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Pool Extravaganza

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LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS

Frederico Azevedo (Unlimited Earth Care, Bridgehampton, 631.725.7551, www.unlimitedearthcare.com). "I'm from Brazil, so I'm totally influenced by the modern design and architecture of Roberto Burle Marx," says Azevedo, who achieves an elegant simplicity through the repetition of color, texture and shape. "I'm always searching for what is happening next—new designs, new plant combinations, different layouts and alternatives to execute my landscaping design work."

Alec Gunn (Gunn Landscapes, 212.988.7065, www.gunnlandscapes.com). Gunn's distinctive "contemporary" landscapes are like novels: They have a compelling plot, complete with beginning, middle and end. "My work is distilled to the elements," he says. "It's not the Hamptons cliché." Gunn is now creating a master plan for a five-acre compound in Bridgehampton.

Christopher LaGuardia (LaGuardia Design, Water Mill, 631.726.1403, www.laguardiadesign.com). LaGuardia, a landscape architect and the former partner of star

architect Norman Jaffe, is sought by noted architects to develop country-estate designs. "We strive for a coherence that reflects the owner's lifestyle, and we insist upon the best contractors and materials," he says, adding that his clientele includes celebrities and high-powered executives. "A lot of these houses are like resorts, and the site plans reflect this."

Craig Socia (Craig James Socia, East Hampton, 631.324.8741, www.craigsocia.com). Socia's landscapes often incorporate his signature rustic twig-motif pergolas, gates, arbors, fencing and furniture. The designer also offers full-time year-round maintenance contracts to assure that the garden is always in top shape.

Greg Yale and Nathan Orsman (Greg Yale Associates Illumination, Southampton, 631.287.2132, www.gregyale.com). This pioneer in the field of landscape lighting now also focuses on illuminating interiors, sculptures and art to create magical and memorable settings. Mimicking moonlight is a specialty.

Craig Socia, who is based in East Hampton, often includes twig furniture in his landscaping and offers year-round garden maintenance.