



OPEN CLASS FAIR BOOK



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 2025 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) <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 the on-line Fair Entry system beginning **Saturday, March 31st through Wednesday, 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 29th. Horticulture late entries will be accepted on Wednesday, July 30th 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 Pedersen Toyota Center -South at The Ranch. Open Class exhibits (exception Horticulture) must be received **Tuesday, July 29th between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Horticulture exhibits check-in Wednesday, July 30th 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 6th 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.

11. All products exhibited must have been prepared since August 1, 2024, except for quilts or photography. Exhibits can be entered only once.
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, 2024.
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 6th 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Otherwise at the Ranch Events office Thursday, August 7th, 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. and Friday, August 8thth 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 29th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Judging time Quilting exhibits: Wednesday, July 30th^t, 9:00 a.m.

Check-out for Quilting exhibits: Wednesday, August 6th, 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. 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 August 1st through 5th 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, 2024.

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

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
1000. Wall hanging, no side longer than 70”. 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**

Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum, Fort Collins

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine using a computerized Edge2Edge design, **Class 140**

Stitches Quilt Shop, Johnstown

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine using a computerized Edge2Edge design, **Class 150**

Lyons Quilting, Lyons

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 170**

Quilter's Dream

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-computer aided, **Class 190**

Wild Oats Sewing Company

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 210**

Quilter's Dream

Outstanding Quilt, Quilted on a Longarm Machine Custom quilting hand guided/free motion, **Class 220**

Wild Oats Sewing Company, Loveland

Outstanding Duet Quilt, Quilted on a longarm machine using Edge2Edge Computerized design, **Class 230**

Wild Oats Sewing Company

Outstanding Duet Quilt, Quilted on a longarm machine using Edge2Edge Computerized design, **Class 240**

The Fig Leaf, Fort Collins

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

Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

Outstanding Duet Quilt, Custom Quilting- Computer aided on a longarm machine, **Class 260**

Stitches Quilt Shop, Johnstown

Outstanding Duet Quilt, Custom Quilting- Computer aided on a longarm machine, **Class 270**

The Fig Leaf, Fort Collins

Outstanding Duet Quilt, Custom Quilting on a longarm machine - hand guided - free motion, **Class 290**

The Fig Leaf, Fort Collins

Outstanding Youth Quilt, Ages 12 & Under, **Class 300**

Quilt Together Group

Outstanding Youth Quilt, Ages 13-18, **Class 310**

The Cooley Family, Jayne Cooley, Loveland

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques, Hand pieced and hand quilted, Any size, **Class 400**

Women of the Cloth - In Memory of Barbara Monroe

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques, Hand pieced and machine quilted, Any size, **Class 410**
Women of the Cloth - In Memory of Barbara Monroe

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques, Machine pieced and hand quilted, Any size, **Class 420**
Women of the Cloth - In Memory of Barbara Monroe

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**
Women of the Cloth – In Memory of Barbara Monroe

Outstanding Quilt Special Techniques, Whole Cloth, Any size, **Class 450**
Women of the Cloth – In Memory of Barbara Monroe

Outstanding Machine Embroidered Quilt, **Class 510**
Maggie’s Sewing and Vacuum, Fort Collins

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

Outstanding Paper Pieced Quilt, **Classes 600**
Quilter’s Dream

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

Outstanding Paper Pieced Quilt, **Classes 620**
The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding T-Shirt quilt, **Class 630**
Maggie’s Sewing & Vacuum, 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 Holiday/Special Occasion 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 Quilt, Found and Finished Quilt Blocks, **Class 700**
Wild Oats Sewing Company

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

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

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

Outstanding Multi-person Group Quilt, **Classes 900**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

Outstanding Multi-person Group Quilt, **Classes 910**
Rocky Mountain Quilt Foundation

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

Outstanding Table Runner, **Class 1100**

The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Outstanding Pillow, **Class 1200**

Wild Oats Sewing Company, Loveland

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

Stitches Quilt Shop, Johnstown

3 Judges Choice Awards

League of Northern Colorado Quilters

Grand Champion Award

Maggie's Sewing and Vacuum, Fort Collins

Reserve Grand Champion Award

The Sewing Circle, Fort Collins

Superintendent's Choice Award

Cindy Sue Designs

2025 Larimer County Fair Schedule of Events for Open Class

SCHEDULE as of January 3, 2025

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

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

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

MONDAY, JULY 28

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibits Set Up *South Pederson Toyota Center*

TUESDAY, JULY 29

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibits - Check-In *South Pederson Toyota Center*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

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

South Pederson 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 Pederson Toyota Center*

12:00 a.m. Wine & Liqueur Judging *South Pederson Toyota Center*

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Garden Flowers & Floral Arrangements Judging *South Pederson Toyota Center*

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Horticulture Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs Judging *South Pederson Toyota Center*

THURSDAY, JULY 31

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Building open to Superintendents for display *South Pederson Toyota Center*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pederson Toyota Center*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pederson Toyota Center*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

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 - Open to the Public *South Pederson Toyota Center*

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pederson Toyota Center*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Open Class Exhibit Halls - Open to the Public *South Pederson Toyota Center*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open Class Check-Out *South Pederson Toyota Center*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *Pederson Toyota Center Event Office*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open Class Unclaimed Items & Awards pick-up *Pederson Toyota Center Event Office*