

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

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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 OP Spinning and Weaving

Co-Superintendents – Valorie Gathright & Kerrie Cargill-Hitchcock
Competitive Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Entry for Spinning & Weaving exhibits: Tuesday, August 2, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Judging time for Spinning & Weaving exhibits: Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 a.m.

Check-out for Spinning & Weaving 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.
5. **Up to three entries per exhibitor** will be accepted in each class.
6. All work must be done by exhibitor in all entries.
7. Articles that have name labels or “created by” tags need to be removed or cover the tags or labels.
8. All articles will be judged on **workmanship, design and suitability** to purpose.
9. Handspun judging will **also be based on preparation of fiber, consistency, size, twist, and strength**. All must be appropriate to the purpose of the yarn.
10. Children's age determined by their age as of December 31, 2022.
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Hand Spun Yarn

1. All adult class skeins must be 2 ounces unless otherwise noted; youth class skeins must be 1 or more ounces. All skeins must be two or more ply, spun smooth and even unless otherwise noted. Yarn must be 100% of one fiber type except blends and novelty. Entries may be assigned to another class at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.
2. **Thoroughly describe** on a 3" x 5" card:
 - a. type of fiber
 - b. fiber preparation
 - c. method of dyeing
 - d. method of spinning
 - e. purpose

Class

110. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Youth (13 and under)
120. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Youth (14 over)
130. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Senior (60 and over)
140. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Adult - First hand spun entry in Larimer County Fair.
150. Any Fiber Using Any Kind of Hand Spindle, single or multi-ply, 1 oz.
160. Alpaca, single or multi-ply
170. Angora Rabbit, single or multi-ply
180. Goat (mohair, cashmere, cashgora, pygora), single or multi-ply
190. Llama, single or multi-ply
200. Plant fiber (i.e. cotton, flax, soy silk), single or multi-ply
210. Sheep Wool, medium single
220. Sheep Wool, two or more plies
230. Silk, single, or multi-ply, 1 oz.
240. Yarns (animal fiber) not listed (i.e. musk ox, dog, cat), single or multi-ply, 1 oz.
250. Blends of any above fiber, single or multi-ply
260. Novelty Yarn, any above fiber or blend, (i.e. looped, fluffy, thick, and thin, knotted, beaded, etc.), single or multi-ply. Binder thread may be non-animal fiber.
270. 3 Skeins – hand spun from the same fiber, each skein 2 oz., 2-ply
280. Any non-woven project using handspun yarn, both completed by the exhibitor. Must include yarn sample.

Hand Weaving

Thoroughly describe on a 3" x 5" card:

1. type of fiber
2. description of project

Class

290. Hand woven clothing, using hand spun yarn as a significant element
300. Hand woven clothing, using commercial yarn
310. Hand woven household article, using hand-spun yarn as a significant element
320. Hand woven household article, using commercial yarn
330. Hand woven article, Individual, 7 years and under
340. Hand woven article, Individual, 8 years to 13 years
350. Hand woven article, Individual, 14 years to 18 years
360. Hand woven article, Individual, 60 and over
370. Miscellaneous: off-loom, 3 dimensional, free-form, or other hand-woven articles

- 380.** Hand woven Yardage (using handspun and/or commercial yarn)
designed for clothing or household article, 2 yard minimum.
Include your purpose on your 3" x 5" card.
- 390.** Tapestry – wall hanging

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and 3 Champion and 3 Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for outstanding exhibits.

Outstanding Spinning Exhibit

Lambspun of Colorado, Shirley Ellsworth, Fort Collins

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

Lambspun of Colorado, Shirley Ellsworth, Fort Collins

Outstanding Hand-Woven Exhibit

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Hand Spun Exhibit

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Spinning Exhibit

Your Daily Fiber, Fort Collins

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

Your Daily Fiber, Fort Collins

Outstanding Spinning/Weaving Exhibit

Your Daily Fiber, Fort Collins

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

My Sister Knits, Fort Collins

Outstanding Spinning/Weaving Exhibit

Outstanding Youth Exhibits

Gathright Family, Fort Collins