

Open Visual Arts



EXHIBIT CHECK-IN TIME (MAIN HALL)

Sunday – July 20, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday – July 21, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT RELEASE (MAIN HALL)

Sunday – July 27, 2025
6 – 8 p.m.



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](https://www.arapahoe-county-fair.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. Please call the extension office for an appointment before arriving, 303-730-1920
4. An exhibit description is required on both the entry form and entry tag.
5. There is no pre-entry this year and email entries are not accepted.

See Open Class Rules for more information on Exhibit Entry Requirements, Exhibitor Rules, Exhibit Release, Awards & Protests



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, 2023.
5. All other entries must have been completed after July 31, 2024.
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, 2024) 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, 2024
 - Seniors: Age 19 and up as of Dec 31, 2024
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.

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DIVISION – PHOTOGRAPHY

CLASS 138 JR:	Landscape
CLASS 139 SR:	Landscape
CLASS 158 PRO:	Landscape
CLASS 140 JR:	Animal/Wildlife
CLASS 141 SR:	Animals/Wildlife
CLASS 159 PRO:	Animal/Wildlife
CLASS 142 JR:	People
CLASS 143 SR:	People
CLASS 160 PRO:	People
CLASS 144 JR:	Action
CLASS 145 SR:	Action
CLASS 161 PRO:	Action
CLASS 146 JR:	Still Life
CLASS 147 SR:	Still Life
CLASS 162 PRO:	Still Life
CLASS 148 JR:	Floral
CLASS 149 SR:	Floral
CLASS 163 PRO:	Floral
CLASS 150 JR:	Urbanscape/Architecture
CLASS 151 SR:	Urbanscape/Architecture
CLASS 164 PRO:	Urbanscape Architecture
CLASS 152 JR:	Night photography
CLASS 153 SR:	Night photography
CLASS 165 PRO:	Night photography
CLASS 154 JR:	Creative Editing
CLASS 155 SR:	Creative Editing
CLASS 166 PRO:	Creative Editing
CLASS 156 JR:	Open – Does not fit any of the Above categories
CLASS 157 SR:	Open – Does not fit any of the Above Categories
CLASS 167 PRO:	Open – Does not fit any of the Above categories



The judge will consider entries on a basis of:

- Composition: Visual structure of the image
- Technique: Photographic skills utilized
- Focus: Sharpness of detail
- Lighting: How is it utilized in photo
- Creativity & Originality
- Presentation/Matting



Exhibit Rules:

1. Exhibitor may enter only one photo per class.
2. The photo cannot be duplicated as an entry in any other class.
3. Photos must have been taken after July 31, 2024 and not won an award at any other county Fair or state Fair and not previously entered at the Arapahoe County Fair.
4. The content of the photo as documented with the camera may not be changed or altered. Basic editing such as cropping, color correction, exposure adjustment, spotting, saturation, contrast with a digital program is allowed.
5. The photo must be the original work of the exhibitor, with the exception of processing (printing) and mounting.
6. Prints must be at least 5" x 7" and no larger than 8" x 10" not including the mat.
7. Entry must be securely adhered to a 4-ply mat board with dry mount or double sided tape with or without a mat border in front of the photo. Mat edges should not exceed 2 ¼ inches beyond the image border. Photos may also be flush mounted on foam board. Do not use rubber cement. Two sided tape is recommended.
8. Label "top" on the back of each entry to aid in hanging entries for display.
9. Hangers will be provided. Do not put them on your entries.
10. Entry Guidelines for all Categories except Creative Editing Category:
 - Entry must come from a single photograph.
 - Do not post-process your entry from or to include elements of multiple images, multiple exposures, clip art, computer rendered images, or elements from other photographs. Post-shot adjustments may be made to your image in a photo-editing program so long as the modification is applied to the whole image. This includes levels, black and white conversion, hue/saturation, sizing/rotating, curves and cropping.
 - All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared.
 - Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.
11. Creative Edited category entries may be altered using a photo editing software and go beyond basic editing such as altering only parts of the image instead of the whole image or adding filters or effects to dramatically alter the original image.
12. Unacceptable Entries: Photos of nude/seminude subjects or sensitive nature or use of unacceptable materials for mounting such as poster board, canvas, glass, and fabric and framed or shrink-wrapped photos will not be accepted. Images that do not meet these requirements may or may not be judged at the judging panel's sole discretion.
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.

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DIVISION - FINE ARTS

CLASS 179 YOUTH:	Composition in Oil
CLASS 180 JR:	Composition in Oil
CLASS 181 INTM:	Composition in Oil
CLASS 182 SR:	Composition in Oil
CLASS 176 PRO:	Composition in Oil
CLASS 183 YOUTH:	Composition in Water Media
CLASS 184 JR:	Composition in Water Media
CLASS 185 INTM:	Composition in Water Media
CLASS 186 SR:	Composition in Water Media
CLASS 177 PRO:	Composition in Water Media
CLASS 187 YOUTH:	Composition in Acrylic
CLASS 188 JR:	Composition in Acrylic
CLASS 189 INTM:	Composition in Acrylic
CLASS 190 SR:	Composition in Acrylic
CLASS 178 PRO:	Composition in Acrylic

Composition in Ink, Pastel, Charcoal, Felt Pen or Graphite Pencil (I, P, C, FP, or GP)

CLASS 191 YOUTH:	I, P, C, FP, or GP
CLASS 192 JR:	I, P, C, FP, or GP
CLASS 193 INTM:	I, P, C, FP, or GP
CLASS 194 SR:	I, P, C, FP, or GP
CLASS 700 PRO:	I, P, C, FP, or GP

Composition Mixed Media using any of the media's listed above. (oil, water media, acrylic, ink, pastel, charcoal, felt pen or graphics)

CLASS 195 YOUTH:	Mixed Media
CLASS 196 JR:	Mixed Media
CLASS 197 INTM:	Mixed Media
CLASS 198 SR:	Mixed Media
CLASS 701 PRO:	Mixed Media

Miscellaneous Fine Art Work (does not fit any of the above classes.)

CLASS 199 YOUTH:	Miscellaneous
CLASS 200 JR:	Miscellaneous
CLASS 201 INTM:	Miscellaneous
CLASS 202 SR:	Miscellaneous
CLASS 702 PRO:	Miscellaneous



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 - Juniors: Age 18 and under, as of Dec. 31, 2024
 - Seniors: Age 19 and up as of Dec 31, 2024
 A Professional is an adult (age 19 and up as of December 21, 2024) 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.
- In classes with Youth, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions, Youth are ages 6 and under, Juniors are ages 7 - 12, Intermediates are ages 13 - 18 and Seniors are ages 19 and older as of December 31, 2024.
- Artwork must be no larger than 1,260 square inches framed. This is the length x width of the outside frame measurement. Example: 36" x 35" = 1260 sq. inches.
- Exhibitors may enter two items per class.
- All Fine Artwork must be mounted and ready to hang. (Mount to a sturdy surface with the edges of painting or drawing flush with mounting material.) Drawings or pictures not mounted will not be accepted.
- To assist with safe displaying, please securely apply to the back of the artwork hanging hardware appropriate for the size and weight of the display.
- Label item with title of work and medium used.
- Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents and/or judge.
- Superintendent has the right to reject oversized pictures and subject matter of a sensitive nature.
- Entry should be an example of your best work, preferably done in the last two years. The work cannot have been previously entered at the Arapahoe County Fair.



The judge will consider entries on a basis of:

- Use of Color
- Focal point and movement
- Design and Space Use
- Light and Shadow Use
- Texture
- Medium Selection
- Technique/Technical Skill
- Overall Presentation

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DIVISION - PAPER ARTS

CLASS 204 JR:	Origami
CLASS 205 SR:	Origami
CLASS 703 PRO:	Origami
CLASS 206 JR:	Paper Mache
CLASS 207 SR:	Paper Mache
CLASS 704 PRO:	Paper Mache
CLASS 208 JR:	Decoupage
CLASS 209 SR:	Decoupage
CLASS 705 PRO:	Decoupage
CLASS 210 JR:	Quilling
CLASS 211 SR:	Quilling
CLASS 706 PRO:	Quilling
CLASS 212 JR:	Flowers
CLASS 213 SR:	Flowers
CLASS 707 PRO:	Flowers
CLASS 214 JR:	Paper Cutting
CLASS 215 SR:	Paper Cutting
CLASS 708 PRO:	Paper Cutting



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1. Exhibitors may enter two items per class.



DIVISION - PRINT MAKING

CLASS 600 JR:	Printmaking
CLASS 601 SR:	Printmaking
CLASS 711 PRO:	Printmaking



EXHIBIT RULES

1. Exhibitors may enter two items per class.
2. Print must be submitted on a 12" x 16" paper.
3. The print itself can be any size within the size of the paper. The work can be horizontal or vertical.
4. Print should be a framed and finished piece no larger than 14" x 18".
5. Securely apply hanging hardware to back of print appropriate for the size and weight of the display.
6. Print must be made using any printmaking technique where one image is transferred from one surface to another, including but not limited to screen printing, lithography, etching, engraving, collagraph, monotype, block printing, woodcut, electric-etching, photo etching, photopolymer, etc.
7. Digital prints (prints made with a printer) are not accepted.

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DIVISION – POTTERY, SCULPTURE



EXHIBIT RULES

1. Exhibitor must be an amateur.
2. Exhibitor may enter only two items per class.

CLASS 170 JR:	Pottery: Thrown and hand built
CLASS 171 SR:	Pottery: Thrown and hand built
CLASS 709 PRO:	Pottery: Thrown and hand built
CLASS 172 JR:	Sculpture
CLASS 173 SR:	Sculpture
CLASS 710 PRO:	Sculpture