



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. **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) <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19828>. 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 to 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 or photography. 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.

Spinning and Weaving

Co-Superintendents – Valorie Gathright & Kim Foster
Competitive Coordinator – Laura Boldt

Key dates and times:

Entry for Spinning and Weaving exhibits: Tuesday, July 30th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Judging time for Spinning and Weaving exhibits: Wednesday, July 31st, 9:00 a.m.

Check-out for Spinning and Weaving exhibits: Wednesday, August 7th, 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 31st. **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, 2023.
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 cover the tags or labels.
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 9, 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.

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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 made by the following sponsors:

Outstanding Spinning Exhibit

Lambspun of Colorado

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

My Sister Knits

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

Lambspun of Colorado

Outstanding Hand Woven Exhibit

Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

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Northern Colorado Weavers Guild, Fort Collins

Outstanding Exhibit

Gathright Family, Fort Collins

Outstanding Weaving Exhibit

Cynthia Tiger

Most Creative Spinning/Weaving Exhibit

Westwind Fibers, LLC

Excellence in Spinning

Cynthia Tiger

Promising Young Fiber Artist – In Memory of Joyce Klein

Cynthia Tiger

Outstanding Youth Exhibits

Gathright Family, Fort Collins

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*

MONDAY, JULY 29

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Set Up *SFNBO*

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, Canned & Dried Products Spinning & Weaving & Fine 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*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 a.m. Building open to Superintendents for display *SFNBO*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls *Open to the Public*

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. 4-H & Open Class Exhibit Halls *Open to the Public*

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

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