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## GRAPEVINE

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**Grapevine**, the English-language monthly magazine of Lucca Province, now in its 19th year, has selected the winners of its first Young Writers Award.

Tied for first place are Sofia Tomasi and Lorenzo Benedetti. Their articles were published in the December Grapevine. The presentation of these authors and the reading of their articles took place at ristorante/circolo culturale Il Geco, via M. Rosi 34, Lucca Centro Storico, on 15 December at 7 pm and on 4 January at 7 pm, with a cordial brindisi and snack by the fireside.

Honorable mention goes to Guendalina D'Amico ("Catching Autumn's Colours") and Sophie Bruce ("Holiday in Barga"). Their articles will be published by Grapevine in 2012.

We thank all the other writers for their submissions.

Grapevine collaborates with writers in both the English and Italian languages. The editors decided to hold the competition to encourage writers under 35 and to promote international communication.

In addition to publication and a cash prize, the two winners will receive a piece of custom-designed fine jewellery made to their specifications by Florentine goldsmith-designer Lucinda Handy. The artist is the grand-daughter of Oxford medievalist and author C. S. Lewis, famous for his *Chronicles of Narnia*, published between 1949 and 1954 and produced as films several years ago by Lucinda's father Douglas Gresham.

Grapevine is grateful to all its contributors, and looks forward to making the Young Writers Award a yearly event.

Best regards,  
Norma Jean Bishop

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## Second Annual Grapevine Award

For writers under 35, a cash award and publication will be offered for the best article (judged anonymously) suitable for publishing in *Grapevine*.

### Rules:

1. Submission by post or email (see page 3) before Nov. 15, 2012;
2. Length 400 to 900 words per article;
3. Must relate to Lucca (province) or its people;
4. Must be in English but can be a translation (if so, translator can share in the award);
5. Submissions in Italian translated by *Grapevine*, €25 fee;
6. All worthy articles will be considered for publication;
7. Publication will be before December 2013;
8. Submissions will not be returned;
9. Members of judges' families may not apply.