



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 970-619-4034, rumseyta@co.larimer.co.us
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 970-619-4034, rumseyta@co.larimer.co.us. 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 7thth 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.

Spinning and Weaving

Co-Superintendents – Valorie Gathright
Competitive Coordinator – Tara Rumsey

Key dates and times:

Entry for Spinning and Weaving exhibits: Tuesday, July 28th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Judging time for Spinning and Weaving exhibits: Wednesday, July 29th, 9:00 a.m.

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

1. Viewing of judging is open to the public at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29th. **If determined appropriate by the judge, exhibits may be moved to a different class for competition.**
2. All articles entered in this department can be entered in the Larimer County Fair only once. Articles must be finished since August 1, 2025.
3. All articles entered must be clean.
4. **Up to three entries per exhibitor** will be accepted in each class.
5. All work must be done by the exhibitors in all entries.
6. Articles that have name labels or “created by” tags need to be removed or covered.
7. All articles will be judged on **workmanship, design and suitability to purpose.**
8. 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.
9. **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 7, will be forfeited. No Exceptions.**

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-year-old and under)
120. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Teen (14 years – 18-year-olds)
130. Handspun Yarn, any variety, Senior (60-year-olds 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, Youth, (13-year-old and under)
340. Hand woven article, Teen, (14 years – 18-year-olds)
350. Hand woven article, Senior, (60-year-olds and over)
360. Miscellaneous: off-loom, 3 dimensional, free-form, or other hand-woven articles
370. 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.
380. 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.

These special awards are provided by the following sponsors:

Champion Hand Spinning Exhibit
Lambspun of Colorado

Most Creative Spinning or Weaving Exhibit
West Wind Fibers, LLC.

Champion Hand Spun Exhibit
Northern Colorado Weavers Guild

Outstanding Youth Exhibits
Valorie Gathright

Champion Hand Weaving Exhibit
My Sister Knits

Promising Young Fiber Artist – In Memory of
Joyce Klein
Cynthia Tiger

Champion Weaving Exhibit
Lambspun of Colorado

Reserve Champion Hand Spun Exhibit
Valorie Gathright

Excellence in Spinning – In Memory of Joyce Klein
Cynthia Tiger

Reserve Champion Hand Weaving Exhibit
Cynthia Tiger

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*