



The Official Mercedes Lackey &

Larry Dixon Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Hopefully you all had a happy holiday season and are now forging ahead into the new year!

I did it! I finally updated the Newsletters page at <https://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>! You can now read (most) of the QO newsletters, dating back to when the club was founded in February 1988. Actually, we're missing the first two newsletters (February and March). If you happen to have copies, please email them to me at shashtah@gmail.com. We'd love to have a complete set. If you are reading this online and are not a member of QO, you can join by creating a persona using our Helpful Handouts at <https://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>. (We email the newsletter out to members before it gets posted online, which I'm going to try to keep up with from now on.) If you have outgrown your existing persona, feel free to create a news one! This helps create content for our zine, *Children of Velgarth*.

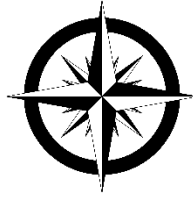
Speaking of zines, you younger folk may not be familiar with these publications, which several publishers used to put out back in the days before QO was online. They contained fan fiction and a lot of other Misty related content. Golden Grove is the only zine I know of that's still active (though I haven't updated its website since 2008. Sorry! If you have your publications up on another site, let me know so I can update the link.) If you are publishing a zine not listed at <https://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qofanfic.htm>, please let me know so I can list it. That same link will take you to a list of stories I published about my persona, Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn, and the two npcs (Non-player characters) that I run with her at our monthly RPs (roleplaying sessions), Heralds Yarik and Kaylan. The stories are listed in chronological order. Many appeared in different zines, and this is the first time they've been collected in one place. Let me know what you think!

Please send in book reviews and art for our newsletter to Herald Shayla (Sharon Emrich phooka_gal@yahoo.com). New personas and npcs should be sent to my co-President, Herald Kit Sutter (Gregory Griffiths rynok@yahoo.com.)

Here's looking to an exciting, Misty-filled, New Year!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Herald, 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>.

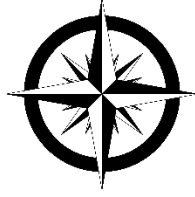
All personae materials should be submitted by e-mail to queensownnewsletter@gmail.com

- 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!

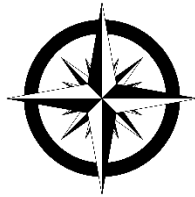
If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at Shashtah@gmail.com, and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

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 6:00 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.



Valdemar Merch Announcement

I've asked if there's a way for fans to purchase additional Valdemar merch now that the Kickstarter campaign is closed. I have not received word back yet. I'll keep trying! Word has it that some of the items purchased in the campaign have shipped. (I think that's the online maps, etc., and maybe some shirts. I'm not sure.)



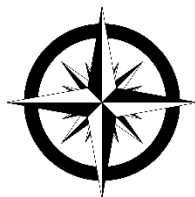
Request for Submissions:

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.

Winter Story Prompt:

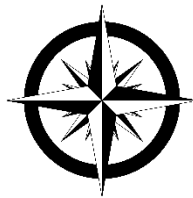
In the depths of the Pelgris, the Hawkbrother stumbled upon a peculiar talisman that pulsated with an otherworldly energy, beckoning her to grasp it's power and forever alter her bond with the bond birds.

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



Contest Announcement

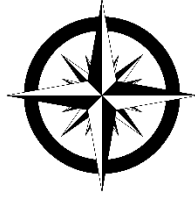
Book Review Contest: Please send along book reviews for any of the Valdemar books, old or new. Please keep the reviews spoiler free. All entrants will be featured within our new book review section of the newsletter, unless requested otherwise. The winner will be announced once we have received at least 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 (shashtah@gmail.com).



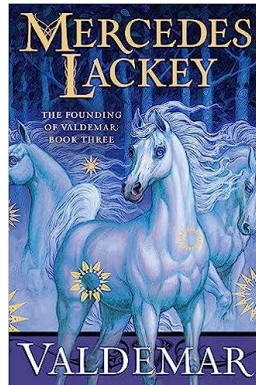
Book Reviews

This edition's reviews are by Herald Shayla and Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn.

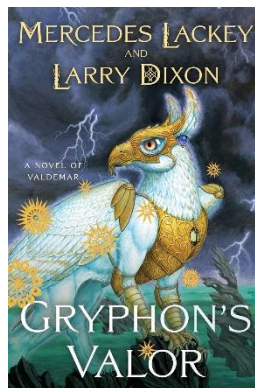
Valdemar: From DAW, published in 2023. The third book of the Founding of Valdemar trilogy takes us ten years after Baron Valdemar led his people to the Vale that became Haven. Much of the first part of the book deals with building structures that we've come to know and love as well as establishing the social structure, with things like the Watch being appointed to guard neighborhoods so the Guard can take care of other things (mostly the Palace at this point). There's an ongoing campaign to make Kordas king, something that he keeps refusing, though we all know that he eventually loses that battle. We finally get to see the summoning of the Companions. (For all who are curious, to walk "widdershins" means to move counterclockwise.) The evil mage who is threatening the new kingdom is an old foe of the Tayledras, so the Valdemarans and Tayledras once again team up to fight the threat from without. The biggest piece of advice I have is to reread the first two books before diving into the new one. There are many references I didn't get the first time through because it had been so long since I'd read them in the other books. I hope Misty starts another trilogy after this one, dealing with the reign of Kordas's son, because his storyline is left sort of hanging. Otherwise, it's an excellent read. --Danya



Publication News:



After a rocky release, the third book of the Founding of Valdemar series is now out: <https://www.amazon.com/Valdemar-Founding-Mercedes-Lackey/dp/0756417392>



Gryphon's Valor is available for pre-order at https://www.amazon.com/dp/0756418895?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details. It is scheduled for release June 25, 2024.

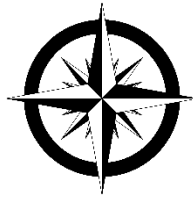
Here is a link to buy used copies of Misty's books for reasonable costs:

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

Here is another link for purchasing Misty's books:

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

Using 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 has been on a roll for me in 2023, going into 2024. In March, my book *Artorius, The Real King Arthur*, co-authored with John Matthews, was published. You can purchase a copy at https://www.amazon.com/Artorius-Real-Arthur-John-Matthews/dp/1398112151/ref=monarch_sidesheet. I've finished my book on *The Sword in the Stone, A 4,000-Year-Old Story in the Stars*, which I also coauthored with John Matthews. We are now looking for a publisher.

My Dragonlords of Dumnonia series

(https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0753GFKYW?binding=paperback&ref=dbs_dp_sirpi) is being developed into an animated TV series. I've written the pilot episode based on *Dragon Heart*, the first book in the series.

(https://www.amazon.com/dp/0996368949?ref=yb_qv_ov_prnt_dp_rw) The

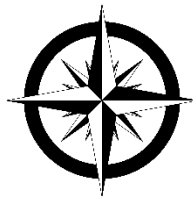
Writers' Strike and SAG/AFTRA Strike have delayed production. Hopefully things will get back into swing in this new year.

My New Year's resolution is to finish *The Chalice at the Cross, A Study of the Holy Grail Motif in Medieval Europe*. Originally published as my dissertation in 1991, this will be a popular form of the book.

I hope you all have a wonderful New Year. See you in the Spring!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



E-Resources:

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

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/go.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)

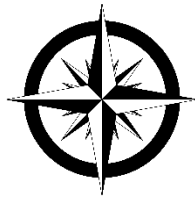
<https://discord.gg/bookclub>

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!

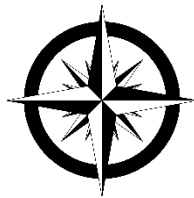


Chapters & Zines:

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/>

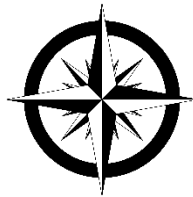
- **From Angela K. Scott**/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on eBay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!
http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559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

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

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The featured artist for this newsletter is Larry Dixon and cannot be used or downloaded without his permission. If you would like your art to be featured in the QO newsletter, send .jpgs to shashtah@gmai.com.

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