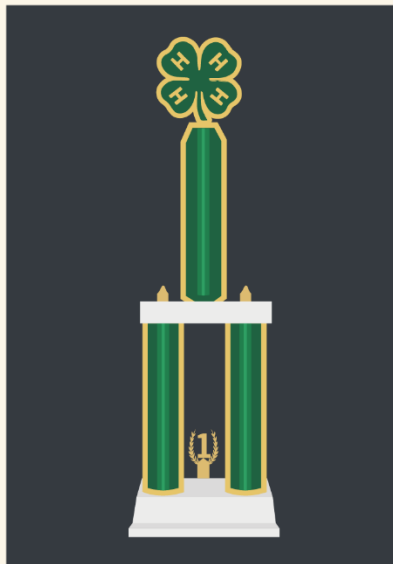


OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



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 15th 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 7thth 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.

Needlework

Superintendent – Vicky Hays
Competitive Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

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

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

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

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public July 29th, beginning at 9:00 am
2. All articles entered in this department can be entered in the Larimer County Fair only once. Articles must be finished since August 1, 2025.
3. All articles entered must be clean and blocked.
4. All work must be done by the exhibitor in all entries.
5. Articles that have name labels or “created by” tags need to have these tags or labels removed or covered.
6. All articles will be judged on **workmanship, design, and suitability to purpose.**
7. **Wall hangings must be covered with backings and be finished and ready to hang.**
8. Wall hangings will be measured by the counted work not including the matting &/or frame.
9. **All Counted Work must include an index card stating the length and width of the area worked along with the stitch count.**
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. **Machine embroidery is not accepted and will not be judged; the embroidery classes are for hand embroidery. You can enter Machine Works, class 550.**
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 7th, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

Hand Embroidery (No Machine Embroidery)

Class

- 110.** Any non-counted surface embroidery item
- 120.** Any needlepoint item, yarn/thread on canvas or plastic
- 130.** Any other needlework, not listed
- 140.** Any patriotic design, can include any form of hand embroidery

Counted Work

Class

- 150.** Wall Hanging, under 9" x 6", stitched on 7-18ct material
- 160.** Wall Hanging, under 9" x 6", stitched on greater than 18ct material
- 170.** Wall Hanging, larger than 9" x 6" and under 12"x16", stitched on 7-18ct material
- 180.** Wall Hanging, larger than 9" x 6" and under 12"x16", stitched on greater than 18ct material
- 190.** Wall Hanging, larger than 12" x 16", stitched on 7-18ct material
- 200.** Wall Hanging, larger than 12" x 16", stitched on greater than 18ct material
- 210.** Home Accessory Item, table linens, towels, etc.
- 220.** Any holiday item, ornament, tree skirt, stocking, pillow, etc.
- 230.** Wall hanging with beads, any size
- 240.** Sampler, including numbers, letters
- 250.** Any other Counted Work Item, not listed

Individuals Over 60

Class

- 260.** Any embroidery item, other than counted work
- 270.** Any counted work item
- 280.** Any miscellaneous needlework item

Youth—13 years and under

Class

- 290.** Any embroidery item, other than counted work
- 300.** Any counted work item
- 310.** Any miscellaneous needlework item

Teens—14 years to 18 years

Class

- 320.** Any embroidery item, other than counted work
- 330.** Any counted work item
- 340.** Any counted work with beads item
- 350.** Any miscellaneous needlework item

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and up to Seven Champion and Seven Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for outstanding exhibits.

These special awards are made possible by the following sponsors:

Grand Champion - Needlework Department

**Rocky Mountain Chapter Embroiders Guild
of America**

Reserve Grand Champion - Needlework
Department

**Rocky Mountain Chapter Embroiders Guild
of America**

Outstanding Counted Work Exhibit

Vicky Hays

Outstanding Reserve Counted Work Exhibit

Vicky Hays

Outstanding Hand Embroidery Exhibit

**Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort
Collins**

Reserve Outstanding Hand Embroidery Exhibit

Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance

Outstanding Senior Exhibit

Black Sheep Wool Shop

Reserve Outstanding Senior Exhibit

Vicky Hays

Outstanding Any Age Youth Exhibit

Mary Biggers - State Farm Insurance

Reserve Outstanding Any Age Youth Exhibit

Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance

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*