

Janet Macunovich Quotes

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Summer, Knows, Killers, Design, Opportunity, Self Esteem, Baby, Way, Bigs*

Be pleased with your real garden, don't pursue the perfection of a picture. What you see in a photo lasted only as long as the shutter snap.

~Janet Macunovich

If you cut a shrub back because it's just too big, and it dies, you haven't lost anything but a plant that couldn't live by your rules.

~Janet Macunovich

We blame Walt Disney for goldenrod's undeserved bad name. Despite Sneezzy's pronouncement, plants such as goldenrod with heavy, insect-carried pollen rarely cause allergic reaction.

~Janet Macunovich

Don't design your back yard from the outside looking in. Design from your window looking out.

~Janet Macunovich

Gardeners often focus exclusively on plants, missing the absolutely essential visual role played by structures, from paths to pavilions.

~Janet Macunovich

I don't rely on muscle power to dig, I use a sharp spade and I wear boots.

~Janet Macunovich

We think we learn by growing a plant but we can't know if it's just surviving or truly living? We really don't know anything about a plant until we kill it.

~Janet Macunovich

There's no "right way" to garden, only what suits each person and place.

~Janet Macunovich

Happiness comes from growing what thrives, not merely survives.

~Janet Macunovich

History is everything in gardening: With a site, weather, a particular plant. It solves mysteries. And it's why, when others say, "You can't do that!" you can know with deepest certainty that you can.

~Janet Macunovich

If a bush is too big, don't ask "should I?" Go ahead and cut it. If it lives, great. If it dies, replace it with something better suited!

~Janet Macunovich

Gardeners in regions with very long summer days have a great opportunity, and should use more of the cool colors that literally glow in the low light of morning and evening.

~Janet Macunovich

Low care is what we do while on our knees. Smart care is what makes the growing easier.

~Janet Macunovich

You can put a gardener behind the wheel, but you can't keep her eyes off the landscape.

~Janet Macunovich

If someone says "You're not doing that right," hand him the shovel, sit and watch. That's the right way to garden.

~Janet Macunovich

Gardeners do first, read later. Why not? Plants are very gracious in accepting an apology.

~Janet Macunovich

Silly gardeners! We buy pretty, comfortable benches and position them

oh so carefully. But does the gardener ever sit? No! We perch momentarily and then jump up to do that next thing we see.

~Janet Macunovich

The best gardener is a baby killer. Baby insects are much easier to kill than adults, and haven't yet developed the big mouths and voracious appetite of the adolescent.

~Janet Macunovich

The very best garden is a new one, on virgin ground. Plants leap out of that spot.

~Janet Macunovich

Watch out for trees and traffic. The change is slow, the impact great, yet we miss the one and mistake the other.

~Janet Macunovich

Take my last best advice: Try everything twice!

~Janet Macunovich

I have heard people say, "I garden in lieu of therapy, but therapy would be cheaper." I believe gardening's worth the price since it's at least as effective in curing head and heart of what ails us.

~Janet Macunovich

Wood's not natural mulch for a woodland garden. Do you see forest trees shatter into a zillion pieces and fall? No. They fall, then decompose, then spread.

~Janet Macunovich

There are far too many self esteem problems in the world as it is. No sense taking on plant guilt, too.

~Janet Macunovich

A colorful handle on a tool does nothing for me. Once it drops into that jungle out there, unless it's absolutely huge, it's gone until fall.

~Janet Macunovich

You don't know the plant until you've killed it. Then you've learned something.

~Janet Macunovich

When many plants are out of the picture in winter, it becomes clear that many of them should be pitched out. It's also much easier to do that before they come up and begin to talk to us.

~Janet Macunovich

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