Virginia resident wins 2021 Minnesota Turkey stamp contest
Self-taught artist picked up the brushes many years ago to help him stop smoking

Contest aligns with centennial of relocation

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HIBBING — Residents and businesses in Hibbing have an opportunity to showcase their decorating talents this holiday season for a chance to win credits from the Hibbing Public Utilities Department.

Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Hansen said the last time the community held a decorating contest was in 2005, and the chamber is happy to announce it’s making a return.

“We’re working with the Hibbing Police Department and the City of Hibbing, and Downtown Hibbing was contacted to do that,” Hansen said. “I’m sure they’re happy to have it back, and how people receive it.”

The contest has been named, “Light the Town That Moved, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Hibbing’s move from North Hibbing to its current location, according to Hansen.

“It seems fitting to include our history with the season,” Hansen said, adding that the city began the relocation in 1919 and it was considered complete in 1921. Registration for the contest begins on Dec. 1, and all applications must be received by an earlier than Dec. 12.

The contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior, and is limited to what can be seen from the street. Decorations must be put up by the proper owners or residents of the property at night, according to rules presented by the chamber on its website.

No people or live animals are allowed to be part of the display.

John Barnard of Virginia holds the oil painting that was selected by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to be featured on next year’s turkey stamp.

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