



OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



Instructions on How to Enter Open Class Exhibits

- 1. Fair Book:** The Fair Book contains all the entry guidelines, classes and descriptions. Access the 2024 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 departments.
- 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 as such 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 confirmation of your entries.
- 6. Entry:** Pre-Registration Entry is recommended in all departments through an on-line Fair Entry system beginning **Friday, March 1st through Tuesday, July 23rd 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 30th. Horticulture late entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 31st 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 on the Northeast doors in South Hall of the 1st National Bank building at The Ranch. Open Class exhibits (exception Horticulture) must be received **Tuesday, July 30th between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Horticulture exhibits check-in Wednesday, July 31st 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 South Hall of the 1st National Bank building to pick up your exhibits on **Wednesday, August 7 between 4:00 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.** 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.
- 10. Judging** - Viewing of judging is open to the public. You are welcome to listen and learn from the judges.
- All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2023, except for quilts. Exhibits can be entered only once.
- Any article may be tested to the satisfaction of the judges. All articles and garments entered must be clean.
- Children's age is determined as of December 31, 2023.
- 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 chosen at the discretion of the judge(s) in each department and coordinated through the Superintendents.
- All exhibits must remain on exhibit for the entire Fair, regardless of whether an award is given.
- 17. Special Awards** - Exhibitors may collect special awards for department winners. Collection of the award is as follows:
Wednesday, August 7th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Administration office Thursday, August 8th, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 9th 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.**
- 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.

Quilting

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

Key dates and times:

Entry for Quilting exhibits: Tuesday, July 30th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Judging time Quilting exhibits: Wednesday, July 31st, 9:00 a.m.

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

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public Wednesday, July 30th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. No discussion between exhibitors and judges will be allowed during the judging process.
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, 2023.
- 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 9, 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.

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

All Ages

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

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 persons 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

1000. Wall hanging, no side longer than 60". Must be 3 layers quilted. Must have a hanging sleeve

1100. Table runners and placemats. Must be 3 layers quilted.

1200. Pillows. Top must be 3 layers quilted.

1300. 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.

Outstanding Quilt, Standard Home Machine, **Class 100**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Standard Home Machine, **Class 110**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on an Embroidery Machine
With quilting designs, **Class 120**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on an Embroidery Machine
With quilting designs, **Class 130**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine
Using a computerized Edge2Edge design, **Class 160**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation, Loveland

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine
Custom quilting-computer aided, **Class 180**
League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine
Custom quilting hand guided/free motion, **Class 200**
League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine
Custom quilting hand guided/free motion, **Class 220**
Wild Oats Sewing Company, Loveland

Outstanding Quilt, Duet Quilt,
Quilted on a longarm machine using Edge2Edge Computerized
design, **Class 250**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

Outstanding Quilt, Duet Quilt,
Quilted on a longarm machine using Edge2Edge Computerized
design **Class 240**
The Fig Leaf, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Duet Quilt,
Custom Quilting- Computer aided on a longarm machine, **Class**
270
The Fig Leaf, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Duet Quilt,

Custom Quilting on a longarm machine - hand guided - free
motion, **Class 290**
The Fig Leaf, Fort Collins

Outstanding Youth Quilt, Ages 13-18, **Class 300**
Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum

Outstanding Youth Quilt, Ages 12 & Under, **Class 310**
Cooley Family, Jayne Cooley, Loveland

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques,
Hand pieced and machine quilted, Any size, **Class 410**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques,
Machine pieced and hand quilted, Any size, **Class 420**
Quilter's Dream, Loveland

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques,
Hand Embroidered Blocks, Any size, **Class 430**
League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques,
Hand Applique, Any size, **Class 440**
League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Outstanding Machine Embroidered Quilt, **Class 500**
Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum, Fort Collins

Outstanding Machine Embroidered Quilt, **Class 510**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Machine Embroidered Quilt, **Class 520**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Paper Pieced Quilt, **Classes 600**
CindySue Designs, Sue Lynd, Fort Collins

Outstanding Paper Pieced Quilt, **Classes 610**
Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum, Maggie Payne, Fort Collins

Outstanding T-Shirt quilt, **Class 630**
Maggie's Sewing & Vacuum, Maggie Payne, Fort Collins

Outstanding Pre-printed Panel Quilt, **Class 640**
Nancy Parker, Fort Collins

Outstanding Christmas Quilt, **Class 650**
Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum, Loveland

Outstanding Patriotic Quilt, **Class 660**
The Sewing Circle, Loveland

Outstanding Machine Appliqued Quilt, **Class 670**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Machine Appliqued Quilt, **Class 680**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Machine Appliqued Quilt, **Class 690**
Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum, Fort Collins

Outstanding Memory Quilt, Any Size, **Class 710**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

Outstanding Art Quilt, Pictorial **Class 800**
Maggie's Sewing & Vacuum, Maggie Payne, Fort Collins

Outstanding Art Quilt, Abstract **Class 810**
League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Outstanding Multi-person Group Quilt, **Classes 920**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

Outstanding Wall Hanging, **Class 1000**
Maggie's Sewing & Vacuum, Maggie Payne, Fort Collins

Outstanding Table Runner, **Class 1100**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Table Runner, **Class 1200**
Wild Oats Sewing Company, Loveland

Outstanding Accessories, Purses, Totes and Bags, **Class 1300**
Stitches, Johnstown

3 Judges Choice Awards
League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Champion Ribbon Award
Stiches, Johnstown
Wild Oats Sewing Company, Loveland

Reserve Champion Ribbon Award
Wild Oats Sewing Company, Loveland

Grand Champion Ribbon Award
Quilters Dream, Loveland

2024 Larimer County Fair Schedule of Events for Open Class

SCHEDULE as of February 12, 2024

SUNDAY, JULY 23

11:59 p.m. OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT ENTRY/PRE-REGISTRATION FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE-

SATURDAY, JULY 27

9:30 a.m. LARIMER COUNTY FAIR PARADE *Downtown Loveland*

TUESDAY, JULY 30

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Class Home Economics, Fine Arts, Photography & Creative Crafts Exhibits - Check-In *SFNBO*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Open Class Horticulture (Garden Flowers & Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs) Check-In *SFNBO*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open Class Creative Crafts, Quilting, Needlework, Machine Work, Knitting, Baked Products, Preserved Food Products Spinning & Weaving & Arts Judging *SFNBO*

10:00 a.m. Wine & Liqueur Judging *SFNBO*

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Garden Flowers & Floral Arrangements Judging *SFNBO*

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs Judging *SFNBO*

1:30 p.m. Honey Judging *SFNBO*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls Open to the Public *SFNBO*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast *Party Tent outside MAC Arena*

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls *SFNBO*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Class Check-Out *SFNBO*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *SFNBO*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *SFNBO*

SFNBO – South First National Bank of Omaha Building