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VISIONS OF A LANDSCAPE DESIGN LUMINARY

RENOWNED HAMPTONS LANDSCAPE DESIGNER FREDERICO AZEVEDO HAS HAD A BANNER YEAR, WITH THE RELEASE OF HIS BOOK, *BLOOM*, BY POINTED LEAF PRESS.

AZEVEDO IS NOW GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT LEG OF HIS INTERNATIONAL BOOK TOUR, AS WELL AS FOR PREPARING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF AUTUMN.

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Take a seat on a lovely old bench

What does the fall season mean for Unlimited Earth Care?

Fall is a very busy time for us. My team and I are out on every property, checking in on the soil after summer, installing evergreens for winter, and of course planting bulbs to make sure there's a fresh, colorful design in the spring.

What are some misconceptions about landscaping and gardening during the fall?

One misconception I've heard is that some gardens don't have the space for bulbs, but that's not true; gardens can actually hold many more bulbs than you'd expect. Another misconception is gardens with deer should avoid bulbs, but alliums are also a bulb in the onion family. Alliums have a strong taste, so deer don't eat them, and it has a spherical, lilac-colored bloom that brings a striking, geometric element to a garden.

What excites you most about fall in the Hamptons?

For many, the end of summer is the end of their season, but for me it's only the beginning of fall. The beginning of "another" Hamptons, where the air is fantastically crisp, and the leaves move through their subdued oranges and fiery reds—I'm quite looking forward to it. For nature lovers, fall in the Hamptons can rival even its famous summers.

What are your favorite fall plantings?

Fall is the time to plant spring bulbs—crocus, daffodils, tulips. These are all usually replanted every fall, which gives me an opportunity to reimagine the colors and themes of the spring garden every year.

How can Hamptons homeowners prepare their properties for the colder weather?

Fall is the time to prepare the soil for spring, while it's cooling off from summer, and plant bulbs, and some Asiatic lilies, such as the stunning Casablanca lily.

Fall is also the best time to plant evergreen trees and shrubs. These keep color in the landscape through winter, and evergreens planted in the fall really thrive. Draining and clearing residual water to protect pipes from freezing in irrigation systems is important. So is winterizing the plantings, which means cutting back perennials, pruning shrubs and trees, adding a few inches of compost, and filling gaps that may have occurred over the summer. Taking advantage of the fall to care for your garden will ensure everything looks neat in the winter and stays healthy throughout the year.

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