



The Official Mercedes Lackey &

Larry Dixon Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

I want to introduce you to two new members of my Heraldic Circle!

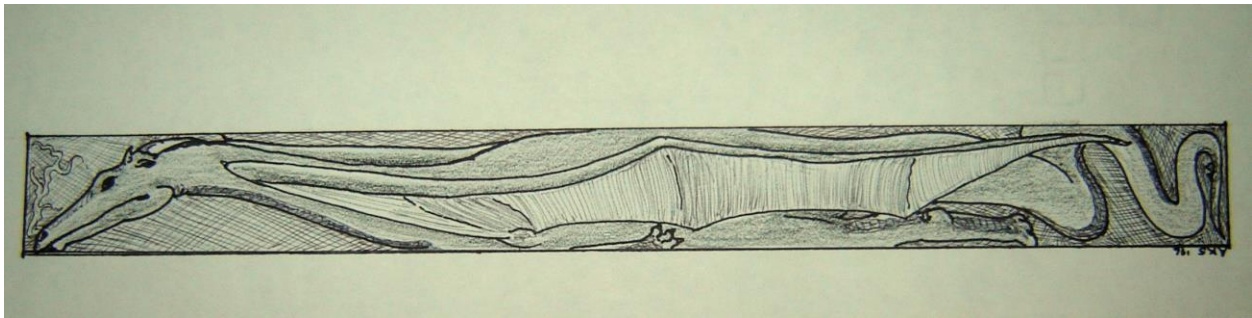
First up we have Herald Kit Sutter (Gregory Griffiths) as my new co-president! He will be handling incoming personas, so refer anyone who wants to join to him at rynok@yahoo.com.

Next, we have Herald Shayla (Sharon Emrich). Send her reviews of books, short stories, filk, cons, Ren Faires and anything else Misty. She is also collecting art for the newsletter. You can reach her at phooka_gal@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much to our intrepid volunteers for helping me keep the club running!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Heralds, Healers, Bards, Blues, Mercenaries, Tayledras, Shin'a'in, and White Winds Sorcerers/Sorceresses and instructions on how to work for Herald-Mage status if you are already a Herald or for a Kal'enedral if you are already a Shin'a'in. You can find these handouts online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>.

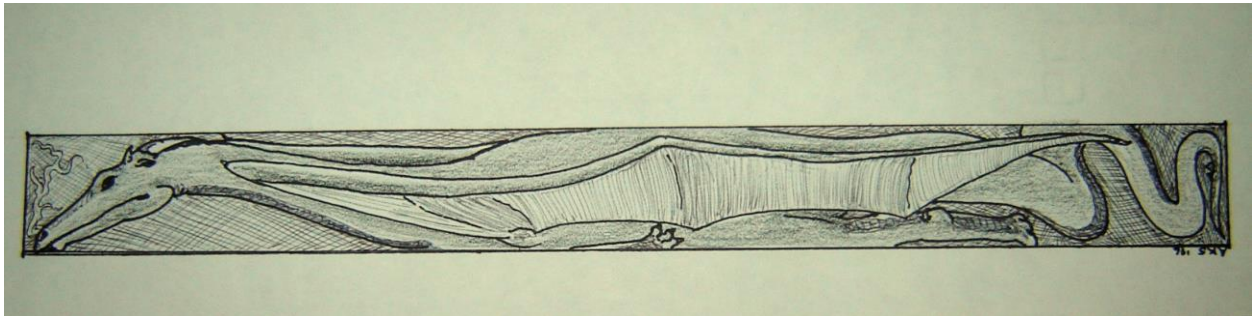
All personae materials should be submitted by e-mail to queensownnewsletter@gmail.com

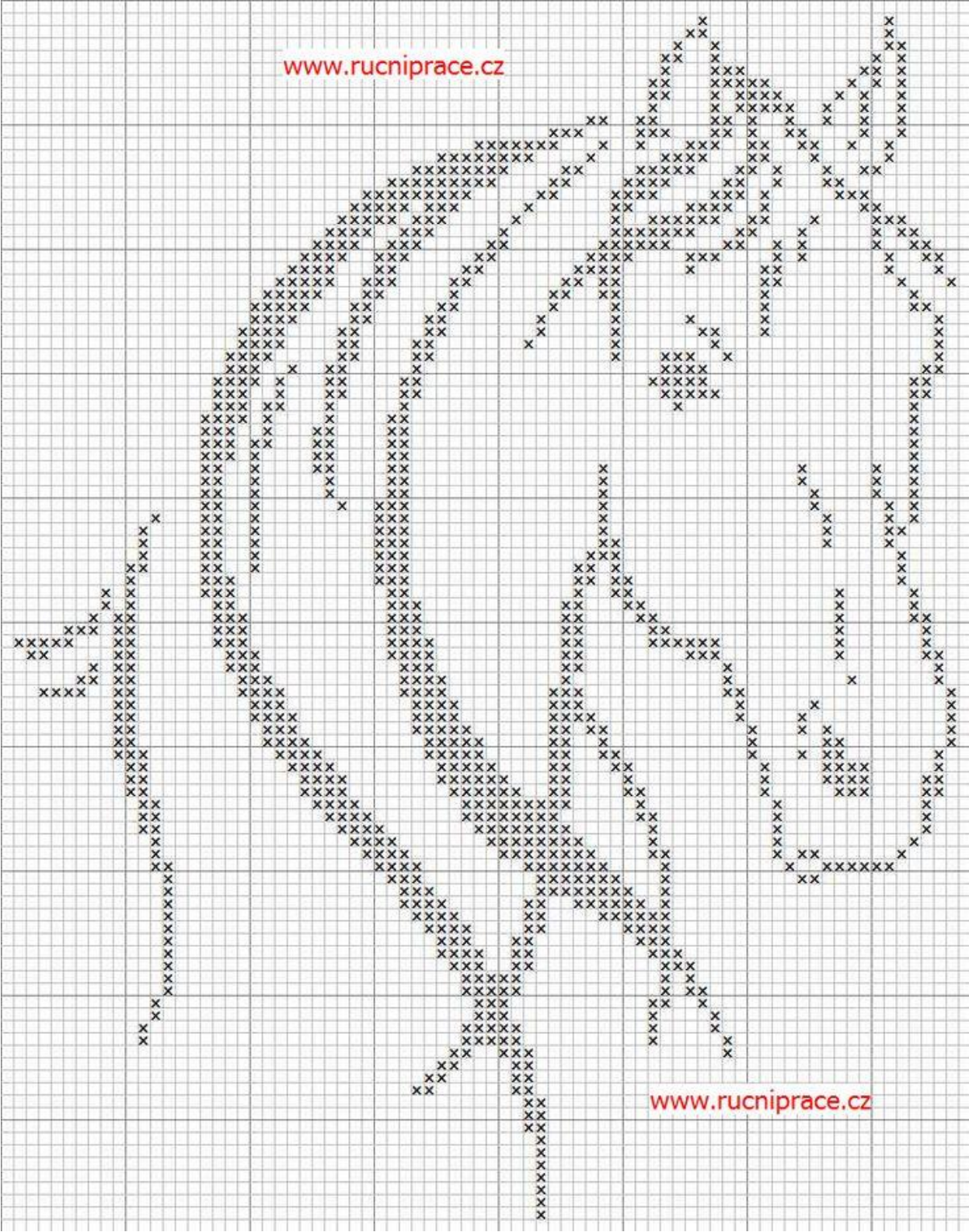
- No new persona to announce this season.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours one of them? Let us know!

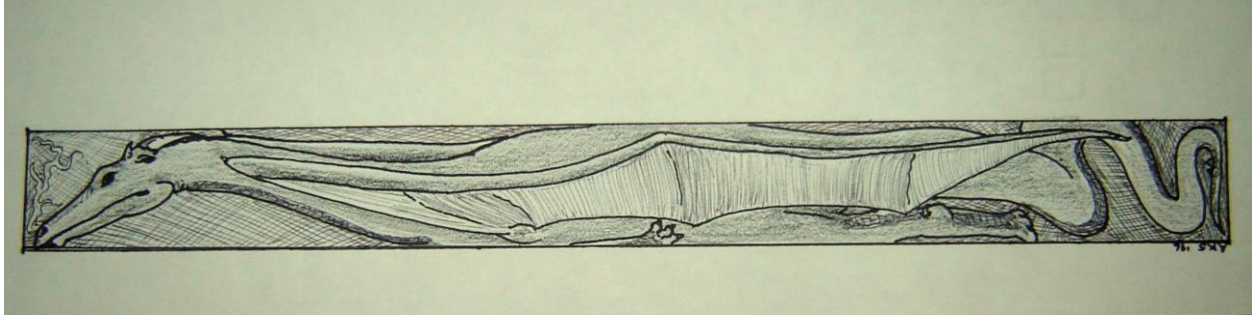
If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at Shashtah@gmail.com, and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

Special Perk! If you have a Facebook account, you can join the Secret Room to RP with your persona and to attend the QO RP events. **The QO RPs are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM PDT.** (Please note we do **NOT meet in November or December due to the holidays. Danya is willing to pop into the secret room for an unofficial session if you ask nicely and she has the time.**). You are cordially invited! If another time and date would work better, please let me know at shashtah@gmail.com. Attendance has been a bit sparse.





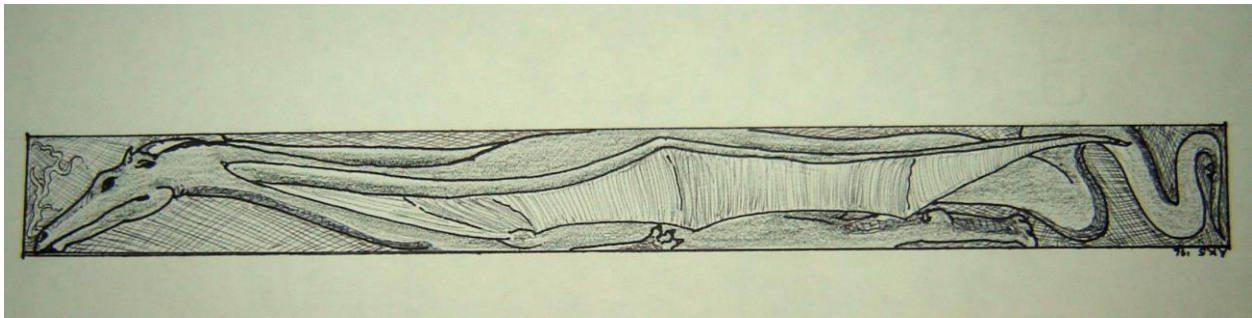
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Valdemar Merch Announcement

Misty and Larry have launched a new line of merch:

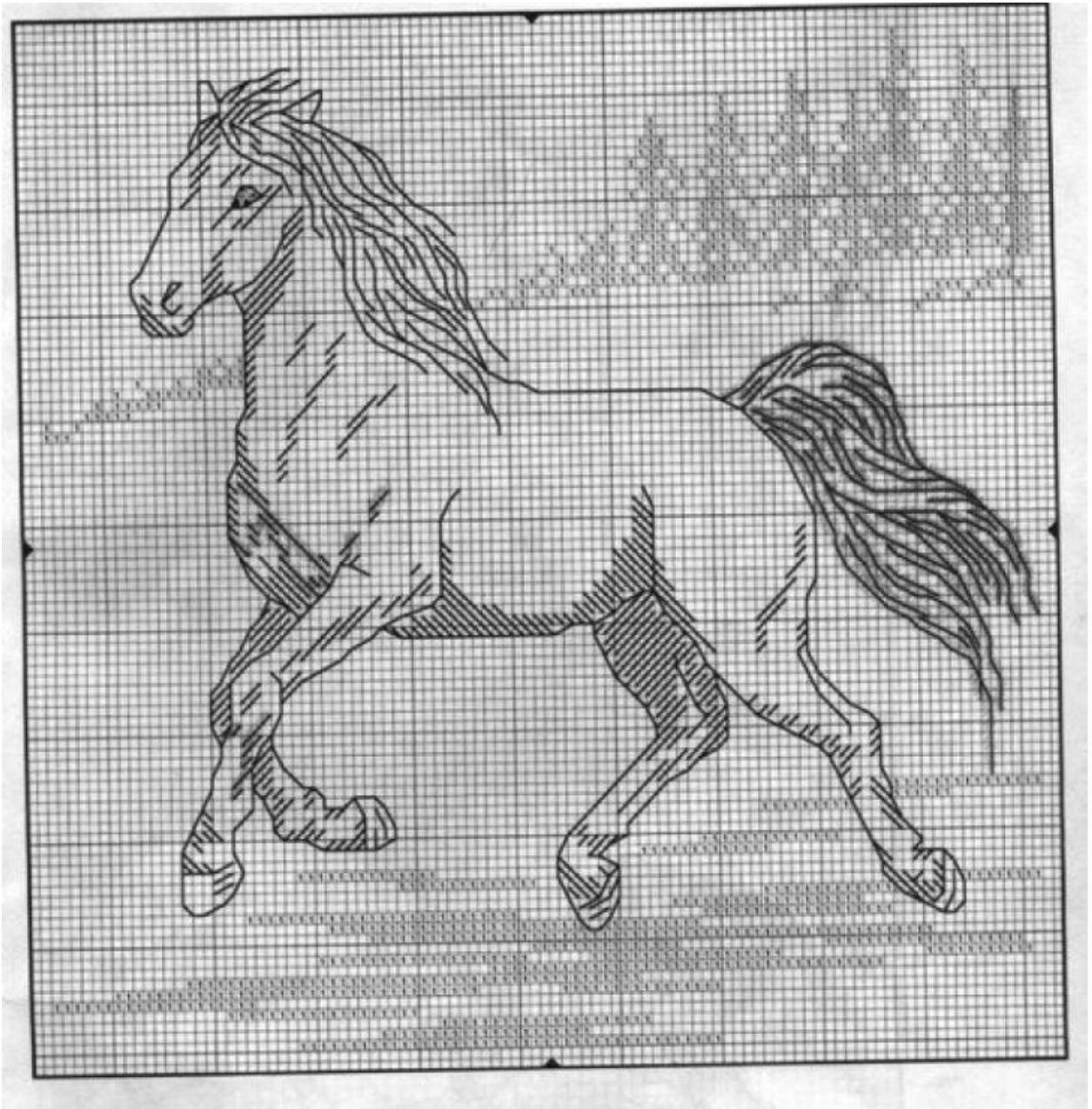
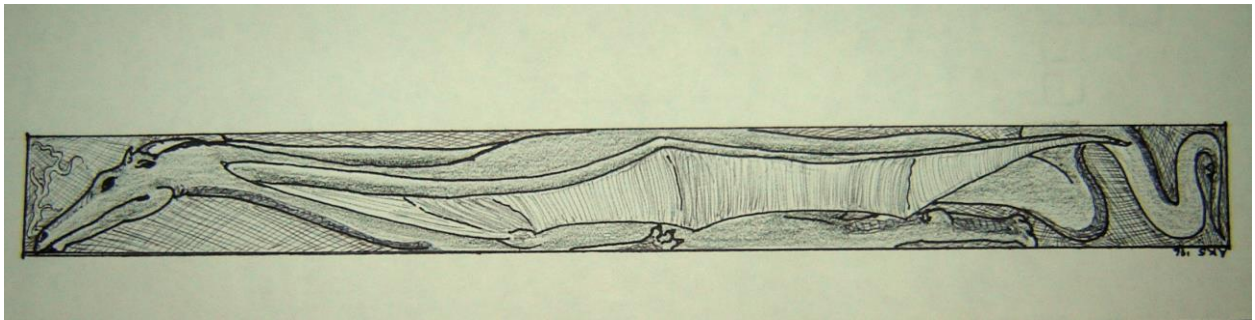
<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/zoe-crowdfunding/mercedes-lackeys-world-of-valdemar/description> Follow the link to sign up for notifications of updates to the site.



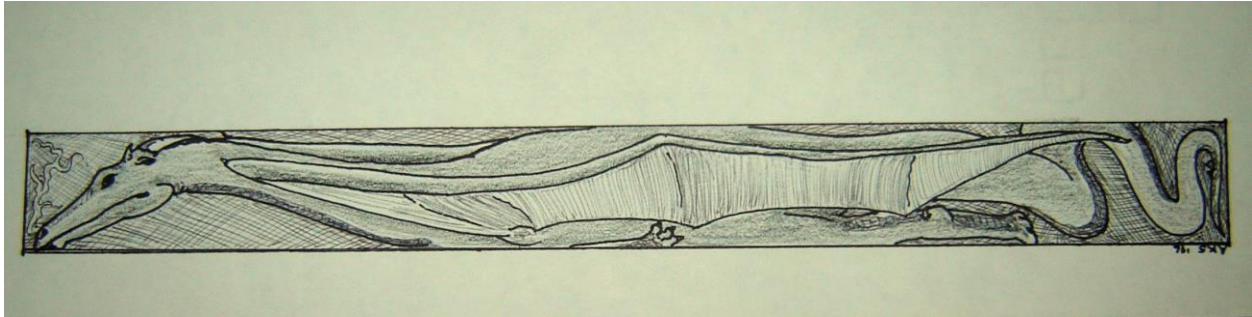
Request for Submissions:

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Herald Nalei Rayskeline for Golden Grove: sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send me contact information, I'd be happy to publish them!]

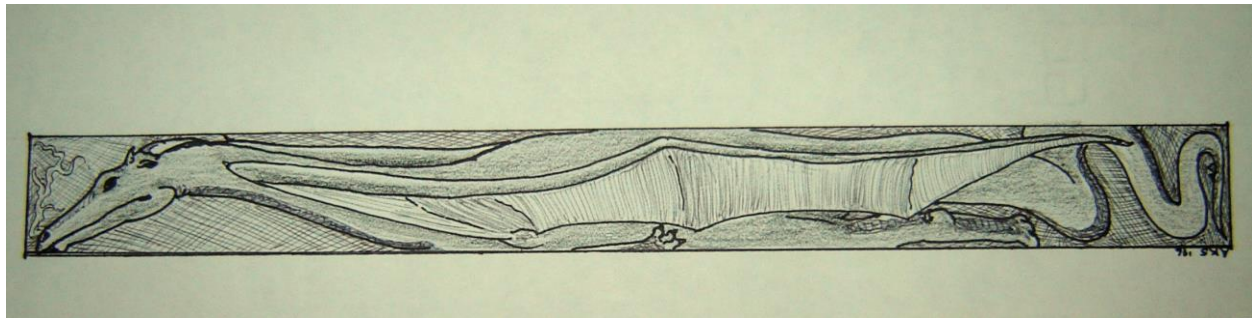


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Contest Announcement

Book Review Contest: Please send along book reviews for any of the Valdemar books, old or new. Please keep the reviews spoiler free. All entrants will be featured within our new book review section of the newsletter, unless requested otherwise. The winner will be announced once we have received at least 3 entries. The prize is a Hard Cover book copy of *Into the West*. This contest has been extended because we have not had any submissions. Please send in your submissions via email (queensownnewsletter@gmail.com).



Book Review

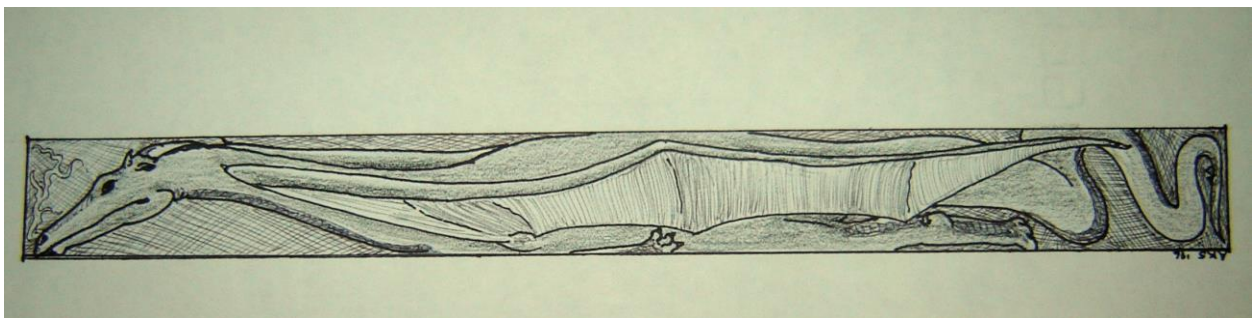
This edition's reviews are by Herald Shayla.

Shenanigans-Another fun collection of short stories set in the Kingdom of Valdemar and the world of Velgarth. As with any short story collection there are less satisfying stories and those that always stand out. I was especially pleased to see that the overall theme linking numerous stories was playing pranks. A definite must read for any fan of Mercedes Lackey. I look forward to these collections every year and consider them a holiday treat for myself.

The Fire Rose-Written in 1995 The Fire Rose takes place in San Francisco circa 1905. A beautiful re-telling of Beauty and the Beast that brings the story into the “modern” era of Steam Punk. An alchemist (Jason), who has managed to bungle a spell and trap himself in the form of a wolf, hires a spunky medieval scholar (Rosalind), who took the position as governess to our alchemist instead of finishing her education because her father has managed to fritter away the family’s money. The growing relationship between Jason and Rosalind is of course hampered by Jason’s condition and the fact that even though the two communicate nightly through a speaking tube she has never actually met him. Her natural curiosity about the strange happenings in the house and her enigmatic employer force Rosalind to start questioning her surroundings and eventually everything she thinks she knows about the world around her. This novel introduces us to what would become the Elemental Masters Series. A good introduction novel to the series although we don’t meet these characters again or a fun read for anyone who is familiar with the series, which leaves us wondering why it took so long to return to the world of the American Elemental Masters.

The Shadow of the Lion- co-written with Eric Flint and Dave Freer and published in 2002, this novel introduces the world of an alternate Venice where magic thrives and the Inquisition draws ever closer. Venice is a safe haven for those fleeing the Inquisition as well as the target of Chernobog, a demon-lord from the North who has set his sights on either conquering or destroying Venice. The two main characters are Marco and Benito Valdosta who have no fixed address and end up in a world more dangerous and cutthroat than they could have imagined. These two will end up being the unexpected difference between what could be a complete disaster for Venice and their world and the preservation of their way of life and the city they love. Along the way they will meet unforgettable characters that readers will either love to hate or fall in love with.

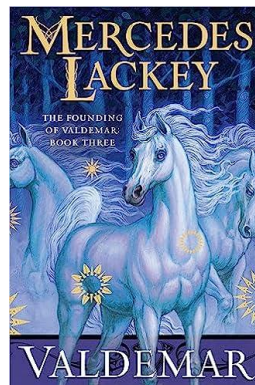
What are you guys reading? Share with us your thoughts we would love to hear them.



Publication News:



Here is the Amazon link to pre-order *Gryphon in Light*, the first book in Misty and Larry's new Gryphon series: <https://www.amazon.com/Gryphon-Light-Kelvrens-Larry-Dixon/dp/0756414482>



The third book of the Founding of Valdemar series will be out in December: <https://www.amazon.com/Valdemar-Founding-Mercedes-Lackey/dp/0756417392>

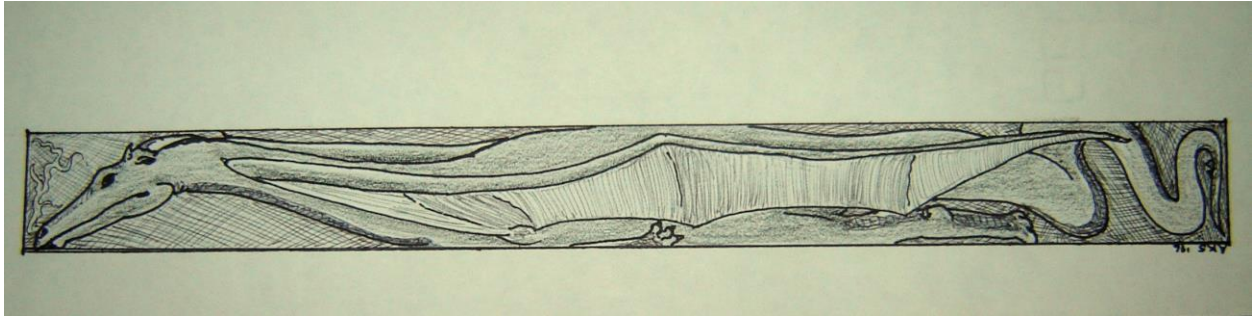
Here is a link to buy used copies of Misty's books for reasonable costs:

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/>

Here is another link for purchasing Misty's books:

https://www.bookbub.com/authors/mercedes-lackey?list=author_books

This link can buy all Misty's books in any format you would like. When I selected one of her books, I was given the link to several online shops: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Google, Apple and Kobo. I like that I have the option regardless of my personal preference of tablet, paperback, hardback, new, used, audiobook. Check it out, and let Herald Shayla (phooka_gal@yahoo.com) know what you get. We're always looking for more reviews!



From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla!

Life is slowly getting back on track. I'm still recovering from the auto accident, but I'm getting there. My Driver's License is still suspended from said auto accident, and I'm unlikely to get it back until October. I'm seriously thinking about simply not getting another car. I don't really drive it enough to make it worth the money.

I have a roof over my head, thanks to my cousin. Still trying to find online/remote work. Got a couple of tutoring gigs but not enough to pay the bills yet. If you know anyone who needs tutoring in English or History, please send them my way.

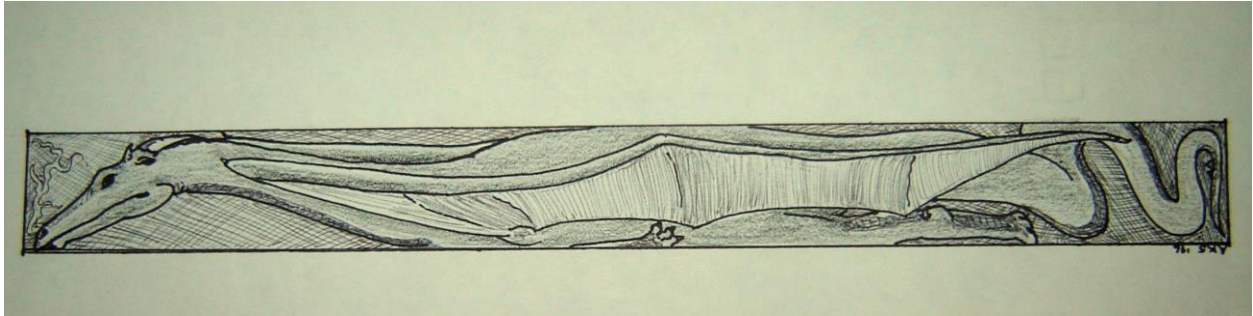
It looks as if I'll be having a book signing for *Artorius: The Real King Arthur* (<https://www.amazon.com/Artorius-Real-Arthur-John-Matthews/dp/1398112151>) at the Barnes and Noble in Fashion Island in Newport Beach, California. Date and time still being negotiated. I'll definitely be having a book signing in Laguna Woods, California, in October. Contact me at shashtah@gmail.com for details.

Still working on the Sword in the Stone book, but my coauthor is a bit tied up with three deadlines at the moment. May take a break from that and write the fifth book in the Dragonlords of Dumnonia series or maybe one about Lucius Artorius Castus. Perhaps start a new series: *The Artorius Saga*?

Other than that, I'm plugging along. Again, thanks so much to two of our Heralds for stepping up to help me with the club.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



E-Resources:

Misty's official page: <http://www.mercedeslackey.com/>

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm> (I do need to update it, but a lot of good information is available there and some is actually current!)

The Queen's Own Facebook page is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

The Queen's Own Facebook group is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607409292715707/>

Misty's Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey/>

The Mercedes Lackey Fanclub group on Facebook is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205058863/>

The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

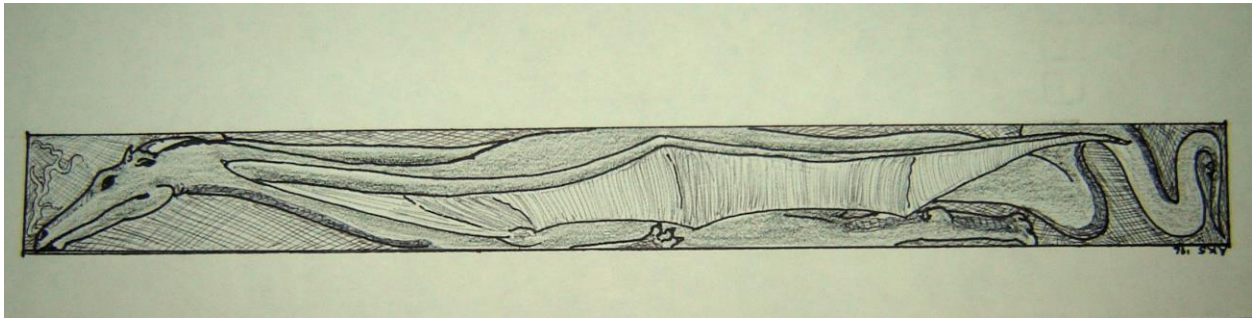
Mercedes Lackey Discord Server (over 5k followers)
<https://discord.gg/bookclub>

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page: http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/_/N-2khg

If you know of any other e-resources, please let us know!



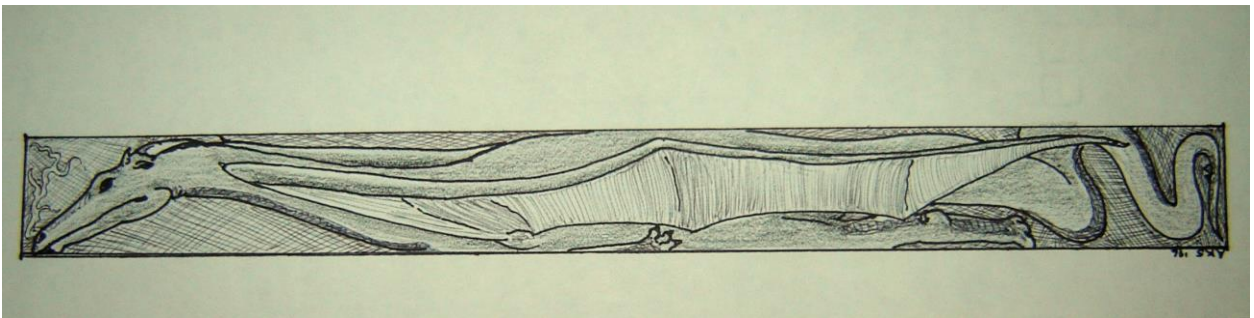
Chapters & Zines:

Fanfiction can now be published as long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction, and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

- **Children of Velgarth:** FOR ADOPTION BY THE NEW CO-PRESIDENT. Publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available online only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!
- **Golden Grove** is now being published on a quarterly basis. For new subscriptions and to submit stories, poetry, personae requirements or

other works-based Misty's stories please e-mail them to sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line. I am more than happy to help with any editing or beta reading. If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me, you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while you're at it!)
- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com. The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from *The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy* by Mercedes Lackey.



Personals:

- **Cookbook Project!** The collection of data is almost complete! Now we're down to trying to figure out if some of the ingredients are real or something that Misty made up. We're also trying to figure out the format (e.g., by course, by book, by time period). Watch for discussions on the Queen's Own Facebook list. Please send suggestions to Herald Mage Danya (shashtah@gmail.com).
- **Waystation Network announcement!** Traveling abroad and looking for a bunk to sleep on without having to fumigate your waystation

first...? I have a fold-out couch on offer as well as floor space with extra (air) mattresses, available for wandering Bards, Heralds on Circuit or Hawkbrothers in search of an *ekele* (6th floor apartment 😊). So, if you're in the neighborhood (Leeuwarden area, The Netherlands, ± 2 hours north of Amsterdam by train – less by car) just contact me. Hanna B. Email: hannab@online.nl, Phone: +31(0)58 2665915 / +31 (0)6 25422809. And wouldn't it be nice to have a whole network of Waystations? If more of you are willing to offer spare beds and couches, I'm willing to set up a list to be available through QO.

- **Ellen Million Graphics** Long-time Queen's Own member Ellen Million is writing shifter paranormal romance as Elva Birch! Check out her series The Royal Dragons of Alaska with the first book, [The Dragon Prince of Alaska](#). Reluctant royalty, relentless enemies...plus dogs, camping, romance, and magic in an alternate world where dragon shifters rule a collection of Small Kingdoms and a magical compact dictates succession! Ready for a buckle-your-belt binge-read? She also wrote Shifting Sands Resort under the name of Zoe Chant. Thrilling tropical adventure and hot romance wait at a mysterious island resort in this complete 10-book series with two bonus collections of short stories. Start with [Tropical Tiger Spy](#), or save money with the first [three-book box set](#). Don't miss a release! Sign up for her [newsletter](#) and get a free collection of flash fiction!

- **Northwest Visions Studio**--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>

- **Dragon Visions** by Linda A. Malcor is out in paperback and eBook! Art by Laura Cameron. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as at other online outlets. Get updates on the series at <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>

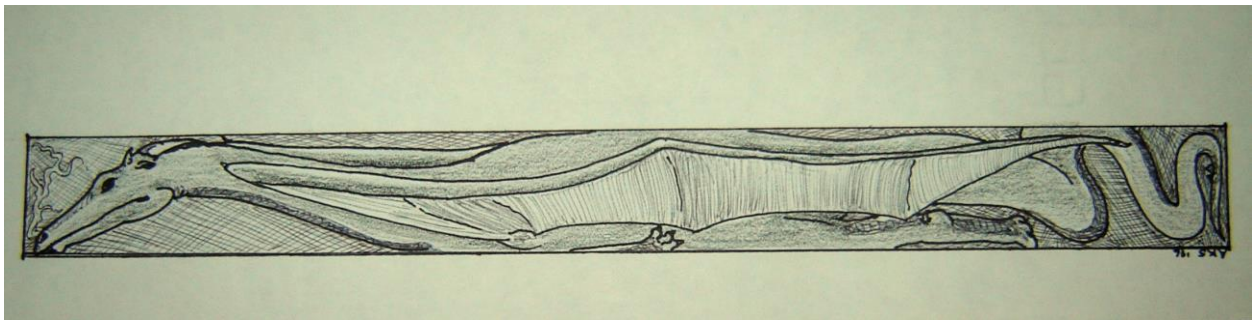
- **From Angela K. Scott**/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on eBay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!
http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs,

stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at UnicornAlora@gmail.com.

○ **From Marianne D-B:** My sister, who died a few years ago, was a huge Mercedes Lackey fan. I used to read the books with her, and we loved discussing them. She has a number of prints of Larry Dixon's that I imagine some fan would like to have. I'm happy to sell them reasonably. They are all framed prints, each about 9 1/4" x 12" (framed size). Here's what I have:

- Darkwind & Vree, 1991
- Firesong, 1991
- Darkwind & Elspeth, 1991
- Starblade & Hyllar, 1991
- Tre'valen & Dawnfire, 1991
- Silverfox & The Returned Tribe, 1991
- Elspeth & Gwena, 1991
- Iceshadow, 1991

You can contact me at duddyburkem@aol.com.



Queen's Own is the official Mercedes Lackey Appreciation Society. Our purpose is to share our enjoyment of Misty's worlds. We are a fan-run not-for-profit organization, not a business. Our address of publication is no longer physical. We are online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

This newsletter is published solely to inform and entertain the club's membership; no infringement of anyone's copyrights is intended.

Newsletters are published on (or near) the first of each season.

Thanks to Larry Dixon for the drawing of the Shield of Valdemar.

Thanks to Herald Alora for contributing the borders for this newsletter.

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<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>

Co-President: Herald Kit Sutter (Gregory Griffiths rynok@yahoo.com)

Art and Reviews: Herald Shayla (Sharon Emrich phooka_gal@yahoo.com)

The featured artists for this newsletter are Larry Dixon, Kendra Hosseini & Angela K Scott and cannot be used or downloaded without their permission. If you would like your art to be featured in the QO newsletter, send .jpgs to queensownnewsletter@gmail.com.

The newsletter will be available online after approximately one week at:
<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>