

#Groundchat

Date: July 18, 2014

Topic: Highlighting the annual Garden Writers Association (GWA) Symposium in Pittsburgh + the soils & gardens of Pittsburgh, PA

Host: Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

Website: <http://www.gardenwriters.org/gwa.php?p=meetings/index.html>

Facebook: GWA 2014 Pittsburgh!

GWA 66th Annual Symposium: August 8 – 11, 2014 in Pittsburgh

The objectives of this year's meeting are to:

Provide information on trends and current issues of importance to garden communicators

Address subject matter covered in our core competency schedule

Provide opportunities for the development of new story ideas

You don't have to be a GWA member and/or a garden writer to attend!

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4 Helen Yoest @HelenYoest

2 days ago

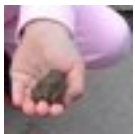
I'll be there! RT @timberpress: RT @CristinaGardens: Who is going to #gwa14? I know I am #groundchat



5 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

2 days ago

@Elaine_Schilhab #groundchat starts at 2 pm EST every Friday. This Friday we're covering the latest soil news #SoilNews



6 Elaine Schilhab @Elaine_Schilhab

2 days ago

@CristinaGardens What time does #groundchat usually start on Fridays? Thanks.



8 Laurel Hounslow @LaurelHounslow
4 days ago

“@Gazette_Editor: The dirt on garden soil <http://t.co/MjLLluzUwA> #gardening #Food”
>Understanding what's in your soil. #groundchat



9 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens
July 18, 2014

@avidgreen I would be thrilled if you would guest host on #groundchat. Soils for vineyards is an intriguing topic.



10 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens
July 18, 2014

@BG_garden Thanks, Bren! You are a star! @cityslipper #groundchat



11 Bren @BG_garden
July 18, 2014

@cityslipper looking forward to your shares at #gwa14 : great #groundchat (as always @CristinaGardens ! Happy Friday !



12 Corona Tools @CoronaTools
July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens I think I will be setting up our booth during #groundchat but I be on if I can!

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13 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools I look forward to meeting you too! Maybe we can tweet up together on the Friday for #groundchat?

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14 **Jeavonna** @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

Have a great weekend, everybody. #groundchat

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15 **Daniel Gasteiger** @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Enjoy this gorgeous day! #groundchat

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16 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Enjoy your weekend everyone! #groundchat

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17 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

You're funny! :-) RT @cityslipper @CristinaGardens Please, only homegrown wooden nickles for the tip jar! ;-) #groundchat

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18 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Next Friday is the end of the month #SoilNews #groundchat

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19 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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@CristinaGardens Please, only homegrown wooden nickles for the tip jar! ;-)
#groundchat

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20 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Thank you for your support. Tipping is like giving #groundchat a high-five with money
in your hand. <http://t.co/bUQ83iNC10>

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21 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Good point! RT @cityslipper Consider: #GWA14 is a great place finally to meet tweeps
you've known for years. #groundchat

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22 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

You can always show your appreciation by donating at the #groundchat tip jar ;-)
<http://t.co/bUQ83iNC10>

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23 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Hope you all enjoyed today's #groundchat as much as I did.

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24 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Great to see familiar faces here. Consider: #GWA14 is a great place finally to meet tweeps you've known for years. #groundchat

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25 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper I'm not a night owl. Remember going to bed 10 pm all through college. LOL! #groundchat

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26 Bren @BG_garden

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools so true : still my FAV #groundchat @DEWALTtough @jchapstk @cityslipper @CristinaGardens <http://t.co/TbFdKfKfsd>

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27 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Thank you everyone for taking out time out of your busy day to attend and comment on #groundchat

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28 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens I'm a night owl, so the early morning stuff is VERY hard for me. But it's hard to resist the lighting! #groundchat

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29 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Too bad RT @CoronaTools @CristinaGardens I see you presentation is Sunday after I leave! Bummed I will miss it #groundchat

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30 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Thanks for going over the program with us. #groundchat Aug 7th - 12. Looks like a lot of fun.

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31 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

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@CristinaGardens I see you presentation is Sunday after I leave! Bummed I will miss it #groundchat

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32 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@cityslipper that's what I thought. I am useless without my sleep. #groundchat

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33 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@BG_garden Yes, Bren! #gwa14 for this year's symposium. #groundchat

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34 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

If you leave today's #groundchat wanting to attend #gwa14, @cityslipper & I have done our job ;-)

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35 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens What a tricky juxtaposition, that! I'd choose the early morning garden shoot as well. #groundchat

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36 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

You were the right man for the job! RT @cityslipper Thanks again, Cristina, for letting me stand in at the last minute. #groundchat

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37 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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Thanks gain, Cristina, for letting me stand in at the last minute. #groundchat

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38 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Missing the fireworks I'm going to bed early. Early morning rise for photography the next day! #groundchat

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39 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Thank you both! See you in a couple weeks! RT @CristinaGardens: Thank you so much for a great #groundchat, @cityslipper!

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40 Bren @BG_garden

July 18, 2014

“@cityslipper: I can try to answer questions #groundchat” < can't wait to follow #gwa14 (is that the hashtag? #groundchat

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41 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper And registration closes July 25th, so do not delay!! #groundchat

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42 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Getting personal: I return from the Symposium recharged and excited about being in the hort industry! #groundchat

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43 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@BG_garden it's amazing what the right tool can do ;) lol @DEWALTtough @jchapstk @cityslipper @CristinaGardens #groundchat

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44 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Thank you so much for a great #groundchat, @cityslipper!

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45 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

I heard talk of fireworks during an evening boat ride. Romance at the #GWA14 Symposium! #groundchat

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46 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Who speaks that anymore? Besides classification RT @cityslipper I can try to answer questions, but please don't use Latin! #groundchat

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47 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@jchapstk True, but it may be too late to get much in the way of discounts. I think all the "early bird" dates have passed. #groundchat

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48 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper although members get a sweet discount on everything. #groundchat

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49 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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50 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Wow! What a fantastic #gwa14 Symposium! I'm really looking forward to going to the @GardenWriters meeting #groundchat

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51 Bren @BG_garden

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools well bummer! @DEWALTtough @jchapstk @cityslipper @CristinaGardens #groundchat

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52 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@jchapstk @CoronaTools That's just silly... but so true! #groundchat

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53 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Dozens of activities I didn't mention! Visit <http://t.co/HwIKJWfQjs> for more info. You don't have to be a member to attend. #groundchat

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54 Jeavonna @jchapstk

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@CoronaTools you can't screw a screw with a saw. SMH. Use a hammer. Lol. #groundchat

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55 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@jchapstk @CoronaTools @cityslipper #GWA14 works for me. Simple and to the point #groundchat

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56 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Y not? RT @BG_garden: @jchapstk can't find the drill will a saws-all work? #groundchat @cityslipper @CristinaGardens <http://t.co/Q8KJSMwwem>

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57 Jeavonna @jchapstk

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@BG_garden @cityslipper @CristinaGardens Don't think so. The job is easy with the right tool. chiar building workshop. #groundchat

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58 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@BG_garden @jchapstk @CristinaGardens With a saws-all you can make a very small chair! #groundchat

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59 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@BG_garden Welcome to #groundchat, Bren!

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60 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools @cityslipper #groundchat It is extremely difficult to follow from home when there are multiple hashtags.

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61 Bren @BG_garden

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@jchapstk can't find the drill will a saws-all work? #groundchat @cityslipper @CristinaGardens <http://t.co/4psMtMEzqP>

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62 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

I mentioned Schenley Plaza and Heart Attack Hill earlier... #groundchat

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63 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

At Schenley Plaza the garden features 470 perennials, 14,500 flower bulbs, and 22,000 groundcover plants. <http://t.co/Elop4kXaXa> #groundchat

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64 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

you'd be surprised! lol RT @cityslipper: Seems the symposium hashtag every year has been GWA##. Too simple even to argue about! #groundchat

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65 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

No kidding. Trying to change that RT @BG_garden Soil is one of the world's most neglected resources <http://t.co/acYK6ewmMf> #groundchat

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66 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Seems the symposium hashtag every year has been GWA##. Too simple even to argue about! :-) #groundchat

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67 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

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Nice! RT @cityslipper: Leaving the zoo, Kendall Garden in Sewickley Valley is a formal design #groundchat <http://t.co/yVIQPeH6Y>



68 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Seen similar gardens in Toronto! RT @cityslipper Kendall Garden in Sewickley Valley is a formal design <http://t.co/VqKJuXjr3G> #groundchat



69 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens @cityslipper every year there seems to be multiple hashtags going around...good to know they have 1! #groundchat



70 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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Leaving the zoo, Kendall Garden in Sewickley Valley is a formal design #groundchat

<http://t.co/S1ylqLo0be>





71 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

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Good to know. Just guessed RT @cityslipper @CoronaTools Yes. We just agreed yesterday to use #GWA14 upper or lower case #groundchat

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72 **Daniel Gasteiger** @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools Yes. We just agreed yesterday to use #GWA14 upper or lower case as the hashtag. No surprise, really. #groundchat

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73 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

LOL! Gardeners do more than plant RT @jchapstk @cityslipper @CristinaGardens Yes, it is a "bring your own cordless drill" event. #groundchat

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74 **Jeavonna** @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper @CristinaGardens Yes, it is a "bring your own cordless drill" event. #groundchat

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75 **Corona Tools** @CoronaTools

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@cityslipper btw Daniel, is #gwa14 the official hashtag this year? #groundchat

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76 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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:-) RT @cityslipper @CristinaGardens they're expecting just about anyone (who brings tools) to be able to make a chair! #groundchat

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77 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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The zoo has been recreating enclosures with plants from the animals' natural habitats. #groundchat

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78 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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@CristinaGardens Pretty sure they're expecting just about anyone (who brings tools) to be able to make a chair! #groundchat

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79 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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Eating with the lions! RT @cityslipper The Pittsburgh Zoo! A tour with dinner under the garden tent. <http://t.co/0q7D9ZVgDD> #groundchat

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80 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@jchapstk you are relatively close to PITT, wish you could join us! Would be fun :) #groundchat

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81 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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One of my favorite stops at the Indianapolis Symposium was the Indianapolis zoo!
#groundchat



82 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Do they teach you how to be handy too? ;-)
#groundchat



83 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

On the garden tours: The Pittsburgh Zoo! A tour with dinner under the garden tent.
#groundchat <http://t.co/MPnFGA8MOX>





84 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Yes, I saw the chair workshop on the agenda. It's probably already full. That looks like fun. #groundchat

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85 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper It looks very modern. Quite a contrast to the 1st Squirrel Hill garden #groundchat

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86 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

A pre-Symposium workshop (costs extra, sorry) teaches how to make chairs like the ones in that last photo. #groundchat

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87 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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A second garden on Squirrel Hill features Western PA native plants and THIS view of Pittsburgh #groundchat <http://t.co/0WMjnSWeCv>



88 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper
July 18, 2014

@jchapstk How cool is that? I looks gorgeous up there! #groundchat



89 Jeavonna @jchapstk
July 18, 2014

@cityslipper I had family living in Squirrel Hill for many years. Beautiful neighborhood. #groundchat



90 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper
July 18, 2014

On the garden tours: Squirrel Hill features The Buncher garden, a relaxed “English Garden” #groundchat <http://t.co/6mNsbeeTbN>



91 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper great stuff planned for the show floor, panel discussion and tweetup #groundchat

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92 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools Not in the plans right now. #groundchat Got some family traveling to do this year. No family left in Pittsburgh.

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93 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Sponsors provide lunches, breakfasts, dinners, even a wine and beer reception where members kick back and network. #groundchat

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94 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Can't wait until we get to the garden tours bit of #groundchat

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95 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Of course! RT @cityslipper: I'm willing to bet you can meet @coronatools himself on the show floor. #groundchat

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96 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

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We'll be there! RT @CristinaGardens: @CoronaTools @jchapstk Who is going to #gwa14? I know I am #groundchat

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97 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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I'm willing to bet you can meet @coronatools himself on the show floor. #groundchat

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98 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens @cityslipper I have no life. Lol. I've met more than a few at MANTS over the years. Pittsburgh is tempting. #groundchat

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99 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@CoronaTools @jchapstk Who is going to #gwa14? I know I am #groundchat

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100 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

The symposium features an exhibit hall where attendees can score awesome swag—soils, tools, plants... maybe a bag to carry it #groundchat

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101 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

A conference day includes several hours of seminars and several hours of garden tours. #groundchat

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102 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

I like that RT @cityslipper you'll be able to hobnob all through the #GWA14 conference! We're very peer-to-peer! #groundchat

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103 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@jchapstk I missed it Jea, are you going to be at #gwa14 ? #groundchat

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104 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Sat, Sun, & Mon hour long sessions cover topics in horticulture, marketing, writing, photography, blogging, and social media. #groundchat

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105 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Of course, you'll be able to hobnob with these folks all through the #GWA14 conference! We're very peer-to-peer! #groundchat

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106 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Awesome isn't?? RT @jchapstk: @cityslipper I was surprised by how many presenters I "know. #groundchat

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107 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper. Great group of experts for Fri! What's going on Sat, Sun & Mon at #gwa14? #groundchat

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108 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

You are social media superstar, Jeavonna RT @jchapstk @cityslipper I was surprised by how many presenters I "know. #groundchat

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109 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

#NR Brian Minter: Dream Extraordinary Gardens! Gardens must inspire & enrich. Reconnect to the art of gardening #groundchat

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110 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

#NR Susan McCoy @gardenmedia: 2015 Garden Trends. Learn the trends & how your business, brand, or writing can benefit from them. #groundchat

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111 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

They don't know what they are missing. Twitter rocks! RT @cityslipper (Sorry not all roundtable leaders have Twitter handles) #groundchat

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112 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

#NR Lois deVries @loisdevries : Sustainable Gardening Ethics & Aesthetics. Dig beneath the surface of conventional garden design #groundchat

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113 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

(Sorry not all roundtable leaders have Twitter handles) #groundchat

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114 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

#NR Rosalind Creasy: 10 Things Gardeners Need to Know about Edibles (such as when to plant cilantro). #groundchat

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115 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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#NR Shelley S. Cramm: Cross-Market Garden Writing: How I'm bringing a garden book to a non-garden audience. #groundchat

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116 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

#GWA14 #NR experts include @thegardenlady, @hotairballoon, @gardenwiseguy, @thomasmickey, @brandyou, @dkprinzing, & @upshoothort #groundchat

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117 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper There're 16 other experts involved in #NR. Could you tell us about a few of the other experts & their topics? #groundchat

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118 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

I tend to encourage questions and then give very fast-paced responses. I like participants to share their successes. #groundchat

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119 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Yes! My topic is, Social Media. If you're not excited to meet some of your tweeps in person, change your game! #groundchat

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120 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Are you one of the experts at the Night of the Roundtables (#NR)? #groundchat

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121 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Night of the Roundtables! Attendees "speed-date" with experts in tech, business, & horticulture. Ask questions; connect. #groundchat

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122 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

I hear there's a first-ever event scheduled for Friday night, Aug 8. Tell us more about it @cityslipper #GWA14 #groundchat

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123 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Good genes, I guess RT @cityslipper Paul Redman looks amazingly young considering his accomplishments. #groundchat

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124 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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Paul Redman is the executive director of @longwoodgardens. #groundchat

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125 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Paul Redman looks amazingly young considering his accomplishments. I saw him speak recently at Longwood. #groundchat

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126 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Our second keynote, Paul Redman of @longwoodgardens, discusses the “The Future of Horticulture & Public Gardens.” #groundchat

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127 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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@CristinaGardens Always thought I'd end up living in PA some day. #groundchat

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128 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

It's a @TimberPress book. Great book. I need to get a copy for my reference library!
<http://t.co/B3TK5LQsOe> #groundchat

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129 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@cityslipper So you went back to your roots too, permanently #groundchat

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130 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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Rick Darke wrote the definitive 'The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes' as well as several other notable works. #groundchat

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131 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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We're having two keynote talks this year. Award winning author and landscape designer Rick Darke presents on Saturday. #groundchat

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132 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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@CristinaGardens Mind you, I meant my grandparents are from Meadville. My parents settled in Ithaca, NY. #groundchat

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133 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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We do some business of the GWA during the symposium, but the conference is open to non-members (and well worth attending!) #groundchat

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134 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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Neat! and you travel a lot! RT @cityslipper My family is from just up the road: Meadville, PA. #groundchat

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135 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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The #GWASymposium is a 6-day conference with education, garden tours, networking, product exhibits, and dining. #groundchat

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136 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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My family is from just up the road: Meadville, PA. #groundchat

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137 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@cityslipper Tell us a bit about the #gwa14 Symposium and who can attend. #groundchat

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138 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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I'm a @GardenWriters member & I'm part of a panel discussing "Gardening beyond the plants." I'm discussing soil #groundchat

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139 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

So many gardens, so little time! #groundchat



140 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Very cool! RT @CoronaTools @CristinaGardens indeed! My parents and families were all from Pittsburgh :) #groundchat

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141 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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Ok, let us change gears. #groundchat part 2: #gwa14 @GardenWriters symposium in Pittsburgh, PA Aug 8-11

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142 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@dougoster1 also recommends the Biblical Botanic Garden at Rodef Shalom Temple <http://t.co/TD6Y2JY2bg> #groundchat



143 **Daniel Gasteiger** @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

A guy told me soil acidity can be "higher" than 6.8 and said "7.2, 7.6..." He was thinking backward! #groundchat

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144 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

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@dougoster1 also says "some of the most overlooked gardens in Pittsburgh are at Kennywood Amusement Park." #groundchat

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145 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

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@dougoster1 also recommends the Temple Emanuel's Holocaust Memorial Garden <http://t.co/Bz2SMdQyGZ> #groundchat

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146 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

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@PhippsNews, Phipps conservatory, is @dougoster1's #1 outdoor garden choice <http://t.co/92qyAMdjV6> #groundchat

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147 **Cristina da Silva** @CristinaGardens

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So you are going back to your roots #gwa14 RT @CoronaTools Both my grandparents had impressive gardens in PA #groundchat

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148 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@dougoster1's highlights what he thinks are the best gardens in Pittsburgh
<http://t.co/8pjUdBtqlr> #groundchat

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149 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Pittsburgh is a sketchy hardiness zone 6b surrounded by zone 6a. Probably has to do with the rivers. #groundchat

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150 Fred Jaicks @FredJaicks

July 18, 2014

Sounds fun! RT @cityslipper: I understand you can get tours of mushroom-growing "caves." Haven't gone yet, but I will some day. #groundchat

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151 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

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Both my grandparents had impressive gardens in PA RT @CristinaGardens: @Best soil pH to grow plants!!! #groundchat.

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152 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

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@cityslipper What is Pittsburgh, PA USDA Plant Hardiness Zone? #groundchat

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153 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@Best soil pH to grow plants!!! #groundchat.

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154 Fred Jaicks @FredJaicks

July 18, 2014

Wow! MT @CristinaGardens: Half of USA's mushrooms come from the area around Kennett Square, PA <http://t.co/PEtbhhoDMs>. #groundchat

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155 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Clay in the soil tends to hold moisture well and nutrients along with it. Generally, our soil is slightly acidic—6.8 or so. #groundchat

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156 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Welcome! RT @AHS_Gardening Join in now! RT #groundchat

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157 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Of course, people amend with compost and horse manure where it's available, and leaf mulch. #groundchat

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158 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

I understand you can get tours of mushroom-growing "caves." Haven't gone yet, but I will some day. #groundchat

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159 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Half of USA's mushrooms come from the area around Kennett Square, PA <http://t.co/wR8wz1mjhp>. That's a lot of mushrooms! #groundchat

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160 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Cool! RT @cityslipper PA is the mushroom capital of the United States; there's a lot of used inexpensive mushroom soil #groundchat

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161 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Mushroom soil, mushroom compost, mushroom manure... garden centers in the area tend to call it mushroom soil. #groundchat

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162 AmHortSociety @AHS_Gardening

July 18, 2014

Join in now! RT @CoronaTools Fantastic & welcome Daniel! RT @CristinaGardens: Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper guest hosts today's #groundchat

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163 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools @cityslipper @jchapstk Pittsburgh was featured as one of the top places to live in the USA in 2010 #groundchat

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164 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

PA is the mushroom capital of the United States; there's a lot of used inexpensive mushroom soil – a popular amendment #groundchat

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165 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Love the view when you emerge from Ft Pitt tunnel RT @jchapstk: @CoronaTools @cityslipper #groundchat bridges and tunnels.

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166 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools @cityslipper @jchapstk Similar to Buffalo...they are all spiffed up. #groundchat

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167 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Pittsburgh IS hills; roller coaster hills. There's a street near Schenley Plaza nicknamed "Heart Attack Hill!" #groundchat

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168 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

big improvements! RT @cityslipper: @jchapstk I hope people know how much Pittsburgh turned around from its industrial days! #groundchat

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169 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

yup RT @jchapstk @cityslipper Not to mention the debris of centuries of city dwellers, mining and travelers. It's an old city. #groundchat

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170 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools @cityslipper #groundchat bridges and tunnels.

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171 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Pittsburgh soil is pretty similar throughout but there are sandier places near the rivers. #groundchat

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172 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

And STEELERS! lol RT @jchapstk: @cityslipper Not to mention the debris of centuries of city dwellers, mining and travelers. #groundchat

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173 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Beautiful city. RT @cityslipper Pittsburgh is pretty hilly with lots of rivers.
<http://t.co/PBHRyIUjkw> #groundchat

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174 Jeavonna @jchapstk

July 18, 2014

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175 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@jchapstk Goodness, yes! I hope people know how much Pittsburgh turned around from its industrial days! #groundchat

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176 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

True! RT @cityslipper @CoronaTools @CristinaGardens Not sure how much he does tweet, but he seemed primed to participate! #groundchat

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177 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

And the most bridges lol RT @cityslipper: Pittsburgh is pretty hilly with lots of rivers.
<http://t.co/l6ruUN3dIQ> #groundchat

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178 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

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179 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens I didn't know Kirk tweeted ;) lol kidding! But always great to chat w/ @cityslipper #groundchat

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180 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

Pittsburgh is pretty hilly with lots of rivers. <http://t.co/UwlBSAibUV> #groundchat

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181 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

OK. Pittsburgh soil contains a lot of clay with bits of shale – stuff the glaciers left behind. #groundchat

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182 Fred Jaicks @FredJaicks

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens @cityslipper Awesome! Thank you, Daniel! #groundchat

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183 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

no, thank YOU! RT @cityslipper I'm glad to be able to participate. Thank you for letting me stand in! #groundchat

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184 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper Why don't we set the scene by discussing the soils & gardens of Pittsburgh, PA, first? #groundchat

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185 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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186 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper very graciously stepped in as guest host on #groundchat when Kirk R Brown couldn't make it. TYVM, Daniel!

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187 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

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188 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@cityslipper is a garden writer & speaker (& a bona fide @GardenWriters member) He blogs at <http://t.co/YvUn9v4xGw>. #groundchat

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189 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper guest hosts today's #groundchat

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190 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

#groundchat is highlighting @GardenWriters #gwa14 symposium in Pittsburgh, PA Aug 8- 11 as well as the soils & gardens of Pittsburgh, PA

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191 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

We have a very special #groundchat today! A two for one!

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192 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Great! RT @cityslipper: Always glad to see you online or in person! See you on the floor (and elsewhere) at #GWA14! #groundchat

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193 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@jchapstk Hi, Jeavonna! Hoping to connect with you in person when we deliver my daughter to college. #groundchat

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194 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Jump on <http://t.co/nmAjBmchb4> to follow the conversation on #groundchat

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195 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Welcome, Jea! RT @jchapstk #groundchat Hello, everyone. Happy Friday

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196 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Good luck (I know you don't need it) RT @CoronaTools @CristinaGardens will be ready to send off my hand out shortly #groundchat

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197 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Great temps! RT @cityslipper 75F and gorgeous in Ithaca, NY (which may be zone 5?). I'm not at home today for #groundchat

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198 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools Great temps! and it's dry heat...so super pleasant. Lovely CA!!
#groundchat

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200 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

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201 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens I am enjoying these last few days in Corona, CA Temps in low
80Fs. Usually 20F+ by now #groundchat

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202 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Nice! RT @FredJaicks 78F and clear here in Zone 9B Yuba City, CA. #groundchat

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203 Daniel Gasteiger @cityslipper

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools Always glad to see you online or in person! See you on the floor (and elsewhere) at #GWA14! #groundchat

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204 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Hey, hey it's the man of the hour! RT @cityslipper Crazy busy leading up to the #GWA14 Symposium! #groundchat

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205 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

If you are joining us for today, give us a shoutout and let us know where you are tweeting from & what your weather is like. #groundchat

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206 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Gr8 to tweet w/ you Daniel! Seems like ages...hope all is well RT @cityslipper: Crazy busy leading up to the #GWA14 Symposium! #groundchat

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207 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Today is D-day! RT @CoronaTools @CristinaGardens I am finalizing my panel handout after #groundchat

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208 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools You go all out at #GWA14! Garden writers are always happy to see you. #groundchat

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209 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

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210 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

It's a sunny summer day in Brampton, Ontario. Zone 5. Temps 28C (82F) #groundchat

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211 Fred Jaicks @FredJaicks

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens @CoronaTools Looking forward to it! #groundchat

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212 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens between exhibiting, speaking and planning a tweetup, I am ready for a vacation after #GWA14 #groundchat

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213 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools Me too. I sent the handouts for my panel yesterday. And of course working on today's #gwa14 #groundchat

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214 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

Glad you could make it RT @CoronaTools Excellent! So glad I could sit in this week! #groundchat

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215 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

@CristinaGardens ironically I am crazy busy getting for #GWA14 #groundchat

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216 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

@CoronaTools @FredJaicks Welcome to #groundchat! It's an exciting chat today.

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217 Corona Tools @CoronaTools

July 18, 2014

Excellent! So glad I could sit in this week! RT @CristinaGardens: It's 2 pm. Time for another great topic and discussion on #groundchat

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218 Cristina da Silva @CristinaGardens

July 18, 2014

1 min to go! RT @CoronaTools I know...can hardly wait :) RT @FredJaicks: Almost #groundchat time!

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July 18, 2014

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