



Marvelous Quotes about Gardening

"I'm not really a career person. I'm a gardener, basically."

— *George Harrison*

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."

— *Abraham Lincoln*

"I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers."

— *Claude Monet*

"To dig one's own spade into one's own earth! Has life anything better to offer than this?"

- *Beverley Nichols*

"The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies."

— *Gertrude Jekyll*

"A garden is never so good as it will be next year."

— *Thomas Cooper*

"The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something for the good of the world."

— *Vita Sackville-West*

"Earth laughs in flower."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden."

— *Thomas Jefferson*

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."

— *Janet Kilburn Phillips*

"In joy or sadness, flowers are our constant friends."

— *Kozuko Okakura*

"Flowers are beautiful hieroglyphics of nature, with which she indicates how much she loves us."

— *Wolfgang von Goethe*

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous."

— *Aristotle*

"Don't grumble that roses have thorns, be thankful that thorns have roses."

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet." -

-*William Shakespeare*

"When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, There is always the garden."

— *Minnie Aumonier*

"Nature, to be commanded, must be obeyed."

— *Francis Bacon*

"I have never had so many good ideas day after day as when I worked in the garden."

— *John Erskine*

"But each spring...a gardening instinct, sure as the sap rising in the trees, stirs within us. We look about and decide to tame another little bit of ground."

— *Lewis Gantt*

“What is a weed? A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.”

— *Emerson*

“Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders.”

— *Henry David Thoreau*

“Gardening is the purest of human pleasures.”

— *Francis Bacon*

“Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made, and forgot to put a soul into.”

— *Henry Beecher*

“Though an old man, I am but a young gardener.”

— *Thomas Jefferson*

“Nothing is more the child of art than a garden.”

— *Sir Walter Scott*

“God almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.”

— *Francis Bacon*

“There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence.”

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Bread feeds the body, indeed, but flowers feed also the soul.”

— *The Koran*

“A garden is a delight to the eye and a solace for the soul.”

— *Sadi*

“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

— *Marcel Proust*

“So many seeds — so little time.”

“Where but in a garden do summer hours pass so quickly?”

“It is a greater act of faith to plant a bulb than to plant a tree.”

— *Clare Leighton*

“All my hurts my garden spade can heal.”

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Gardeners, I think, dream bigger dreams than Emperor’s.”

— *Mary Cantwell*

“All gardeners know better than other gardeners.”

— *Chinese Proverb*

“God gave us memories that we may have roses in December.”

— *J. M. Barrie*

“The trouble with gardening is that it does not remain an avocation. It becomes an obsession.” -

— *Phyllis McGinley*

“All the wars of the world, all the Caesars, have not the staying power of a lily in a cottage garden.”

— *Reginald Farrer*

And I saved the the best quote for northern gardeners for last:

“The fair-weather gardener, who will do nothing except when the wind and weather and everything else are favorable, is never master of his craft.”-

— *Henry Ellacombe*

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