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Pictured front row left to right: Malina Przygoda, Jan Irons, Katie Lewis. Back row left to right: Jenny Lee (Extension Program Coordinator), Diana Glosser, Garett Shuemaker, Kim McGee



Annual Hand Dipped Chocolate Fundraiser Now thru Nov. 22

for the Moultrie County Food Pantry
20% of all Flesor's sales will be donated to the Moultrie County Food Pantry

All orders will be available for pick up beginning December 9 at Cathrine's Gallery, Gifts and More in Sullivan.

Orders will be taken by mail this year due to the current COVID environment.

Order forms have been mailed to past supporters of this fundraiser. *Additional order forms are available at Cathrine's Gallery Gifts and More, 7 W. Jefferson, Sullivan and Flesor's Candy Kitchen, 101 West Sale St., Tuscola*

Paid for by friends and advocates of the Moultrie County Food Pantry

Local environmental enthusiasts train for Master Naturalist Program

Individuals from Coles, Douglas, Shelby and Effingham Counties were recognized at a graduation ceremony on October 5, 2021. The ceremony recognized the dedication of six individuals who attended ten weeks of classes and two hands-on field days to become Master Naturalist Interns.

The training prepares volunteer Master Naturalists to more effectively participate in local environmental stewardship and share their knowledge, skills, and passion about the natural world with others. "Our local Master Naturalists play a vital role in our community", says program coordinator Jenny Lee, "offering educational opportunities and assisting in the management of local natural areas."

The mission of the University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist Program is to provide science-based educational opportunities that connect people with nature and help them become engaged environmental stewards. Lee says, "We all have a responsibility to protect our

natural areas in the places where we live. This program equips people with the knowledge to do so."

Master Naturalists are adults of all ages who are passionate about the natural world and enjoy sharing that passion with others. Master Naturalists volunteer many hours of service. In 2020, seven Master Gardeners serving the Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, Shelby, and Effingham Counties, donated over 600 hours answering questions, leading programs and participating in stewardship activities at our partnering organizations – Coles County Soil & Water Conservation District, Douglas-Hart Foundation, and Grand Prairie Friends.

Extension would like to welcome Diana Glosser, Jan Irons, Katie Lewis, Kim McGee, Malina Przygoda, and Garett Shuemaker to the Prairie's Edge Master Naturalist Program. They join the ranks of seven other Master Naturalists from the Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby County area.

Anyone interested in

learning more about the Master Naturalist program may reach out using the <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22453> on the Become a Master Naturalist page, visiting our website <https://extension.illinois.edu/ccdms/master-naturalists> or emailing Jenny Lee at jalee73@illinois.edu.

About Extension

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For more information on University of Illinois Extension programming in Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby counties, visit our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccdms> or call us at 217-345-7034.

Rolston String Quartet to perform at Doudna Center on October 29

This isn't a trick, but rather, a treat!! Get your tickets for a night of beautiful string music on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. when the Rolston String Quartet performs at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

With their debut album *Souvenirs*, an all-Tchaikovsky release that was named Recording of the Year by BBC Music Magazine, the Rolston String Quartet continues to receive

acclaim and recognition for their musical excellence. The Rolston String Quartet has performed at numerous important venues including Carnegie Hall, London's Wigmore Hall, the Freer Gallery in Washington, DC, and UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music.

This is sure to be a wonderful night of music, performed by some of the most talented musicians in their field. You won't want to miss this classical night

of music, you will want to treat yourself to this performance.

For tickets: call the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office at 217-581-3110! The Box Office is open Tuesday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and one hour prior to every ticketed event. You can also visit www.doudnatix.com and purchase/print your tickets at home and skip the line all together!

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