

The big day



WHERE: La Borriana,
Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy
WHEN: June 2006
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Landi & Mark

HOW THEY MET

It was the Mark's accent that first intrigued Landi! The couple met at a local pub in North Carolina when they were introduced by a mutual friend. Landi recognised Mark's accent – they are both from Canada – and was interested to find out why he was in America too

THE PROPOSAL

Mark proposed to Landi in 2005, in the gardens of the Duke Mansion in Charlotte, North Carolina

SHE WORE

Landi looked so elegant in her simple ivory full-length, halterneck gown, with delicate ruched detail at the waist. She found her dress at a local bridal boutique, the Mecklenburg Bridal Gallery, in Charlotte (mecklenburgbridal.com). She completed her look with antique pearl drop earrings and white silk heels, the perfect finishing touches



HE WORE

Mark's smart black Hugo Boss suit was bought from Belk department store in Charlotte. He also wore an apple green tie from DKNY and white shirt by Burberry

THE BRIDESMAID

Wore an apple green, long, strapless gown, which matched their colour scheme. Mark's best man wore a black suit with apple green shirt, for a co-ordinated look, which we think looks fantastic!

THE FLOWERS

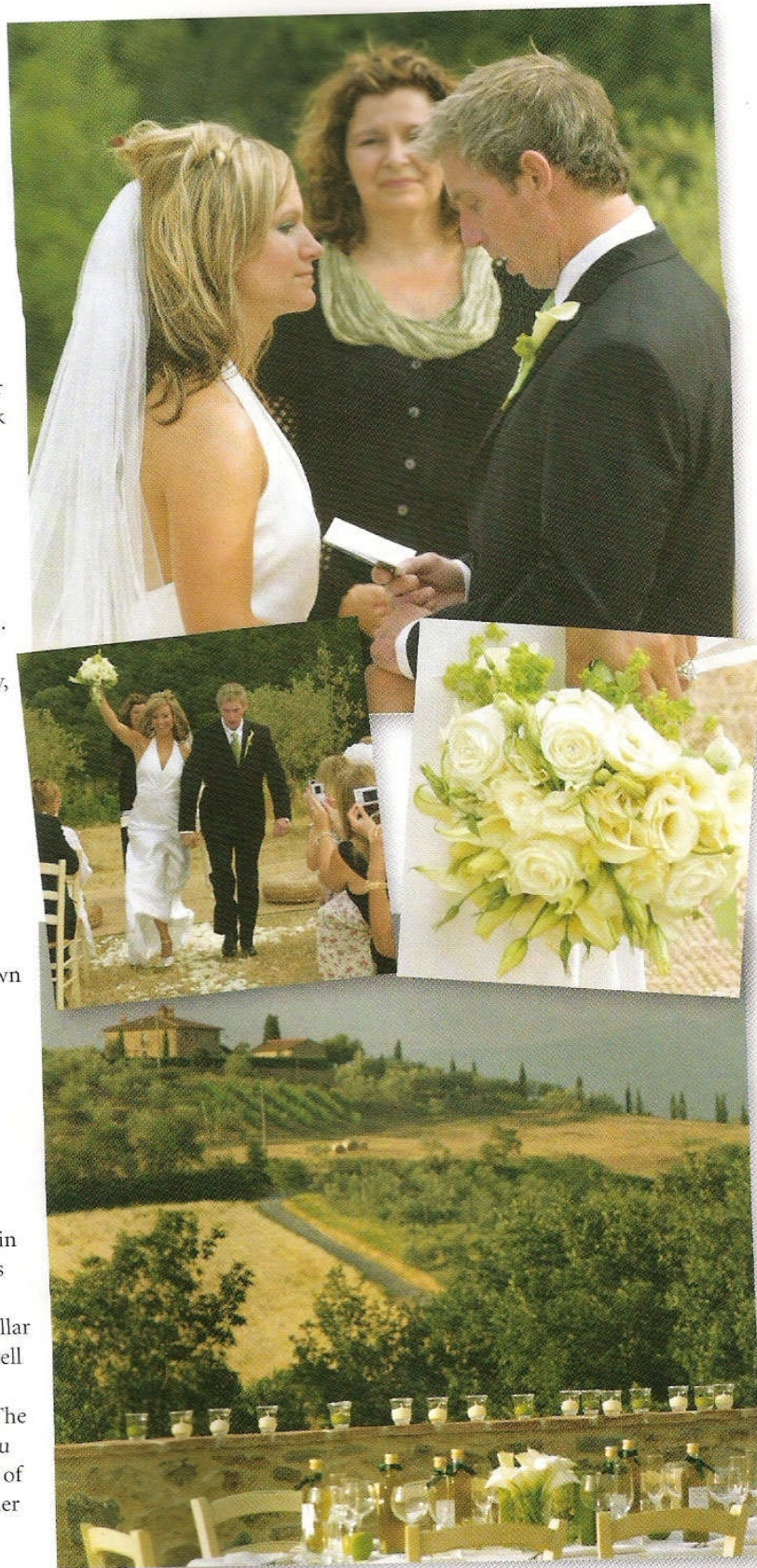
The florist was recommended to the couple through their wedding planner, Chiara from Weddings In Tuscany (weddingsintuscany.info). Landi's pretty bouquet featured white roses, calla lilies and greenery, and was tied with green ribbon

THE CEREMONY

The service, which took place in the olive grove at La Borriana, was especially created for the couple by the registrar, Jo Bertolini. The ceremony featured readings from Mark's sister and the couple's own vows. They were accompanied down the rose petal-strewn aisle by a string trio

THE RECEPTION

Took place at the same venue, a farmhouse set amidst the Tuscan countryside. The reception was held on the brick terrace and the walls were lined with 200 votives in ivory and green. The table centres were rectangular vases filled with white and green flowers, green pillar candles and floating votives, as well as some Granny Smith apples to match their apple green theme. The traditional Tuscan wedding menu was created by Ciro Marino, one of the couple's guests, with the owner of the venue, Alessandro Cocci



THE CAKE

Was made by a local bakery. Landi and Mark had a traditional Italian wedding cake of *millefoglie*, which uses puff pastry, custard cream and whipped cream – delicious!

THE FAVOURS

Their guests received bottles of olive oil, labelled with the wedding date and the couple's names. The olive oil was produced on site at La Borriana

THE THEME

Was simple but elegant, with candles and apples and a colour scheme of white and green to match the Tuscan countryside

SPECIAL MOMENT

The couple stayed apart the night before the big day, and Mark arranged for Landi to be serenaded at her hotel window by a musician – a fabulously romantic touch.

Bride's top tip



"I think the most important thing is to have someone there who you can trust, to ensure all the work is done and who will take great care with your big day. We will always be thankful that we found Chiara (weddingsintuscany.info), who helped us to achieve our perfect day. Also, having a destination wedding avoids a lot of trivial details and unnecessary expense."

