

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.

Open Class

Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography, Creative Crafts

Competition Coordinator–Laura Boldt

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2. Exhibitors in this department shall make entry by each Department Only – **Baked Products, Canned & Dried Products, Needlework, Quilting, Spinning & Weaving, Machine Work, Fine Arts, Photography, and Creative Crafts.** At check-in time, each exhibitor will be given an exhibitor's number to place on exhibitor tags for each item. Take each entry to the proper department to be recorded in the superintendent's book. A list of these entries should be given to the superintendent. Lists and entry tags may be picked up at the Fair Office after July 24.

3. All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2021 except for quilts. Exhibits can be entered only once.

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

5. Exhibitor should be familiar with General Rules of the Fair.

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

7. 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. book.

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

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

10. All Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography, and Creative Crafts exhibits must be entered between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3, for Baked Goods, Canned Products, Creative Crafts, Needlework, Quilts, Spinning & Weaving, and Machine Work; 10:00 a.m. for Fine Arts. Photography will be judged Thursday, August 4, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

11. Viewing of judging is open to the public.

12. Exhibits will be checked out between **5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** on August 10.

13. 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.

14. **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.

Department OM Needlework

Superintendents – Geri McGibney & Vicky Hays
Competitive Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Needlework Rules

Key dates and times:

Entry for Needlework exhibits: Tuesday, August 2, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Judging time for Needlework exhibits: Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 a.m.

Check-out for Needlework exhibits: Wednesday, August 10, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public August 3, beginning at 8:30 a.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, 2021.
4. All articles entered must be clean and blocked.
5. **Only one entry per exhibitor will be accepted in each class except for Machine Knitting. Exhibitors can enter two articles in Machine Knitting.**
6. All work must be done by exhibitor in all entries.
7. Articles that have name labels or “created by” tags need to have these tags or labels removed or covered.
8. All articles will be judged on **workmanship, design and suitability** to purpose.
9. **Wall hangings must be covered with backings and be finished and ready to hang.**
10. Wall hangings will be measured by the counted work not including the matting &/or frame.
11. **All Counted Work must include an index card stating the length and width of the worked area along with the stitch count.**
12. Children's age determined by their age as of December 31, 2022.
13. On an attached 3” x 5” card for Children, age 13 and under, describe what the child completed and what someone else did.
14. **Machine embroidery is not accepted and will not be judged; the embroidery classes are for hand embroidery.**

15. **The Felting/Fulling category is for the creating of felt by using a wet felt or needle felt method.**

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Embroidery Articles (No Machine Embroidery)

Class

110. Home Accessory Item (pillowcases, luncheon cloths, etc., not including wall hangings)
120. Wall hanging or pictures
130. Candlewicking Article or Punch Embroidery Article
140. Beaded Stitchery
150. Any Crewel Work Item
160. Any Other Embroidery Article, not listed

Counted Work

Class

170. Wall Hanging, under 9” x 6”
180. Wall Hanging, larger than 9” x 6” and under 12”x16”
190. Wall Hanging, larger than 12” x 16”
200. Home Accessory Item
210. Holiday Ornament
220. Sampler, must include numbers and/or letters
230. Any Item, 18 count or less per inch
240. Any Item, 20 to 27 count per inch
250. Any Item, 28 count or more per inch
260. Any other Counted Work Item, not listed

Machine Knitting

Class

270. Garments
280. Apparel Accessories (hats, socks, Mittens, etc.)
290. Home Accessory item

Felting/Fulling

Class

300. Any Hand Knit or Hand Crocheted Item Felted/fulled
310. Needle Felt Item
320. Wet Felt Item

Miscellaneous

Class

330. Any Canvas Work Item
340. Rugs, other than felted
350. Loom Knitting
360. Any Tatting Item
370. Any Other Needlework, not listed
380. Any Other Felted Item not listed

Crochet

Class

390. Afghan or Bedspread, larger than 48” x 66” and under 54” x 72”
400. Baby Afghan
410. Afghan Granny Square
420. Adult Sweater
430. Child or Infant garment
440. Doilies
450. Home Accessory Item
460. Toys or Novelty Items

- 470. Apparel Accessory
- 480. Any Crochet Item, original design
- 490. Any Other Crochet Item, not listed

Hand Knitting

Class

- 500. Afghan, larger than 48" x 66", and under 54" x 72"
- 510. Baby Afghan
- 520. Adult Sweater
- 530. Adult Vest
- 540. Child or Infant Garment
- 550. Socks or Gloves
- 560. Scarves, any shape, smaller than 24" wide and a minimum of 36" in length
- 570. Mittens or Hats
- 580. Shawls, any shape, larger than 24" wide and a minimum of 36" in length
- 590. Any Hand Knit Item, original design
- 600. Any other Hand Knit item, not listed

Individuals Over 60

Class

- 610. Stitchery Item
- 620. Crochet Item
- 630. Home Accessory Item
- 640. Knit Item

Individuals Over 70

Class

- 650. Stitchery Item
- 660. Crochet Item
- 670. Home Accessory Item
- 680. Knit Item

Individuals –7 years and under

Class

- 690. Stitchery Item
- 700. Crochet or Hand Knit Item
- 710. Felted or Fulled Item
- 720. Any Other Item

Individuals–8 years to 13 years

Class

- 730. Stitchery Item
- 740. Counted Cross Stitch Item
- 750. Crochet Item
- 760. Hand Knit Item
- 770. Felted or Fulled item
- 780. Any Other Item

Individuals–14 years to 18 years

Class

- 790. Stitchery Item
- 800. Counted Cross Stitch Item
- 810. Crochet Item
- 820. Hand Knit Item
- 830. Felted or Fulled Item
- 840. 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.

Grand Champion - Needlework Department
Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins
 Reserve Grand Champion - Needlework Department
Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins

Outstanding Embroidery Exhibit
Rocky Mountain Chapter Embroider's Guild of America
 Reserve Outstanding Embroidery Exhibit
Rocky Mountain Chapter Embroider's Guild of America

Outstanding Counted Work Exhibit
Colorado Cross Stitcher, Fort Collins
 Outstanding Reserve Counted Work Exhibit
Colorado Cross Stitcher, Fort Collins

Outstanding Machine Knitting Exhibit
Rocky Mountain Machine Knitters
 Reserve Outstanding Machine Knitting Exhibit
Geri McGibney

Outstanding Felting/Fulling Exhibit
Kara Rudnick, Fort Collins
 Reserve Outstanding Felting/Fulling Exhibit
Kara Rudnick, Fort Collins

Outstanding Miscellaneous Needlework Exhibit
Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins
 Reserve Outstanding Miscellaneous Needlework Exhibit
Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins

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
Northern Colorado Weaver's Guild
 Reserve Outstanding Hand Knitting Exhibit
Cynthia Tiger

Outstanding Senior Citizen Exhibit
Marcy French
 Reserve Outstanding Senior Citizen Exhibit
Marcy French

Outstanding Any Age Youth Exhibit
Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins
 Reserve Outstanding Any Age Youth Exhibit
Mary Biggers State Farm Insurance, Fort Collins