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# The Natural Appeal of Frederico Azevedo's Sustainable Landscape Design



Frederico Azevedo's landscape designs and gardens are living examples of beauty outdoors, but they're also visible in other ways. Work by Azevedo, a master of the art of landscape design, has appeared in numerous magazines, on television, in galleries and in books. They are works of art that transform with time, bringing out new, beautiful images as seasons change.

"I've always designed year-round landscapes," says Azevedo, a member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, the American Horticultural Society and the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons, whose work has won numerous awards. "It's an important part of sustainable gardening, and it's one of the ways I design properties for my clients that feel almost spontaneous."

On creating landscapes that maintain an appeal in the winter months, although very different from the palette during warmer seasons, Azevedo adds, "I often use varying hues and textures of evergreens to build gradual layers and create views that are as dramatic from the patio as they are from inside the house."

Landscapes can look like living paintings, and Azevedo seems to use plants and color almost like brushstrokes, giving an artistic appeal al fresco.

Among the region's best-known landscape and garden designers, he says he's



loved nature and gardening since his childhood in Brazil. He studied garden and landscape design in England before moving to the United States.

"I founded my firm, Unlimited Earth Care, after falling in love with the incredible environments in the Hamptons," Azevedo says of the company he launched in 1993 and expanded over the years.

In May, Azevedo and Unlimited Earth Care opened The Garden Market, a plant and flower store in a new, mod-

ern structure next to Unlimited Earth Care's Bridgehampton headquarters, offering a "curated selection of native and well-adapted plants, flowers, herbs and shrubs." It is next door to the Garden Concept Store, Azevedo's store that sells unique garden accessories, planters, outdoor furniture and objets d'art.

He views landscape design as a kind of living art form, "using plants and flowers and applying careful, deliberate planning to a space that in the end feels spontaneous and alive."

Azevedo's company, Unlimited Earth Care, offers landscape design, installation, maintenance, lawn care, irrigation and other landscaping services. As people spend more time at home, he knows they'll want a landscape that is beautiful and useful.

"I've always designed spaces that expanded life outdoors by creating dining and living spaces among the flowers and butterflies," he continues. "And this year people are looking to do that in a sustainable way."

Azevedo says amid the pandemic, "people began to look around at the space they had and realize they weren't making the most of it." It was as if people woke up to the potential of their landscape and the "impact having an intentional garden or landscape can make."

"I also had clients experience their gardens in the winter and spring for the first time," he says. "So it was wonderful to hear how happy it made them to watch their cherry trees blossom or see snow fall around their evergreens."

In addition to his landscapes, and the articles and photographs of his work, you can see his designs in Bloom: The Luminous Gardens of Frederico Azevedo, available on Amazon and from Pointed Leaf Press.



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