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A Perfect Setting

The ultimate destination for landscape design in the Hamptons, the new Bridgehampton headquarters of Unlimited Earth Care. Gifted landscape designer Frederico Azevedo, who has received international acclaim for the careful attention to detail and well-informed eclecticism of his numerous garden installations, has created a new headquarters to showcase these talents in his office and showroom in a dramatically converted service station in Bridgehampton.

Mr. Azevedo redesigned and reinterpreted the long-vacant service station which, though prominently located, had over decades fallen into advanced disrepair. The transformation has been nothing short of miraculous. Mr. Azevedo designed the renovated building to resemble an updated version of a 19th century barn. To achieve this effect, the exterior walls were covered with white washed cedar planks and the roof was rebuilt with a steep slope topped with an open cupola and then entirely sheathed in metal. To add an updated element to the exterior, the front facade was set off with two matching nine-foot-wide windows framing outdoor reflecting fountains. The overall look is dramatic yet also very much in harmony with the unassuming and rustic feel of the surrounding area. The addition of large arborvitae and evergreen hedges

as well as seasonal plantings will add the final grace note to the dynamic exterior.

Upon entering the building, attention is immediately drawn to the sweeping scale of the main concept store located to the left of the entrance. The interior space was designed by Mr. Azevedo in two parts –in addition to the expansive concept store, the first floor is occupied by an office and drafting room, and Mr. Azevedo's private office and a conference room look out over the first floor. The showroom features a double-height ceiling in the Scandinavian style, covered in stained planks which echo the design of the building's exterior walls. The second

floor office overlooks the showroom through a large glass gallery window which also helps to infuse the upper floor with bright light. Through this gallery, visitors can view the state-of-the-art video installation located in the showroom below, featuring a film produced by video artist Tamako Okamura about the career and projects of Mr. Azevedo.

At Unlimited Earth Care Mr. Azevedo realized his version of combining the rustic with the ultramodern, applying the same philosophy to the design of the interior as he applies to his garden and landscape designs, form, texture, scale, color, and line interact in harmony,

and every detail is integral and not superfluous. Through Mr. Azevedo's international travels and lifelong experience, he has developed an appreciation for clean lines and bold styles in furnishings and accessories. The space is furnished with pieces from Phillippe Starck, Charles Eames and Norman Foster, custom pieces from Italian designer Orietta d'Armi, and Venetian glass chandeliers. The ultramodern furnishings perfectly offset the rustic details featured in the interior, including stained and polished concrete floors downstairs and upstairs floors and walls covered in antique barn lumber.

The Unlimited Earth Care office and showroom is a landmark Hamptons design destination. It is open Monday through Saturday. Telephone: (631) 725-7551. www.unlimitedearthcare.com



