

Instructions on How to Enter Open Class Exhibits

1. Access the 2022 Larimer County Fair Premium Book available online at:
<https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair/4-h-and-open-class>
2. Read the Fair Schedule located in the Premium Book.
3. Read the general information and rules starting on page 2.
 - A. Read Open Class Horticulture division rules, page 3.
 - B. Read Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography & Creative Crafts division rules on pg 6.
4. Locate Open Class Departments you wish to enter.
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5. Complete the Open Class Pre-Registration Form online, e-mail or postal mail (information on entry form). Pre-Registration Form submitted after July 13 must be accompanied by \$5 late fee per department entered. Exhibitor number will be assigned by the Fair Office.
6. 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.
Tuesday, August 2, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. — Check-in Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography and Creative Crafts
Wednesday, August 3, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. — Check-in Horticulture (Garden Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs)
7. At check-in, arrive in time to receive your exhibitor number and exhibit identification tag(s). Complete the information on the I.D. tag and attach one tag to each exhibit. Take your exhibit(s) to the appropriate department in the South Exhibit Hall.
8. Viewing of judging is open to the public. You are welcome to listen and learn from the judges.
9. Please return to the Fairgrounds to pick up your exhibits on **Wednesday, August 10 between 5:00 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.**

Open Class Division General Rules and Regulations

1. **Entries – Prior Pre-Registration Entry is required in all departments. All Pre-Registration Forms shall be received by the Larimer County Fair Office, 5280 Arena Circle, Ste #101, Loveland, CO 80538, by July 18. Entry Office closes at 4:30 p.m. on July 18. Postmarks, faxes, or internet pre-registration will be accepted only if posted on or before July 18.**

Exhibitors do not need to be Larimer County residents.

2. **Late Pre-Registration Forms** – Pre-Registration Forms received after July 18 are subject to a late charge of \$5.00/department, and subject to space availability in exhibit area. Please consult this booklet for information regarding rules and regulations for each department. **No Late Entries Taken After Department Check-In.**

3. **Check-In** – Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography and Creative Crafts exhibits must be in place between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2. **Open Class Horticulture check in is 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3.**

4. Exhibits shall be released between **5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Wednesday, August 10. 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. Exhibitors who are entered in another show and who wish an early release must furnish a copy of the entry blank to the department superintendent prior to check-in time.

5. All Exhibitor General Rules and Regulations apply to the Open Division and are available online at <https://www.treventscomplex.com/events/larimer-county-fair/4-h-and-open-class> specifically note the entries regarding Judging, Protests and Appeals, Rule Violations, and Thanking Award Donors.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. **Payment/Special Awards: Exhibitors may collect special awards as follows: Wednesday, August 10: 5:00 p.m. - 7 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Administration office Thursday, August 11, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 12th 8:30 a.m. – noon. Special awards not collected will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

9. No premiums will be given for class placement. Awards are only given for special awards.

Department OH 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 3, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Judging time for Garden Flower exhibits: Wednesday, August 3, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Check-out for Garden Flower exhibits: Wednesday, August 10, 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 in this department shall make entry to the Garden Flower and Horticulture Department (OH) only to secure an exhibitor’s number. **Do not make an entry for each individual class on your entry form.**

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

5. Exhibits must remain on display through Tuesday, August 9. If not removed by 7:00 p.m., August 10 they will be disposed of by Fair Management.

6. Judging will start promptly at **10:30 a.m.**, Wednesday, August 3, and is open to the public to hear judges' comments.

7. At check-in time on August 3, 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.

8. Please write variety of the flower, if known, on the entry tag.

9. 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.

10. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the Superintendents. If there are 5 or exhibits in an “any other” class. A new class may be made.

11. Exhibitors may keep flowers in good condition during the Fair by replacing flowers when necessary and maintaining water levels.

12. 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.

13. If a class specifies one variety, all blooms, stems, or spikes must be one color.

14. 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.

15. **Exhibitors may enter only one entry in each class;** multiple entries with different varieties are prohibited.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

19. All 4-H members and other children are encouraged to enter vegetables 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.

20. 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.

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 12, 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

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

Special Awards

County Flower Champion

Gulley Greenhouse, Jim & Jan Gulley, Fort Collins

County Flower Reserve Champion

Palmer Flowers, Michelle Adams, Fort Collins

Outstanding Flower Exhibit (Judge’s Choice)

Loveland Garden Center & Nursery, Kevin & Debbie Weakland, Loveland

Champion Houseplant

Bath Garden Center & Nursery, Sara Salzman, Fort Collins

Outstanding Children’s Exhibit

Rowes Flowers, George & Clint, Loveland

Outstanding Youth Exhibit

Rowes Flowers, George & Clint, Loveland

Special Awards

Chick-fil-A, Timnath

Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruit, and Herbs Rules

Key dates and times:

Entry for Horticulture exhibits: Wednesday, August 3, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Judging time for Horticulture exhibits: Wednesday, August 3, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Check-out for Horticulture exhibits: Wednesday, August 5, 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 in this department shall make entry to the Garden Flower and Horticulture Department (OH) only to secure an exhibitor's number. **Do not make an entry for each individual class on your entry form.**

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

5. Judging will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, and is open to the public to hear judge's comments.

6. At check-in time on August 3, 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. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Exhibits must remain on display through Tuesday, August 9. If not removed by 7:00 p.m., August 10 they will be disposed of by Fair Management.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

Open Class Horticulture Vegetables

Vegetables will be judged for "table use." Uniformity in size, shape and color are important. Please include 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 the 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

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

Champion Open Horticulture

Poudre Valley Coop, Gordon Ledall, Fort Collins

Reserve Champion Open Horticulture

Larimer County Master Gardeners, Alison O'Connor, Larimer County

Hottest Pepper Exhibitor

The Koski Family, Wellington

Vegetable Critter Art Exhibitor – Youth

The Davis Family, Fort Collins

Vegetable Critter Art Exhibitor – Adult

Biggest Zucchini Exhibitor

Fort Collins Nursery, Dan Booth, Fort Collins

Best of Show – Herb Division (Judge's Choice)

Dick Christensen, Fort Collins