

20 Things Learned from TIEG

- 1. Gardeners come in all ages, from all professions and speak many languages.**



- 2. Gardeners love all living things. They have so many pets and bird houses!**



3. Gardeners' lives are just as filled by life's joys and woes as those of others. Their gardens bring them peace.



4. Beauty can be found in any season in any part of the world.



5. A garden club buddy often knows more about your plant than the person who sold it to you.



6. Gardeners care profoundly about the environment beyond their gardens and are deeply concerned about wise use of water and ecological planting.



7. Beautiful gardens come in all sizes.



8. Gardeners are daring and creative, willing to try something new. They will build a greenhouse or arbor, construct a stone wall, try growing the elusive blue poppy and so much more! You can tell a gardener by checking out his or her fingernails.



9. Gardeners are often good cooks, enjoying fresh produce from their gardens.



10. Researching a plant before trying it makes good sense. Not all gardeners have good sense though and can't resist that wonderful plant as soon as they see it.



11. Gardeners wear bizarre clothing for their work and would rather spend money on mulch, tools, plants or garden gloves.



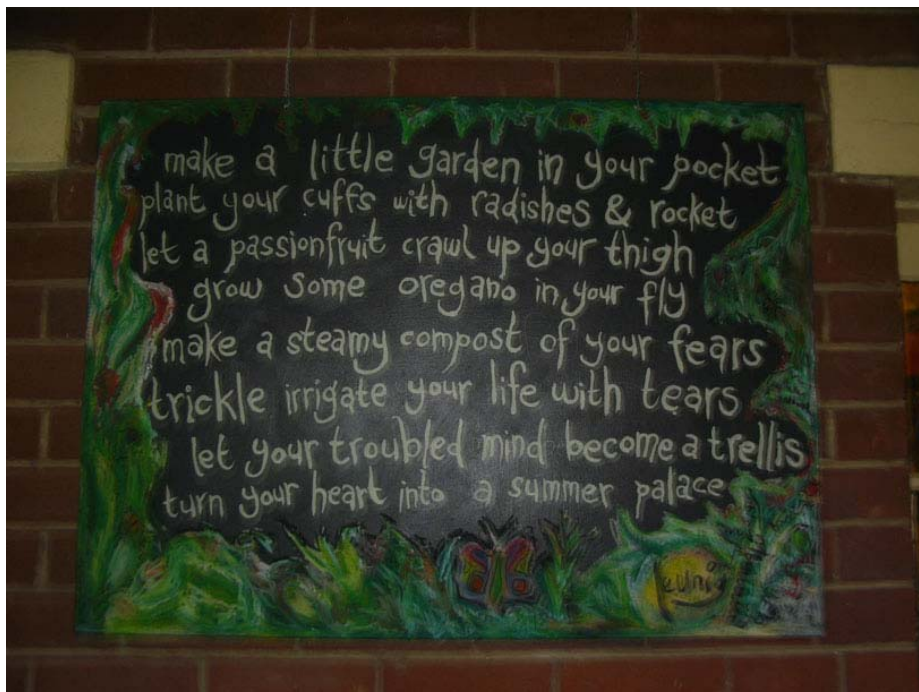
12. No matter how rich or poor, a garden friend will mail seed at his own expense because he needs to share beauty all around.



13. Travel and holidays: To garden club buddies this usually means scouting out new gardens and nurseries to share with garden friends on the web.



14. Gardeners are a thoughtful and romantic lot. Many of you will instantly recall valentine in the snow, films that made your cry, lush bouquets, messages in the sand, sunsets and moonlit nights.



15. A truck load of aged manure makes a memorable gift and a happy gardener.



16. Gardeners pay extraordinary attention to detail: light, texture, color and form.



17. There is no cure for plant addiction.



18. A garden is never complete. Have you finished yours?



19. Gardening is food for the soul.



20. Sharing garden thoughts with friends is bliss. Let it continue!

