



LARIMER COUNTY
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OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK

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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 7th 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.

Quilting

Co-Superintendents – Susan Lynd & Ronelda Kraft
Competition Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Bring Quilting exhibits: Tuesday, July 28th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public Wednesday, July 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. No discussion between exhibitors and judges will be allowed during the judging process. The Quilt display will be open Friday 4-8 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 8 pm and Monday and Tuesday 4-8 pm July 31st through August 4th in the Pedersen Toyota Center.

2. All articles entered in this department can be entered in the Larimer County Fair only once.

3. All articles entered must be **clean and free of animal hair and odors including smoke.**

4. Only one entry will be accepted in each class per exhibitor. In some cases, the class will be determined by the perimeter of the quilt. **(The distance around the outside edges of the quilt.)**

5. All work must be done by the exhibitor. **An exception is the Duet Category, where quilting is done by another.**

6. All name tags and labels need to be covered or removed.

7. Articles will be judged on **workmanship, design, and suitability** to purpose.

8. Ages for the youth division will be their age on December 31, 2025.

9. If you require special hanging brackets or handling, we will try to accommodate your needs. However, if the superintendents do not feel the quilt can be handled or hung safely it will not be accepted.

10. Once a quilt is entered in a class it can only be moved to a different class if it was entered in an incorrect class and must be approved by the superintendents.

11. If the exhibitor or volunteer is unclear of the correct class for a quilt, they will request assistance from the superintendents for determination.

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 8, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.

13. Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette Ribbons will be awarded per judge discretion after judging is completed for a class grouping.

14. Patriotic quilts can be entered in any class and they will be judged again as a patriotic quilt.

Definitions:

1. Art Quilt is a contemporary artwork of original design involving the creative expression of various processes, such as dying, painting, stitching, embellishing, quilting and weaving. An Art Quilt does not follow traditional block lines, borders or binding. These reflect imagery or ideas and are not made from a pattern, kit or class instructions. They will be judged on creativity, workmanship and suitability of intent. Let your creativity go wild!
2. Duet is a quilt made by one person and quilted by another.
3. Free motion quilting is hand guided, either on a home machine or long-arm.

Adult Division

One person quilts. Made by one person only. Should be entered in Classes 100 – 220.

Quilted on Standard Home Machine

Free motion / hand guided

Class

100. Perimeter is 275” or less

110. Perimeter is 276” or greater

Quilted on an Embroidery Machine (in the hoop) with Quilting Designs

Class

120. Perimeter is 275” or less

130. Perimeter is 276” or greater

Quilted on a Long-Arm Machine

Edge to Edge computerized designs

Class

140. Perimeter is 270” or less

150. Perimeter is 271” to 370”

160. Perimeter is 371” or greater

Quilted on a Long-Arm Machine

Custom quilting – computer aided

Individual designs for blocks and borders

Class

170. Perimeter is 270” or less

180. Perimeter is 271” to 370”

190. Perimeter is 371” or greater

Quilted on a Long-Arm Machine

Custom quilting hand-guided/free motion

Class

200. Perimeter is 270” or less

210. Perimeter is 271” to 370”

220. Perimeter is 371” or greater

Duet Quilts

Made by one person and quilted by someone else. Should be entered in classes 230 to 290.

**Quilted on a Long-Arm Machine
Edge to Edge Computerized design**

Class

230. Perimeter is 270” or less

240. Perimeter is 271” to 370”

250. Perimeter is 371” or greater

Duet Quilts

**Quilted on a Long-Arm Machine
Custom quilting – computer aided
Individual designs for blocks and borders**

Class

260. Perimeter is 300” or less

270. Perimeter is 301” or greater

Duet Quilts

**Quilted on a Long-Arm Machine
Custom quilting – hand guided / free motion**

Class

290. Any Size

Youth Division

**Quilt must have been made within the last 2 years
Ages 18 and under as of December 31, 2023**

Class

300. Ages 12 and under, any size, made by exhibitor, can be quilted by another

310. Ages 13 to 18, any size, made by exhibitor, can be quilted by another

Additional Categories

Adult

Note: For the following classes, quilting may or may not be done by the exhibitor.

Special Techniques

Quilt must be completed recently. Each technique will be judged separately. Hand embroidery and hand applique should be represented in the majority of the quilt. Any size

Class

400. Hand pieced and hand quilted

410. Hand pieced and machine quilted

420. Machine pieced and hand quilted

430. Hand embroidered blocks (making up the majority of the quilt top)

440. Hand applique (used in the majority of the quilt top)

450. Whole cloth (top layer is made from a single piece of fabric.)

No applique or patchwork is used in the design. The appearance relies on the quilting motifs chosen and quilting stitches are usually intricate and closely spaced.)

Machine Embroidered Quilts

Class

- 510. Quilt designed by exhibitor using pre-digitized single pattern, any size**
- 520. Predesigned digitized quilt pattern, any size**

Paper Pieced Quilts

(Judy Niemeyer, Jacqueline de Jonge, Bella Bella)

Class

- 600. Perimeter 270” or less**
- 610. Perimeter 271” to 370”**
- 620. Perimeter 371” or greater**

T-Shirt Quilt

Blocks are repurposed T-Shirts

Class

- 630. T-shirt quilt, any size**

Pre-Printed Panel Quilt

The original panel can be used as a whole or deconstructed to accomplish the finished product. Borders and other embellishments may be added.

Class

- 640. Pre-Printed Panel Quilt, any size**

Christmas Quilt

Quilt follows a Christmas theme with machine piecing and quilting. Applique, embroidery (hand or machine), embellishments may be added.

Class

- 650. Christmas Quilt, any size**

Patriotic Quilt

(Red, White & Blue)

Applique, embroidery (hand or machine), embellishments may be added.

Class

- 660. Patriotic Quilt, any size**

Holiday/Special Occasion Quilts

Halloween/ Wedding etc.

Applique, embroidery (hand or machine), embellishments may be added

Class

- 670. Holiday/Special Occasion, any size**

Machine Appliqued Quilts
Applique being the primary feature

Class

680. Perimeter is 275" or less

690. Perimeter is 276" or greater

Found and Finished

Quilt Blocks/Top

Inherited from family, found at a thrift store or garage sale.

Now they are finished!!!

Please include a short story with your entry.

Class

700. Any size

Memory Quilts

Celebrating family history, life of a loved one, important event in life. Materials used can be clothing, photos, memorabilia, etc. Please include a "story"!

Class

710. Memory Quilt, any size

Golden Oldies!

Antique (old) quilts that are in excellent condition. Please write a brief history/story. These **do not compete with Restored Quilts.** The purpose is to showcase the importance of quilts in our family and country history. Will be awarded a ribbon only.

Not eligible for Champion/Reserve Champion or special award consideration.

Class

720. Golden Oldies Quilt, any size

Art Quilts

LETTING YOUR CREATIVITY RUN WILD!

An art quilt is a contemporary artwork of original design involving the creative expression and exploration of various processes, such as dyeing, painting, stitching, embellishing, quilting, and weaving. An art quilt does not follow traditional block lines. These reflect imagery or ideas and are NOT made from a pattern, kit or class instructions.

Class

800. Pictorial (example: scenic nature scene portrayed with cloth and thread) any size

810. Abstract (collage, using fabric to "paint" a representation) any size

Multi-person Quilts by group

These classes are for quilts where 3 or more people are involved in making the quilt. One or more people may make the top and one person or a group of people may do the quilting.

Requirement: Attach a 3" x 5" card with the entry tag, listing the group name and the contact person.

Ribbon will be awarded to the group.

Class

900. Group quilt, Perimeter 300" or less

910. Group quilt, Perimeter 301" or greater

Accessories

Must be 3 layers quilted. May be either hand or machine quilted. Hand or machine appliques, embroidery and embellishments may be added.

Class

950. Wall hanging, no side longer than 70". Must be 3 layers quilted. Must have a hanging sleeve

960. Table runners and placemats. Must be 3 layers quilted.

970. Pillows. Top must be 3 layers quilted.

980. Purses, totes, and bags. Must be 3 layers quilted.

Special Awards

A Grand and Reserve Grand Champion and 29 Champion and 29 Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for outstanding exhibits.

Special Awards

Class #	Description	Sponsors
100-130	Quilted on home machine/embroider	The Sewing Circle
140-220	Quilted on a long arm machine	Stitches Lyons Quilting Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation Quilter's Dream Wild Oats Sewing LNCQ Peak to Peak Stitching
230-290	Duet Quilts	Wild Oats Sewing The Fig Leaf Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation Stitches
300-310	Youth made quilts	Cooley Family Quilt Together Group
400-450	Special Techniques Division	Women of the Cloth LNCQ
510-520	Machine Embroidered Quilts	Sew Downtown The Sewing Circle
600-620	Paper Pieced Quilts	Quilter's Dream

		The Sewing Circle
630-640	T-Shirt Quilt/ Panel Quilts	Wild Oats Sewing
650-670	Christmas; Holiday; Patriotic;	The Sewing Circle
		Quilter's Dream
680-690	Machine Applique Quilt	The Sewing Circle
700	Found and Finished	Wild Oats Sewing
710	Memory Quilt	Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation
800-810	Art Quilts	LNCQ
900-910	Group Quilts	LNCQ
		Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation
1000-1300	Accessories	The Sewing Circle Sew
		Downtown Stitches
Judges Choice awards – One per judge		LNCQ
Superintendent Awards		Cindy Sue Designs Pieceful
		Acres

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