

ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR July 23 – 26, 2026

CHECK THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE FOR PRICING AND PURCHASING OPTIONS FOR TICKETS.

Public Daily Admission Ticket with Unlimited Carnival Rides

Daily admission tickets with unlimited carnival rides may be purchased online any time (Credit Card) or in person at the Fair Gate (starting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 23rd) with Cash or Credit Card. Each ticket is valid for one day only, Thursday, July 23 – Sunday, July 26. Children 36” tall and under get in free. Online purchaser will receive an emailed ticket that can be printed or shown digitally for redemption at the Fair gate.

Find ticketing information at www.arapahoecountyfair.com.

Management will use all possible care to ensure the safety of all exhibits, exhibitors and the people attending the Fair. Under no circumstances will Arapahoe County, the CSU Extension Office, Fair Planning Committee or any individual assisting with the Fair be held responsible in any way for any loss, injury, or damage to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article on exhibit, or for any accident or injury to any person exhibiting, assisting with, or attending the Fair.

PUBLIC COMPETITION SCHEDULE OF FAIR EVENTS

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, CO 80016

All Public Competition entries will be received and displayed in the Main Hall

LIVING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Main Hall

Culinary Arts Visual Arts Fiber Arts Skilled Arts

Exhibit Entries	Main Hall -	Sunday, July 19, 2026	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
		Monday, July 20, 2026 -	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

No Exhibit Pre-Entry

Judging: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 (Open to Public) – 1:30 p.m.

Exhibit Release: Main Hall - Sunday, July 26, 2026 - 6 – 7:30 p.m.

A pass for Open Class/Public Competition exhibit release will be distributed when exhibit entries are checked in.

LIVING ARTS EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**EXHIBIT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Exhibitors will be responsible for filling out one entry form for each person, and one entry tag per item being entered.
2. Entry forms for Living Arts are online at ArapahoeCountyFair.com under Public Competition. Additional copies can be picked up at the CSU Extension Office prior to fair, and at entry tables on the day of entry.
3. Entry tags will be available at the CSU Extension Office prior to fair, and at entry tables on the day of entry. Call CSU Extension office for an appointment.
4. An exhibit description is required on both the entry form and entry tag.
5. There is no pre-entry and email entries are not accepted.

EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:

1. Exhibits will be checked in on:
 - Sunday, July 19 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Monday, July 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
2. Deliver exhibits to:
 - Arapahoe County Fairgrounds - Main Hall 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora
3. Submit the completed entry form on page 18 at the Fair or complete one at the fair when checking in exhibits.
4. Entries not accepted on July 21. No exceptions.
5. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to enter their exhibits in the correct class.

EXHIBITOR RULES:

1. Exhibitors of any age may live in any Colorado county.
2. Youth are eligible and encouraged to enter in Public Living Arts competitions. Youth exhibitors do not need to be enrolled in 4-H.
3. All articles entered must be entered in the name of the person who made it.
4. Quilt entries must have been completed after July 31, 2024.
5. All other entries must have been completed after July 31, 2025.
6. Items exhibited in a previous Arapahoe County Fair may not be shown in this year's Fair.
7. Items may not be entered if there is not a class for them.
8. There is a limit of two entries per class by an individual except in photography. No exceptions.
9. Exhibitors must enter in their respective age divisions except for Fine Arts (see Exhibit Rules in that division)
10. Exhibitors may be either amateur or professional. An Amateur is a person who engages in an activity as a hobby, not as a job. A Professional is an adult (age 19 and up as of December 21, 2025) with professional training; or an instructor; or a person who participates for gain or livelihood in an activity often engaged in by amateurs; or a person who pursues the activity as a full-time occupation.

- Juniors: Age 18 and under, as of Dec. 31, 2025
 - Seniors: Age 19 and up as of Dec 31, 2025
11. Please consult this book for information regarding rules and regulations in each Division.
 12. Judging will be open to the public but may be subject to change due to public health orders.
 13. The Arapahoe County Fair Committee has the right to refuse any entry if it is deemed inappropriate for a general audience or does not meet the exhibit guidelines given.

EXHIBIT RELEASE:

1. All exhibits must remain on display until release time at 6 – 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 2026.
2. If you cannot pick up your exhibits on Sunday, July 26, 2026, please make arrangements to have someone pick them up for you.
3. Exhibits not picked up will be kept at the Fairgrounds for one week after the Fair, and then taken to the Extension Office for a month, unless other arrangements have been made. Exhibits not picked up will be disposed of if not picked up by the deadline.

AWARDS:

1. The American Placing System is used in Living Arts; judges choose one first, one second and one third place in each class
2. Judges reserve the option to withhold ribbons and awards in a class where there is no deserving entry. The decision of the judges is final.
3. Classes may be combined, divided, exhibits moved to the appropriate class, or not entered at the discretion of the superintendents and/or the judge in all Divisions.
4. In classes with only one entry, the award will be based on merit.
5. Overall Judge's Choice Ribbons: This award is based on the best blue ribbon entry in each of the areas listed and will be chosen by the judges. Professional exhibitors are not eligible for this award.
 - There will be one Overall Junior and one Overall Senior Judge's Choice Award in each of the divisions listed: Photography, Metal Art, Pottery, Sculpture & 3D Assemblage, Paper Arts, Baked Goods, Food Preservation, Candy, Quilts, Knitting, Crochet, Needle Arts, Other Fiber Arts, and Woodworking
 - In Fine Arts there will be one Overall Youth, one Overall Junior, One Overall Intermediate and one Overall Senior Judge's Choice Award.
6. People's Choice Ribbons: Only one Senior, one Junior, and One Professional People's Choice Ribbon award will be given in Public Competition Living Arts. Voting will begin Thursday, July 23 and end Saturday, July 25. These awards will be posted on Sunday, July 26, 2026..

FIRST TIME COMPETITION ENTRY AWARD

Presented by: COLORADO QUILTING COUNCIL

In recognition of First Time Entries, the Colorado Quilting Council will present a ribbon for one adult and a ribbon for one youth provided the following criteria are met:

1. The entrant is entering the Arapahoe County Fair competition for the first time. (There is no requirement for the entry to be the first quilt that the entrant made.)
2. The entry is entirely the work of the entrant, including the quilting.
3. Youth: Under 18 years old as of December 31, 2025.
4. Adult: 18 years or older as of December 31, 2025.

PROTESTS:

1. Under no circumstances shall any Superintendent or Fair Official be treated disrespectfully. Complaints must be brought to the attention of the Fair Planning Committee in writing within 24 hours.

OPEN CLASS RULES & INFORMATION

2026 ARAPAHOE COUNTY OPEN CLASS/PUBLIC COMPETITION FAIR EVENTS

made possible by the

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