2026 Feature Class!
Class F: Food

Plymouth CO. FAIR

July 28rd – August 2nd

2026 OPEN CLASS PHOTOGRAPHY

NON-PROFESSIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL

Co-Superintendents: (Kris Collins (712-490-6512) & Ryan Collins (712-899-6935)
Text or Call

Please read carefully, as rules and classes have been changed.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Open Class Photography Show is open to residents of Plymouth County.

2. All Photography entries will be classified as:
Division P (Photography): Includes monochrome (black and white/sepia) or color photos. Photos must be 8 X 10, printed on photo paper and matted only. **No canvas printed photos allowed. If entry is submitted in plastic, the plastic will be removed and discarded. Any photo submitted that is not 8x10 will automatically be docked one premium.**

3. All exhibitors will be limited to **3 entries total**. If you are entering the feature class, you are allowed 2 other entries in your regular class for a total of 3 entries.

4. **Matting Requirements**
a. All photography must be matted. **No exposed rubber cement allowed. If you are using rubber cement, it must be completely covered. No frames allowed.** (Photos will be displayed using Velcro dots)

b. Matting only includes pre cut mats, backing paper or board, no hanger required. Suggested places to purchase mats: The Craft Den, Hobby Lobby, Michael's Walmart, Amazon, etc.

5. Classes are as follows:
Class Pre: under 5 years
Class 1: 5 – 6 years
Class 2: 7 – 8 years
Class 3: 9 – 11 years
Class 4: 12 – 14 years
Class 5: 15 – 18 years
Class 6: 19 - 54 years
Class 7: Professional
Class SR: 55 years and up
Class F: Feature Class – 2026 Featured Subject: Food (see below)

*Ages reflect age at fair time, not age when art work was created.

*A professional is defined as any artist who invests time in his/her art– teaching, selling, taking commissions, or exhibiting for the purpose of selling.

Class F: Feature Class – 2026 – Food:

2026's feature subject is Food. Photos entered into this class need to feature food as the subject. Examples include people preparing or enjoying food, cultural or family traditions centered around meals, or artistic presentations of food and beverages. Entries will be judged based on all other photo critiques and the showcase of food. Entries will be judged with respect to their class.

6. All photos will be judged on, but not limited to, the following criteria: Focus, Exposure, Lighting, Depth of Field, Composition, Rule of Thirds, Cropping, and Matting.

7. Entries may be brought into the Open Class Building between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28th, and between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29th for registration.

8. Any questions can be directed to the superintendents prior to fair week via call or text.

9. The Superintendents have the right to refuse to display any entries.

10. Judging will take place on Wednesday, and the exhibit will not be open again until the last piece has been judged and hung.

11. Premiums will be awarded as follows:
Grand Champion – Purple, $5.00;
Reserve Champion – Lavender, $3.00;
1st – Blue, $2.00;
2nd - Red, $1.50;
3rd – White, $1.00.
Best of Show is an honorary position.

12. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each Class IF THERE IS MERIT, and if there are more than six entries per Class; Classes with fewer entries will be combined by Class to the nearest age group, Professional entries will be combined in appropriate age class. Best of Show can be awarded to one piece from the entire show. This is the combined judges' choice.

13. Entries will be released between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 2nd. Make arrangements with the superintendent for family or friends to pick up for you if this time does not work for you. Entries not picked up during this designated time will not be awarded premiums and will be moved to the Fair Office until noon on Monday, August 3rd and then taken to the Plymouth County Extension Office.

14. The Plymouth County Fair Board, Open Class Photography Show Superintendents and Plymouth County Extension Office are not responsible for damage or loss of exhibits.

15. If you are a Grand Champion Ribbon winner, pictures will be taken at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday August 1st, in the Open Class Building.

Registration for Open Class Photography - Plymouth County Fair:

Fill out for each entry and return with your photo to the Open Class Building on Tuesday July 28nd between 6pm – 8pm or Wednesday July 29th between 7am – 10am.

Entrant's Name:_____

Entrant's Town: _____Parent of Entrant (if under 18):_____

E-mail: _____Phone:_____

Division **P (Photography)**

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Class (please circle)

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Class 7: Professional (please also circle age class)
Class SR: 55 years and up
Class SN: Adults with Disabilities

Description of photo: _____

What was used to take this photo: _____

Where was photo taken: _____

YES / NO --- Was the photo edited with an editing program?

If YES, what program _____

YES/NO --- Is this entry original from the beginning? Your idea and/or not copyrighted.

YES/NO --- Has anyone else (instructor, friend or family member) helped you directly with this project?

IF YES, please explain: _____

YES/NO ---I am exhibiting only THREE projects or less in the Photography division.

YES/NO --- I will be here between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening to pick up my entry. If you fail to pick up an entry during this time, you understand it will be taken to the fair office and forfeit any premiums.

IF NO, person authorized to pick up: _____