

Oscar-Claude Monet

Monet was born in Paris on December 14, 1840 though when he was still a child he moved to LeHarve. When Monet was a child he never took school seriously. He began to draw caricature pictures in the side of his book. He started to do this very well and then started to draw caricatures of the people in his town, LeHarve.

In 1858 he met up with Eugene Boudin who had encouraged Monet to go further than caricature portraits and explore a little. He took his advice after seeing the wisdom of the man and began exploring nature's colors and forms.

Later in 1861 he entered the calvary regiment of the military and traveled to Algeria. In 1862 he returned to Paris and began his artistic work in Gleyre's studio. His family did not wish for him to go to this place but he went against their requests. He later decided to go to work with Jongkind and

Boudin in Honfleur and it was there where he began to emphasize the atmospheric appearance of landscapes.

In 1863 Monet discovered Manet's painting and had painted "en plein air" in the Fontainebleau forest. In 1867 Monet's first child was born and he was named Jean Monet while Monet was in Sainte-Adresse. For some reason Monet tried to commit suicide. He received a pension from Mr. Gaudibert and he painted in Fecamp and Etretat. Also in 1870 he married Camille and then in 1871 his father died. In 1878 Monet's second son was born and this time they named him Michel Monet. Monet and his family settle at Vetheuil in the company of the family Hoschede. Just nine years after his wife and him got married Camille died. Then in 1881 his family and him move to Poissy.

In 1892 Monet painted another one of his masterpieces and married Alice. In 1900 Monet painted several pictures of the Japanese bridge. He also took many trips to London and painted views of the Thames. In 1907 Monet had his first

problems with his eyesight. Sadly his other wife Alice dies in 1911 and his oldest son Jean dies in 1914. In 1916 Monet builds his own studio in Giverny. In 1923 Monet nearly became blind so he had surgery and his sight improved. In February of 1926 Monet is still painting but the on December 5 1926 Monet dies from Lung Cancer.

Monet is one of the most remembered artists and he will forever be my favorite!