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**DEPARTMENT 109**  
**OPEN CLASS SURFACE STITCHERY**

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**Show Information**

Location: Exhibit Building, Southwest Corner  
Check in Time: Wednesday, August 1, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Judging Entries: Thursday, August 2, 9:00 a.m. until done  
Open to Public: Friday, August 3, 5:00 p.m.  
Release Time: Monday, August 13, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Entry Information**

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per open class exhibitor for the first 10 exhibits, then \$1.00 per exhibit thereafter.

How to Enter: Entries must be made to Fair Office Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
9595 Nelson Rd. Longmont, Co 80501  
Mail in; Walk in entry by July 16, 2018  
Online at [www.bouldercountyfair.org](http://www.bouldercountyfair.org) by July 23, 2018

This department is subject to all Boulder County Fair General Rules and all Open Class Creative Living Rules in addition to those listed for the department. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with all rules.

**RULES:**

1. Read Open Class Creative Living Rules and Boulder County General Rules and Regulations.
2. When filling out entry form, **Surface Stitchery is Department 109.**
3. Articles must be entered in the name of the person who made them.
4. Entries in this department must have been completed in the last two years.
5. The superintendent reserves the right to define classifications for all items entered.
6. Depending on entries, superintendents will combine or divide lots to make sensible classes for judging.
7. Exhibitors may submit up to 3 items in each Class.
8. Enter your exhibit in the class that matched its most predominate technique. For example, if your cross-stitched piece has only a few beads do not enter it in the class for embellished cross stitch.
9. If entering in the junior/teen categories, the age of the exhibitor must be on the entry form.
10. Entries must be clean (no hoop marks, stains, etc.) and neat (blocked, pressed, etc.) or they will be disqualified.
11. The superintendents encourage exhibitors to enter all their completed work, not just that which they could get framed.
12. Exhibits must not have been previously entered in the Boulder County Fair.

## **NOTES**

1. Please try to be fair in assessing whether you should enter the beginner/intermediate category or the advanced/professional category. If three or more of the following criteria apply to you, please enter in the advanced/professional category.
  - a. You have participated in a wide variety of workshops in different techniques.
  - b. You have confidence in working with many types of fabrics, fibers, and embellishments.
  - c. You have professionally taught or judged needlework.
  - d. You have been compensated to do stitchery for others.
  - e. A judge in a judged exhibit indicates that you should enter the advanced/professional class.
2. Keep in mind that you can be an advanced cross stitcher and a beginner at embroidery or needlepoint.
3. For judging purposes you may, if you wish, submit a 3" x 5" index card telling the the name and designer of your piece, whether it was purchased as a pattern, pattern plus, or a kit, and any changes to fibers, embellishments, etc. that you may have made. These cards are only for the judges and may not contain any personal information about you.
4. In addition, the superintendents encourage exhibitors to submit with their piece an additional 3" x 5" index card that contains information about the piece, such as who designed the pattern, how long it took you to do, how difficult it was for you, what your favorite part was, any special meaning it has for you, threads/fabric used, etc. We will hang these cards next to your exhibits.
5. Please cover any identifying marks, such as your name or initials.
6. Judging is open. The superintendents encourage all interested parties to attend.
7. All entries are judged according to merit. If a class has only one entry, that entry does not automatically qualify for a ribbon.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

1. Embroidery techniques include cross stitch, crewel, needlelace, ribbon embroidery, black work, hardanger, pulled thread, etc.
2. Embellished means the piece includes beads, charms, buttons, etc., or that it uses specialty threads, such as metallics, rayons, silk ribbon, ribbon floss, etc.
3. Flat beading pieces include any beading stitches that are worked as a flat piece whether it is finished as a flat piece or finished into another shape that requires little or no additional bead work to achieve that shape.
4. Dimensional beading pieces include any beading stitches that are worked with increases, decreases, or other methods to create a three-dimensional piece either with or without a supporting shape underneath.
5. Beaded jewelry pieces such as necklaces, bracelets, and jewelry sets should be entered in Department 117 Arts and Crafts.

**CATEGORY:**

**SURFACE EMBROIDERY** (any embroidery technique that is not counted and is done on fabric, not canvas)

**JUNIOR/TEEN** (18 years and younger as of December 31, 2017)

Class 1. Embroidered item, any size

Class 2. Stamped cross stitched item, any size

Class 3. Holiday decoration

Class 4. Miscellaneous surface embroidery item (technique not listed above; may include stump work, needle lace, needle felting, punch needle, Brazilian embroidery, etc.)

**ADULT, BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 5. Embroidered item, any size

Class 6. Stamped cross stitched item, any size

Class 7. Holiday decoration

Class 8. Miscellaneous surface embroidery item (technique not listed above; may include stump work, needle lace, needle felting, punch needle, Brazilian embroidery, etc.)

**ADULT, ADVANCED / PROFESSIONAL** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 9. Embroidered item, any size

Class 10. Stamped cross stitched item, any size

Class 11. Holiday decoration

Class 12. Miscellaneous surface embroidery item (technique not listed above; may include stump work, needle lace, needle felting, punch needle, Brazilian embroidery, etc.)

**CATEGORY:**

**COUNTED EMBROIDERY** (any embroidery technique that must be counted and is done on fabric, not canvas)

**JUNIOR/TEEN** (18 years and younger as of December 31, 2017)

Class 13. Cross stitched item, any size, any fabric count

Class 14. Embellished cross stitched item, any size, any fabric count

Class 15. Holiday decoration

Class 16. Miscellaneous counted embroidery item (technique not listed above)

**ADULT, BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 17. Cross stitched item, any size, any fabric count

Class 18. Embellished cross stitched item, any size, any fabric count

Class 19. Holiday decoration

Class 20. Miscellaneous counted embroidery item (technique not listed above)

**ADULT, ADVANCED / PROFESSIONAL** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 21. Cross stitched item, any size, any fabric count

Class 22. Embellished cross stitched item, any size, any fabric count

Class 23. Holiday decoration

Class 24. Miscellaneous counted embroidery item (technique not listed above)

**CATEGORY:**

**NEEDLEPOINT** (any needlepoint technique that is done on canvas, such as Congress cloth, plastic canvas, mono canvas, etc.)

**JUNIOR/TEEN** (18 years and younger as of December 31, 2017)

Class 25. Needlepoint item, any size, any technique

Class 26. Holiday Decoration, any size

**ADULT, BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 27. Needlepoint item, any size, any technique

Class 28. Holiday Decoration, any size

**ADULT, ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 29. Needlepoint item, any size, any technique

Class 30. Holiday Decoration, any size

**CATEGORY:**

**BEADING** (any beading technique that is done with a needle, such as cross stitch using only beads, Peyote beading. etc.)

**JUNIOR/TEEN** (18 years and younger as of December 31, 2017)

Class 31. Flat beading piece, any size

Class 32. Dimensional beading piece, any size

**ADULT, BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 33. Flat beading piece, any size

Class 34. Dimensional beading piece, any size

**ADULT, ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL BEADING** (19 years and older as of December 31, 2017)

Class 35. Flat beading piece, any size

Class 36. Dimensional beading piece, any size

**Department 109 Awards**  
**Champion & Reserve Champion Rosette Ribbons for each CATEGORY**  
**JUNIOR/TEEN, ADULT BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE &**  
**ADULT, ADVANCED/PROFESSIONAL.**