felting

Superintendent –Geri McGibney
Competition Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Entry for Knitting, Crochet & Felting exhibits: Tuesday, July 30th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Judging time for Knitting, Crochet & Felting exhibits: Wednesday, July 31st, 9:00 a.m.

Check-out for Knitting, Crochet & Felting exhibits: Wednesday, August 7th, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31st. **If determined appropriate by the judge, exhibits may be moved to a different class for competition.**
2. All articles entered in this department can be entered in the Larimer County Fair only once. Articles must be finished since August 1, 2022.
3. All articles entered must be clean and blocked.
4. **Only one entry per exhibitor will be accepted in each class.** Exception is 2 of non-like items in Machine Knitting category.
5. All work must be done by the exhibitor in all entries.
6. Articles that have name labels or “created by” tags need to have these tags or labels removed or covered.
7. All articles will be judged on **workmanship, design, and suitability** to purpose.
8. **Wall hangings must be covered with backings and be finished and ready to hang.**
9. Children's age determined by their age as of December 31, 2022.
10. On an attached 3” x 5” card for Children, age 13 and under, describe what the child completed and what someone else did.
11. **The Felting/Fulling category is for the creating of felt by using a wet felt, steam fulling or needle felt method.**
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.**

Machine Knitting

Class

110. Afghan, larger than 48” x 66”, and under 54” x 72”
120. Baby Afghan
130. Adult Sweater
140. Socks or Leggings
150. Gloves or Mittens
160. Hats
170. Scarves, any shape, smaller than 24” wide and a minimum of 36” in length
180. Shawls, any shape, larger than 24” wide and a minimum of 36” in length
190. Any Machine Knitted Item, original design
200. Any other Machine Knitted item, not listed

Felting/Fulling

Class

210. Any Hand Knit or Hand Crocheted Item Felted/fulled
220. Needle Felt Item
230. Wet Felt Item

Miscellaneous

Class

240. Any Hooked Canvas Work Item ex: Hooked rugs & wall pieces. (Needle point Canvas items in Needlework Department)
250. Rugs, other than felted
260. Loom Knitting
270. Any Other Fiber Item, not listed

Crochet

Class

- 300. Afghan or Bedspread, larger than 48" x 66" and under 54" x 72"
- 310. Baby Afghan
- 320. Afghan Granny Square
- 330. Adult Sweater
- 340. Doilies
- 350. Home Accessory Item
- 360. Toys or Novelty Items
- 370. Apparel Accessory
- 380. Any Crochet Item, original design
- 390. Any Other Crochet Item, not listed

Hand Knitting

Class

- 400. Afghan, larger than 48" x 66", and under 54" x 72"
- 410. Baby Afghan
- 420. Adult Sweater
- 430. Socks & Leggings
- 440. Gloves & Mittens
- 450. Hats
- 460. Scarves, any shape, smaller than 24" wide and a minimum of 36" in length
- 470. Shawls, any shape, larger than 24" wide and a minimum of 36" in length
- 480. Toys or Novelty Items
- 490. Any Hand Knit Item, original design
- 500. Any other Hand Knit item, not listed

Individuals Over 60

Class

- 510. Crochet Item
- 520. Home Accessory Item
- 530. Knit Item

Youth—13 years and under

Class

- 570. Crochet Item
- 580. Hand Knit Item
- 590. Felted or Fulled item
- 600. Any Other Item

Teens—14 years to 18 years

Class

- 610. Crochet Item
- 620. Hand Knit Item
- 630. Felted or Fulled Item
- 640. Any Other Item

Special Awards

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

Grand Champion Knitting, Crocheting & Felting Exhibit

Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins

Reserve Champion Knitting, Crocheting & Felting Exhibit

Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins

Outstanding Knitting Exhibit

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Machine Knitting Exhibit

Rocky Mountain Machine Knitters Guild

Reserve Outstanding Machine Knitting Exhibit

Geri McGibney

Outstanding Felting/Fulling Exhibit- Pauline Deckinger Memorial

Kara Rudnick

Reserve Outstanding Felting/Fulling Exhibit- Remina Rudnick Memorial

Kara Rudnick

Outstanding Crochet Exhibit

Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins

Reserve Outstanding Crochet Exhibit

Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins

Outstanding Hand Knitting Exhibit

Front Range Knitting Guild, Mary Freitag

Reserve Outstanding Hand Knitting Exhibit

Cynthia Tiger

Outstanding Senior Citizen Exhibit

Marcy French

Reserve Outstanding Senior Citizen Exhibit

Mary Fetzer

2024 Larimer County Fair Schedule of Events for Open Class

SCHEDULE as of February 12, 2024

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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

TUESDAY, JULY 30

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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, Preserved Food Products Spinning & Weaving & Arts Judging *SFNBO*

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

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Garden Flowers & Floral Arrangements Judging *SFNBO*

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs Judging *SFNBO*

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls Open to the Public *SFNBO*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *SFNBO*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *SFNBO*

SFNBO – South First National Bank of Omaha Building