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Lee County Extension hosts annual Herb Day Festival

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 14, 2016 – Lee County UF/IFAS Extension Services will host the 11th annual Herb Day Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, on the grounds of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort Myers.

The event is being sponsored by Lee County IFAS/Cooperative Extension, Lee County Master Gardener volunteers and the Holton Eco-Preserve on the church grounds. The festival includes guest speakers, children's activities, vendors, food with demonstrations, and a ladybug release. The International Herb Association has designated 2016 as the year of the pepper, so attendees will also learn more about the genus capsicum, including those familiar flowering plants such as the bell pepper, the fiery habanero and the native Florida pepper, the bird pepper.

Admission to the event is \$12 per person or \$15 per family. Make checks payable to the Lee County Extension Overall Advisory Board (LCEOAB) and mail to Herb Day, Lee County Extension, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33916. For more information please call the UF/IFAS Lee County Extension Plant and Insect Diagnostic Clinic at 239-533-7504.

UF/IFAS Lee County Extension agents offer educational services through a three-way cooperative arrangement between the Board of County Commissioners, the University of Florida and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Local extension agents are off-campus faculty members of the University of Florida.