

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.
 - Horticulture, page 3
 - Baked Products, page 7
 - Canned & Dried Products, page 9
 - Creative Crafts, page 12
 - Fine Arts, page 14
 - Machine Work, page 16
 - Needlework, page 18
 - Photography, page 20
 - Quilting, page 22
 - Spinning & Weaving, page 25
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

1. Prior pre-registration is required. Pre-Registration Forms are due in the Larimer County Fair Office, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538, on or before July 18. **Late Pre-Registration Forms** - Entry forms received after July 18 are subject to a late entry fee charge of \$5.00/department, and to space availability in exhibit area. Entry office closes at 6:00 p.m. on July 18. Postmarks, faxes or internet pre-registration will be accepted only if posted on or before July 18.

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 OT Photography

Co-Superintendents – Tim Hardy
Assistant Superintendent - Ben Price
Competition Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Please Read All of the Instructions Before Entering.

Key dates and times:

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

Judging time for Photography exhibits: Thursday, August 4, 8:00 a.m.

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

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public on August 4, at 8:00 a.m.

2. See Open Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography and Creative Crafts General Rules for additional information.

3. Each exhibitor may show a **maximum of three** photographs in the department and can enter all three entries in one class.

4. No collages of photos accepted.

5. Judge will consider entries on a basis of: (1) picture content and appropriateness of class designation; (2) composition; (3) image, quality, tone, color and texture. Superintendents and/or judges have the right to reclassify any photograph into a correct class. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents and/or judge.

6. Prints must be a minimum of 5" x 7" and no larger than **11" x 14"**. Prints larger than 11" x 14" will not meet the mounting requirements.

7. **Photography must NOT be framed but must be mounted to an 11" X 14" board only. Mattes can be applied but must be securely attached. Prints not mounted or on boards smaller or larger than 11" x 14" will be rejected. Photographs must not be shrink wrapped.**

Note: Hangers will be provided. Do not put them on your mounts.

8. Divisions for exhibitors to enter shall be the following:

Children - 7 years and under (as of December 31, 2022)

Youth - 8 years through 13 years (as of December 31, 2022)

Teens - 14 years through 18 years (as of December 31, 2022)

Amateur - Adults - 19 and over, by December 31, 2022, who have not previously won a Grand Champion in this division (Amateur Photography) at the Larimer County Fair or have little or no formal training in photography.

Advanced Amateur - Adults who have previously won Grand Champion in the Amateur Division of Photography at the Larimer County Fair or have had **under** three years of formal photography training or for whom "does not constitute a primary source of income."

Note: This class will accommodate most photographers who have previously shown in the "Professional" division which has been discontinued from this show. This show is intended to be an Amateur Show. We realize that Advanced Amateur Photographers often sell work or shoot weddings, etc., but rarely does this cover the expense of their hobby. Commercial booths are available for the professional who would like to show or sell their work at the Fair.

Senior Adult - 55 years and older

9. Do not write on photograph or mat. Photos with date and time stamp will not be placed.

10. An exhibitor may enter only one division. (i.e., Senior Citizen, Amateur, etc.)

11. A Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon will be awarded in each division. The Champions from each division will compete for Best of Show.

12. Superintendent has the right to reject subject matter of a sensitive nature. No photography of nude or seminude subjects will be accepted.

13. Definition of classifications is as follows:

Scenic – Landscape or view (people, if present, must be part of the scene and not the subject of the photography).

Nature –

A. Animals-Wildlife in its natural habitat (No people and nothing man-made in the photograph)

B. Animals-Domestic (pets, zoo animals, etc.)

C. Plants, Flowers, Insects

People – Portrait or people included in the photograph as an integral part of the subject matter.

Sports Action – Any image depicting a sport

Humor – Any Subject

Other – Still life, contemporary, geology, anthropology, archeology, astronomy, architecture and other photographs not included in specific classes.

Digital Enhanced Photograph – Images modified and altered dramatically through the use of computer programs. (Sharpening, contrast, and color correction are standard digital process. Anything beyond that fits in this category.) Entries placed in this class at discretion of superintendents.

You must enter the Digital Enhanced Class if you make any addition of any new color, images or elements, or any subtraction of any existing color, images or elements from your photograph.

Please include a note on the back of your entry describing how your photography was digitally enhanced. An original

unretouched version of the image should be included on the back of the mounted image for comparison is requested but not required.

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.

Children - 7 years & under

Class

110. Black & White or Color Photo

Youth - 8 years through 13 years

Class

210. Scenic, Color Photo
220. Nature: Animals, Wildlife, Color Photo
230. Nature: Animals, Domestic, Color Photo
240. Nature: Plants, Flowers & Insects, Color Photo
250. People, Color Photo
260. Sports Action
270. Humor, Color Photo
280. Other, Color Photo
290. Any Subject, Black & White Photo (NO SEPIA)
300. Digital Enhanced Photo (see instructions above)

Teens - 14 years to 18 years

Class

310. Scenic, Color Photo
320. Nature: Animals, Wildlife, Color Photo
330. Nature: Animals, Domestic, Color Photo
340. Nature: Plants, Flowers & Insects, Color Photo
350. People, Color Photo
360. Sports Action
370. Humor, Color Photo
380. Other, Color Photo
390. Any Subject, Black & White Photo (NO SEPIA)
400. Digital Enhanced Photo (see instructions above)

Amateur

Class

410. Scenic, Color Photo
420. Nature: Animals, Wildlife, Color Photo
430. Nature: Animals, Domestic, Color Photo
440. Nature: Plants, Flowers & Insects, Color Photo
450. People, Color Photo
460. Sports Action
470. Humor, Color Photo
480. Other, Color Photo
490. Any Subject, Black & White Photo (NO SEPIA)
500. Digital Enhanced Photo (see instructions above)

Advanced Amateur

Class

510. Scenic, Color Photo
520. Nature: Animals, Wildlife, Color Photo
530. Nature: Animals, Domestic, Color Photo
540. Nature: Plants, Flowers & Insects, Color Photo
550. People, Color Photo
560. Sports Action
570. Humor, Color Photo
580. Other, Color Photo

590. Any Subject, Black & White Photo (NO SEPIA)

600. Digital Enhanced Photo (see instructions above)

Senior Adult

Class

610. Scenic, Color Photo
620. Nature: Animals, Wildlife, Color Photo
630. Nature: Animals, Domestic, Color Photo
640. Nature: Plants, Flowers & Insects, Color Photo
650. People, Color Photo
660. Sports Action
670. Humor, Color Photo
680. Other, Color Photo
690. Any Subject, Black & White Photo (NO SEPIA)
700. Digital Enhanced Photo (see instructions above)

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected, and six Champion and six Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for outstanding exhibits in each division of Photography.

Best of Show - Open Photography

Lefthand Print Works, Tim Hardy, Berthoud

Reserve Best of Show - Open Photography

Lefthand Print Works, Tim Hardy, Berthoud

Champion Senior Exhibit - Open Photography

Stonewall Creek Ranch, Larry & Anne Peterson, Livermore

Reserve Champion Senior Exhibit - Open Photography

Wayne & Janice Gibb, Berthoud

Champion Children's Exhibit - Open Photography

Rodeo News, Siri Stevens, LaPorte

Champion Youth Exhibit - Open Photography

Whispering Pines Lodge, LLC, Corry McDowell, Loveland

Champion Teen Photography Exhibit

Lefthand Print Works, Tim Hardy, Berthoud

Champion Amateur Exhibit - Open Photography

Stonewall Excavating, Larry & Anne Peterson, Livermore

Champion Advanced Amateur Exhibit - Open Photography

Lefthand Print Works, Tim Hardy, Berthoud

People's Choice Award - Open Photography

Whispering Pines Lodge, LLC, Corry McDowell, Loveland &

Stonewall Creek Ranch, Larry & Anne Peterson, Livermore