

Gardens are a form of autobiography.
~ Sydney Eddison

No two gardens are the same. No two days
are the same in one garden.
— Hugh Johnson

Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and for the
soul.
— Linda Solegato

Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.

~ Lindley Karstens

**You can bury a lot of troubles
digging in the dirt.**

~ Author Unknown

**Show me your garden and I
shall tell you what you are.
— Alfred Austin**

Gardening is the art that uses
flowers and plants as paint, and
the soil and sky as canvas.
— Elizabeth Murray

**I was determined to know beans.
~ Henry David Thoreau, in *Walden***

**Gardening requires lots of
water — most of it in the form
of perspiration.
— Lou Erickson**

**One touch of Nature makes the whole world kin.
— Shakespeare**

**To forget how to dig the earth and to
tend the soil is to forget ourselves.
~ Mohandas K. Gandhi**

**It is a golden maxim to cultivate
the garden for the nose, and the
eyes will take care of themselves.
— Robert Louis Stevenson**

No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden. Such a variety of subjects, some one always coming to perfection, the failure of one thing repaired by the success of another, and instead of one harvest a continued one through the year.

~ **Thomas Jefferson**

May our heart's garden of awakening
bloom with hundreds of flowers.

— Thich Nhat Hanh

**Though an old man I am but a
young gardener.**

~ Thomas Jefferson

**There are two lasting bequests we can give our
children: one is roots, the other is wings.**

— Hodding Carter, Jr.

There is a garden in every childhood,
an enchanted place where colors are
brighter, the air softer, and the morning
more fragrant than ever again.

— Elizabeth Lawrence

**Every child is born a naturalist. His eyes are, by
nature, open to the glories of the stars, the beauty of
the flowers, and the mystery of life.**

— R. Search

Usually children spend more time in the garden than anybody else. It is where they learn about the world, because they can be in it unsupervised, yet protected. Some gardeners will remember from their own earliest recollections that no one sees the garden as vividly, or cares about it as passionately, as the child who grows up in it.

— Carol Williams, *Bringing a Garden to Life*

A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another. If these minds love one another, the home will be as beautiful as a flower garden. But if these minds get out of harmony with one another, it is like a storm that plays havoc with the garden.

— Buddha

**The proper role of intelligence in a planetary ecology is that of gardener, caregiver and maintainer of balance.
~ Terrence McKenna**

**Kind hearts are the garden,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossom,
Kind deeds are the fruits.
— John Ruskin**

IF YOU HAVE A GARDEN AND A
LIBRARY, YOU HAVE EVERYTHING
YOU NEED.

— MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO,
ROMAN PHILOSOPHER

The best fertilizer is the farmer's
shadow.

— An old saying

*Plant your own garden and decorate your
own soul, instead of waiting for someone
to bring you flowers.*

— Veronica Shoffstall

**Teaching children about healthy eating and
where our food comes from is just as valuable
as teaching them how to read and write.**

— Christine Quinn

If people can grow safe, healthy, affordable food, if they have access to land and clean water, this is transformative on every level in a community. I believe we cannot have healthy communities without a healthy food system.

— Will Allen