

QUOTES ABOUT MONET AND GIVERNY

“What could be said about me...a man to whom only his painting matters? And of course his garden and his flowers as well.” ~ Monet

“I work at my garden all the time and with love. What I need most are flowers, always. My heart is forever in Giverny.” ~ Monet

“The light constantly changes, and that alters the atmosphere and beauty of things every minute.” ~ Monet

“My garden is a slow work, pursued with love and I do not deny that I am proud of it. Forty years ago, when I established myself here, there was nothing but a farmhouse and a poor orchard...I bought the house and little by little I enlarged and organized it...I dug, planted, weeded, myself; in the evenings the children watered.” ~ Monet

“Pictures aren’t made out of doctrines. Since the appearance of impressionism, the official salons, which used to be brown, have become blue, green, and red...But peppermint or chocolate, they are still confections.” ~ Monet

“Gardening was something I learned in my youth when I was unhappy. I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers.” ~ Monet

“What I need most of all is color, always, always.” ~ Monet

“Nature never stops.” ~ Monet

“Monet’s garden must be included with his works, because he combined the magic of an adaptation of nature with the work of a painter of light. An extension of the studio into the open air, with color tones lavishly spread out on all sides to exercise the eye with seductive vibrations, from which a feverishly aroused retina expects unquenchable joy.”

~Georges Clemenceau

“After having seen Claude Monet in his garden, one may better understand how such a gardener became a great painter. This prodigious man is a fervent admirer of life. And when he paints, it is a means for him to create living beauty” ~Maurice Kahn