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Heyla, Misty fans!

Hah! I finally got a newsletter out on time <G>. Okay, so I'm still answering messages from August 2008, but at least something is caught up.

Murmurings have it that the California QO chapter Golden Grove as well as the former great Southern Arrow may be adopted soon. Keep your eyes peeled for new notices. (BTW, editors and chapter presidents, if you need to update your ads in the newsletter, please let me know!)

I have several personae out for rewrites. Hopefully we'll get them back soon!

**Publication News:**

This fall, several treats for Misty fans will be available. The paperback version of *The Phoenix Endangered: Book Two of the Enduring Flame*, a collaboration with James Mallory, is out on August 4. *The Phoenix Transformed: Book Three of the Enduring Flame* will hit shelves on September 15. *Winter Moon: Moontide/The Heart of the Moon/Banshee Cries*, a project with Tanith Lee and C.E. Murphy, will be released in paperback. *Gwenhyfar: The White Spirit (A Novel of King Arthur)* will be out on October 6 (Yes, I can't wait for that one!). Misty's latest Valdemar tome, *Foundation*, is set for a paperback release on October 6, and a paperback version of *Changing the World and Other Tales of Valdemar* will be available in time for the holidays on December 1.

Next year, look for *Much Fall of Blood*, a new collaboration between Misty, Eric Flint and Dave Freer, available on May 4 of 2010.

I also managed to do a little pleasure reading as part of our summer library program, so I even have a book review for you this time. Enjoy!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



*Moving Targets and Other Tales of Valdemar.* Edited by Mercedes Lackey. Daw Books, 2008. 343 pages. Reviewed by Linda A. Malcor (aka Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn).

I thoroughly enjoyed this short story collection, but then I always love “spending time” in Valdemar. The feature story for the collection was “Moving Targets,” which Misty wrote together with Larry Dixon. I find that most of my favorite books were written with them working as a team. Nancy Asire contributed “An Unexpected Guest”, in which a very clever priest helps an overly kind woman take care of an injured man who’s found along the road. “The Power of Three”, by Brenda Cooper, takes us off to journey with a Bard, and “What Fire Is”, by Janni Lee Simner, supplies us with a new adventure in Karse. Mickey Zucker Reichert presented the spectacular “Dreams of Mountain Clover” (Companions are sometimes infinitely more clever than they are given credit for!). “The Cheat”, by Richard Lee Byers, takes us to outlying lands with some mercenaries-in-training. Kristen Schwengel’s “A Dream Deferred” follows a horsewoman as she helps a kyree, and “The Sworddancer”, by Michael Z. Williamson, makes you wonder if there is such a thing as being “old enough” to go to war. Stephanie Shaver takes us along with another Bard who has to worry about “Broken Bones”. The amazing Tanya Huff contributed “Live On”, which explores the question about whether there’s such a thing as a Herald who is too old. The equally fabulous Rosemary Edghill offered “Passage at Arms” in which a Herald is not as comfortable with her Gift of Empathy as she probably should be. Sarah Hoyt and Kate Paulk teamed up to give us a wondrous tale about what happens when one partner of a shaych couple gets caught in a Change Circle. “Haven’s Own”, by Fiona Patton (Tanya Huff’s partner), actually tells of Haven’s equivalent of the police rather than anything having to do with Heralds (Artificer-lovers, you’ll find some good stuff in this one as well!). Finally, Judith Tarr’s “Widdershins” warns people to be careful what they do with information they find in old manuscripts that just happen to be lying around and that if you do make use of the information, be care which direction you turn when you ride your quadrille!

As usual, the collection was thoroughly delightful. If only we could have collections like this more often! But then, Misty probably wouldn't get any other writing done, and then where would we be <g>?! *Moving Targets* is an excellent summer read, whether you are lying around on the beach or in your own home. I highly recommend it.



## Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for August. Faires are indexed alphabetically by state. Have any information about any other Renaissance Faires in your area? Send it to us at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com).

## California

**BIG BEAR CITY RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.bigbearcityrenaissancefaire.com](http://www.bigbearcityrenaissancefaire.com). E-mail: [fairelady@verizon.net](mailto:fairelady@verizon.net). Address: PO Box 3069, Big Bear City, CA 92314. Site Address: 39115 Rim of the World Drive, Fawnskin. Dates: 8/8/09 to 8/16/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**GOLDEN GATE RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.sffaire.com](http://www.sffaire.com). E-mail: [info@renaissance-web.net](mailto:info@renaissance-web.net). Address: 116 Dorado Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94112. Site Address: Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate park. Dates: 8/1/09 to 8/2/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

**WORLD RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.worldrenaissancefaire.com](http://www.worldrenaissancefaire.com). E-mail: [worldren@worldrenaissancefaire.com](mailto:worldren@worldrenaissancefaire.com). Address: 911 Vallecito Drive, Ventura. Site Address: Irvine Lake, 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado. Dates: 8/8/09 to 8/9/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

## Colorado

**COLORADO RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.coloradorennaissance.com](http://www.coloradorennaissance.com). E-mail: [info@coloradorennaissance.com](mailto:info@coloradorennaissance.com). Address: 409 South Wilcox Street, Suite F, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Site Address: Perry Park Road, Larkspur. Dates: 6/13/09 to 8/2/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**THE RAVENSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.faires.com/ravenshire](http://www.faires.com/ravenshire). E-mail: [rennymph@hotmail.com](mailto:rennymph@hotmail.com). Address: PO Box 4938, Grand Junction, CO 81520. Site Address: Riverbend Park, 451 Pendleton, Palisade. Dates: 8/21/09 to 8/23/09. Open/Close: Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Connecticut

**MIDSUMMER MAGICK RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.midsummermagickfaire.com](http://www.midsummermagickfaire.com). E-mail: [magickfaireevending@gmail.com](mailto:magickfaireevending@gmail.com). Site Address: Schreiber's Farm, Oxford. Dates: 7/18/09 to 8/2/09. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Hawaii

**THE DRAGON'S LAIR.** Website: [www.freewebs.com/dragonslairhawaii](http://www.freewebs.com/dragonslairhawaii). E-mail: [msthunderfoot@yahoo.com](mailto:msthunderfoot@yahoo.com). Address: PO Box 840, Volcano, HI 96785. Site Address: Fern Forest Hawaii, Jungle King Road. Dates: year-round. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to close.

## Illinois

**ILLINOIS RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.illinoisrenaissancefaire.com](http://www.illinoisrenaissancefaire.com). E-mail: [illinrenfaire@yahoo.com](mailto:illinrenfaire@yahoo.com). Address: 1227 North Logan Avenue, Danville, IL 61832. Site Address: Ellsworth Park, Oakwood Drive, Danville. Dates: 8/29/09 to 8/30/09. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday till 6 p.m.)

**THE WORLD OF FAERIES FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.theworldoffaeries.com](http://www.theworldoffaeries.com). E-mail: [dayglo@theworldoffaeries.com](mailto:dayglo@theworldoffaeries.com). Address: 1672C Carlemont Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Site Address: Vasa Park, 35 W217 Route 31, South Elgin. Dates: 8/1/09 to 8/2/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

## Iowa

**SHIPWRECKED PIRATE MUSIC FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.shipwreckedfest.com](http://www.shipwreckedfest.com). E-mail: [shipwreckedfest2009@mchsil.com](mailto:shipwreckedfest2009@mchsil.com). Address: 400 Second Avenue #226, Des Moines, IA 50309. Site Address: Des Moines. Dates: 8/28/09 to 8/29/09.

## **Maine**

**MAINE RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.mainerenfaire.com](http://www.mainerenfaire.com). E-mail: [mainerenfaire@yahoo.com](mailto:mainerenfaire@yahoo.com). Address: 238 Prescott Road, Manchester, ME 04351. Site Address: Treasure Equestrian Center, 238 Prescott Road, Manchester. Dates: 8/8/09 to 8/23/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## **Maryland**

**THE MARYLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.rennfest.com](http://www.rennfest.com). E-mail: [cspedden@erols.com](mailto:cspedden@erols.com). Address: PO Box 315, Crownsville, MD 21032. Site Address: Crownsville Road, Crownsville. Dates: 8/29/09 to 10/25/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Michigan**

**ISHPEMING ART FAIRE AND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.ishpemingrenfest.com](http://www.ishpemingrenfest.com). E-mail: [contact@ishpemingrenfest.com](mailto:contact@ishpemingrenfest.com). Address: 742 Poplar Street, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Site Address: Laek Bancroft Park, Ishpeming. Dates: 8/1/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.michrenfest.com](http://www.michrenfest.com). E-mail: [katparker47@aol.com](mailto:katparker47@aol.com). Address: 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442. Site Address: Exit 106 (Grand Blanc) on I-75; head South on Dixie Highway; located between Pontiac and Flint. Dates: 8/15/09 to 10/4/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**SILVER LEAF RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.silverleafrenfaire.org](http://www.silverleafrenfaire.org). E-mail: [mnp@silverleafrenfaire.org](mailto:mnp@silverleafrenfaire.org). Address: 1158 East Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49014. Site Address: Kimball Pines Park, Battle Creek. Dates: 7/11/09 to 8/9/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## **Minnesota**

**MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.renaissancefest.com/mrf/index.html](http://www.renaissancefest.com/mrf/index.html). Address: 244 Canterbury Road South, Suite 306, Shakopee, MN 55379. Site Address: Shakopee. Dates: 8/22/09 to 10/4/09. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **New York**

**BILL JOHNSTON PIRATE DAYS.** Website: [www.alexbay.org/2004/default.asp](http://www.alexbay.org/2004/default.asp). E-mail: [info@alexbay.org](mailto:info@alexbay.org). Address: 7 Market Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607. Site Address: Scenic View Park. Dates: 8/7/09-8/16/09.

**HAWK CREEK WILDLIFE & ART FESTIVAL – RENAISSANCE STYLE.** Website: [www.hawkcreek.org/festival/index.html](http://www.hawkcreek.org/festival/index.html). E-mail: [info@hawkcreek.org](mailto:info@hawkcreek.org). Address: PO Box 662, East Aurora, NY 14052. Site Address: 655 Luther Road, East Aurora. Dates: 7/25/09 to 8/2/09. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**NEW YORK RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website: [www.renfair.com/ny](http://www.renfair.com/ny). E-mail: [ericmichaels@recfair.com](mailto:ericmichaels@recfair.com). Address: 600 Route 17A, Tuxedo, NY 10987. Site Address: Sterling Forest, Route 17A. Dates: 8/1/09 to 9/20/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**STERLING RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.sterlingfestival.com](http://www.sterlingfestival.com). E-mail: [vanessa@sterlingfestival.com](mailto:vanessa@sterlingfestival.com). Address: 15385 Farden Road, Sterling, NY 13156. Site Address: Near Lake Ontario, one hour northwest of Syracuse in Sterling. Dates: 7/4/09 to 8/16/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Ohio**

**GREAT LAKES MEDIEVAL FAIRE.** Website: [www.medievalfaire.com](http://www.medievalfaire.com). E-mail: [contact@medievalfaire.com](mailto:contact@medievalfaire.com). Address: PO Box 376, Rock Creek, OH 44084. Site Address: Seven miles south of Interstate 90 on State Road 534. Dates: 7/11/09 to 8/16/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Oregon**

**FAERIEWORLDS FESTIVAL (FAERIE & CELTIC MUSIC AND ART).** Website: [www.faerieworlds.com](http://www.faerieworlds.com). E-mail: [info@faerieworlds.com](mailto:info@faerieworlds.com). Address: PO Box 51177, Eugene, OR 97405. Site Address: Secret House Winery, Veneta. Dates: 7/31/09 to 8/2/09. Open/Close: noon to 10 p.m.

## **Pennsylvania**

**PITTSBURGH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website:  
[www.pittsburghrenfest.com](http://www.pittsburghrenfest.com). E-mail: [info@pittsburghrenfest.com](mailto:info@pittsburghrenfest.com).  
Address: 112 Renaissance Lane, West Newton, PA 15089. Site Address:  
112 Renaissance Lane, West Newton, PA 15089. Dates: 8/29/09 to  
10/4/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Virginia

**STONE TOWER GLENN RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website:  
[www.medievalfantasiesco.com](http://www.medievalfantasiesco.com). E-mail:  
[sirblackwolf@medievalfantasiesco.com](mailto:sirblackwolf@medievalfantasiesco.com). Address: 1044 Deerfield Valley  
Road, West Augusta, VA 24485. Site Address: Natural Chimneys  
Regional Park, Mt. Solon. Dates: 8/15/09 to 8/16/09. Open/Close: 10  
a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

## Washington

**WASHINGTON RENAISSANCE FANTASY FAIRE.** Website:  
[www.washingtonrenfaire.com](http://www.washingtonrenfaire.com). E-mail:  
[bryonm@washingtonrenfaire.com](mailto:bryonm@washingtonrenfaire.com). Address: 12016 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gig  
Harbor, WA 98329. Site Address: 900 Northeast Bear Creek dewatto  
Road, Belfair. Dates: 8/1/09 to 8/16/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6  
p.m.

## Wisconsin

**BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** Website:  
[www.renfair.com/bristol/index.php](http://www.renfair.com/bristol/index.php). Address: 12550 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Kenosha, WI 53142. Site Address: REC, 12550 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha.  
Dates: 7/11/09 to 9/5/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Australia

**BALINGUP MEDIEVAL CARNIVALE.** Website:  
[www.balingupmedievalcarnivale.com.au](http://www.balingupmedievalcarnivale.com.au). E-mail: [pgda@bigpond.com](mailto:pgda@bigpond.com).  
Address: PO Box 235, Balingup, WA 6253. Site Address: Balingup  
Village Green. Dates: 8/22/09 to 8/23/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5  
p.m. (Sunday till 3 p.m.)

## Denmark

**EUROPEAN MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL.** Website:  
[www.middelalderfestival.dk](http://www.middelalderfestival.dk). E-mail: [medievalfestival@horsens.dk](mailto:medievalfestival@horsens.dk).

Address: Radhustorvet 4, DK-8700 Horsens, Denmark. Site Address: Horsens. Dates: 8/28/09 to 8/29/09. Open/Close: Friday 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday 10 a.m. to midnight.

## Sweden

**MEDELTIDSVECKAN PA GOTLAND.** Website: [www.medeltidsveckan.com](http://www.medeltidsveckan.com). E-mail: [info@medeltidsveckan.com](mailto:info@medeltidsveckan.com). Address: Strandgatan 20, 621 56 Visby, Sweden. Site Address: Visby and hole Gotland. Dates: 8/2/09 to 8/9/09.

## United Kingdom

**THE BODELWYDDAN MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.medieval-fayre.co.uk](http://www.medieval-fayre.co.uk). E-mail: [david.smith34@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.smith34@ntlworld.com). Address: PO Box 56, Wellingborough, UK NN8 1SF. Site Address: Bodelwyddan Castle, Denbighshire, North Wales. Dates: 8/8/09 to 8/9/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m.

**ENGLAND'S MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL AT HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE.** Website: [www.englandsmidievalfestival.com](http://www.englandsmidievalfestival.com). E-mail: [info@mgel.com](mailto:info@mgel.com). Address: 36 Acacia Close, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 3JR. Site Address: Herstmonceux Castle, Hersmonceux, East Sussex. Dates: 8/29/09 to 8/31/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For additional Ren. Faire information, visit the Renaissance Faire Homepage at <http://www.renfaire.com/> and the Renaissance Magazine site at <http://www.renaissancemagazine.com>.

## Conventions:

Here are the conventions we know about in August:

### Minnesota

**WRITERCON 2009.** Website: [www.writercon.com](http://www.writercon.com). Address: Radisson Plaza Hotel, Minneapolis. Dates: 7/31/09 to 8/2/09.

### Ohio

**CONTEXT 22.** Website: [www.contextsf.org](http://www.contextsf.org). Address: Doubletree Hotel, Columbus. Dates: 8/28/09 to 8/30/09.



## Wisconsin

**WASFEN CON 3.** Website: [www.myspace.com/wasfen](http://www.myspace.com/wasfen). Address: Plaza Hotel conference Center, Wasau. Dates: 8/1/09.

## Canada

**ANTICIPATION SF.** Website: [www.anticipationsf.ca/english/home](http://www.anticipationsf.ca/english/home). Address: Palais des congres de Montreal, Montreal, Quebec. Dates: 8/6/09 to 8/10/09.

## Australia

**CONTINUUM 5.** Website: [www.continuum.org.au](http://www.continuum.org.au). Address: The Ether Centre, Melbourne. Dates: 8/14/09 to 8/16/09.

For additional Convention information, visit Convention Outpost by Jenga at <http://www.geocities.com/jengacons/> or the Sci-Fi Guide at <http://scifi.about.com/blcon.htm>.



## Member News:

For definitions of our fannish jargon, read the 12-page booklet "Pros & Cons: An Introduction to Fandom" written by Elizabeth Barrette. Send \$1.00 and a \$0.37 stamp (or \$1.00 and 2 IRCs) to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA, 92652. Make checks payable to "Linda Malcor" in US funds only.

## Local chapters:

- **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: [DragonMamaK@aol.com](mailto:DragonMamaK@aol.com). Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books community, find the message board link, then find the "Author A-Z" message board, and find your way to the Mercedes Lackey

boards from there. She's no longer a keyword, but hopefully with more traffic in the future that will change. If you don't want to jump through hoops, you can e-mail me directly, and I'll give you the links. The links to the chatroom will be on my "signature" on the boards.

- **Friends of the Pelagirls:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: [elfchilde@gmail.com](mailto:elfchilde@gmail.com). Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirls, the Mid Atlantic Chapter of Queens Own, is looking for new members, co-moderators for Lists and Subgroups, as well as those who would like to attend Writers groups in their area! Please e-mail Morghan Savistr'i at [elfchilde@gmail.com](mailto:elfchilde@gmail.com) or visit our new site <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm> for more information! We look forward to growing with you!
  
- **German Heartstone:** Website: <http://www.heartstone.de>. E-mail: [Sunny@heartstone.de](mailto:Sunny@heartstone.de) or [Shae@heartstone.de](mailto:Shae@heartstone.de). A new chapter of Queen's Qwn started in Germany for all German-speaking people within a brand new Misty-Fanpage on <http://www.heartstone.de>!
  
- **Golden Grove:** Website: <http://reawildfire.com>. E-mail: [evillurking@gmail.com](mailto:evillurking@gmail.com). Snail mail: 5774 Mareta Lane, Loomis, CA 95650. Golden Grove is back! For those not in the know, GG is the California chapter of QO, which I (Aurora Nelson) ran for a couple of years back in 2000. If you missed out back then, now's your chance to be a part of this great chapter. Dues are \$5 a year to cover mailing fees, and we desperately need submissions. Artwork, poetry, stories, book reviews, crossword puzzles, recipes . . . Heck, if you think it's interesting, I probably will to, so send it in. If you send in a lot of stuff you get free issues of the newsletter! You can contact me at [evillurking@gmail.com](mailto:evillurking@gmail.com) (put GG in the subject line please). Feel free to ask for a copy of the guidelines--it might give you an idea! Don't delay, write today!



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower k'Valdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).

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- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Are you on Facebook? Looking for cool groups to join to discuss Mercedes Lackey's Valdemar works? Join the Queen's Own Chapter on Facebook. We are always looking for new members and have several discussion boards including one to help members create their personas for Formal Queen's Own approval. Our link is: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2202088363> feel free to contact Officer Healer Adept Moonstar with any additional questions at [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com).
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.
- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: [kalendral\\_tarma@hotmail.com](mailto:kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com). Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some dodgy fun so don't be shy . . . your mothers weren't, and pay us a visit!
- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: [Herald\\_Bastian@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## **Zines and Newsletters:**

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Renaud, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com). I 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 really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available by e-mail only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! For the contents list for issues 1 - 4 and additional information, visit <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qozine.htm>.
- **Companions' Grove** still needs stories, and artists to illustrate stories! (Remember, all contributors get a free copy of the zine in which their work appears.) Volume Eight is full, and awaiting the illustrations and final layout. **\*\* If you contributed a story or promised me artwork for Volume Eight and have not heard from me recently, please get in touch with me, as I had to reformat my hard drive and lost my zine correspondence and address book earlier this year. If I don't hear from you by September 2003, I will have to drop your contribution from the zine. \*\*** Volume Nine is open to submissions. Current prices (not including shipping) are:

  - *Companions' Grove Volume One - \$4.75 (40 pages, color cover)*
  - *Companions' Grove Volume Two - \$6.35 (56 pages, color cover)*
  - *Companions' Grove Volume Three - \$5.95 (51 pages, color cover)*
  - *Companions' Grove Volume Four - \$4.95 (42 pages, color cover)*
  - *Companions' Grove Volume Five - \$7.75 (69 pages, color cover)*
  - *Companions' Grove Volume Six - \$6.55 (57 pages, color cover)*

- *Companions' Grove Volume Seven* - \$5.95 (52 pages, color cover)
- *The Danya Winterborn Saga* - \$5.20 (52 pages, b/w front and back covers)
- *Endgame* - \$3.85(36 pages, b/w cover)
- *Fire Eyes* - \$4.40 (43 pages, b/w cover)
- *Shards of Autumn* – out of print, see note below
- *The Sum of Duty* - \$5.80 (57 pages, b/w cover)
- *Do or Dye: A Guide to Companion Camouflage* - \$1.25 (20 pages, digest size, b/w cover, saddle stapled)
- *Cat's Cradle* - \$7.60 (76 pages, monochrome green cover)

For orders shipping in the US, I've instituted a maximum shipping cost of \$3.85. Multi-zine orders, which can be shipped in a flat rate envelope (usually 3 of the smaller zines, or 2 of the larger zines), will be sent Priority Mail; larger orders will be sent Media Mail Insured, which is only slightly slower and doesn't have the zone rates (which wouldn't work with my shopping cart). Smaller orders will be sent First Class.

I take credit cards via PayPal, which is the cart's only payment option, but the cart can be used to calculate shipping, and checks/money orders mailed to Green Dragon Press, c/o Devin Harris, 4531 N. Kelishan St., Pahrump, NV 89060.

Except as noted, zines are printed on high-quality, bright white paper, comb bound, with cardstock covers. Story excerpts and cover art—as well as submission guidelines and PayPal ordering information—can be found at <http://www.greendragonpress.net/misty.htm>. To order via snail mail, send check or money order (payable to Devin Harris; US funds only) to Green Dragon Press, c/o Devin Harris, 4531 N. Kelishan St., Pahrump, NV 89060.

**Note regarding *Shards of Autumn*:** While this zine is officially out of print and no longer available on the website, a few copies are left over from convention appearances. Any remaining copies from MediaWest will be available at that con until they sell out; the others are being returned to me and will be auctioned off at <http://www.auctionfen.com> until they are gone. I also occasionally auction off zines which returned from cons a bit shopworn, so it's a good site to check periodically.

- **Golden Grove:** Editor: Aurora Nelson. E-mail: [evillurking@gmail.com](mailto:evillurking@gmail.com). Snail mail: 5774 Mareta Lane, Loomis, CA 95650. *Golden Grove* needs your submissions! I'm taking stories (Velgarth and otherwise), poetry, crosswords, recipes, artwork, editorials, personas, reviews (books, movies), and whatever you can think of that you find interesting! Guidelines are available for those who wish to request them, as are release forms. Send your submissions to [evillurking@gmail.com](mailto:evillurking@gmail.com). Subscriptions are \$5 a year, with your first issue free. Publication starts in March, so don't delay! We accept members from every state and country (Other countries, please write for subscription info.)!
  
- **Herald's Companion:** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas for the war, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezilable). E-mail: submission instructions:
  - 1) Subject line must read "For Karen." (Anything else will be erased as a potential virus hazard.)
  - 2) Do not use strange fonts, which my computer will not recognize.
  - 3) E-mail: it to [gbertke@fuse.net](mailto:gbertke@fuse.net). (This is my father's e-mail address. Use it for submissions for Herald's Companion only.)
  
- **Sapphire and White:** Editor: Ronald Glaser, 1202 S. 2nd St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). All forms of material can be submitted; format-wise if you use Word Perfect please use Notepad. Fan fiction, book reviews and movie reviews are greatly appreciated.

### **Other Fandoms:**

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at [lois@dendarii.com](mailto:lois@dendarii.com). "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
  
- CrossGen Comics: Exciting New Fantasy Comic Books. Follow Prince Ethan's adventures the third Wednesday of each month as he gains

the powerful sigil and accidentally puts his world on the brink of war. Meridian, on sale the fourth Wednesday of each month, is the fantastic saga of a teenage girl and her plight to save her floating island home. Go to <http://www.crossgen.com>, or call 1-888-COMICBOOK for details on a retail location near you.

- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to [nineabove@egroups.com](mailto:nineabove@egroups.com).
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com).
- Adrian Paul of Highlander: <http://www.adrianpaul.net>.
- Michael Praed: *Michael Praed Network Newsletter*, <http://fanfare.michael-praed.com>.
- Melanie Rawn: **Pandemonium** - The official Melanie Rawn club invites you to join their ranks. SASE for more information: Irena Pereira, P.O. Box 18A146 , Los Angeles, CA 90018.
- **N3F** is one of the oldest general interest SF/F clubs, started in 1941. Members meet by snail mail and E-mail:to discuss SF, Fantasy, and Horror genres. (Some gather at cons, too.) We have plenty to offer the hungry SF/F/H fan! Members receive *Tightbeam*, the club's quarterly zine, and *The National Fantasy Fan*, our bi-monthly zine. For inquiries, please snail mail me at N3F Secretary, Dennis Davis, 25549 Byron Street, San Bernadino, CA, 92404-6403. Check out our website at <http://www.simegen.com/fandom/n3f>.
- Doctor Who and other Media: **The Prydonians of Prynceton**, P.O. Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194.



**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>.

You need a release form (online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qomlrel2.htm>) if you write a story set in Misty's worlds or using any of her characters. You do not need a release for a character sketch, poem or filk. All Misty wants to do is protect her characters and her worlds. Send the release form (you do NOT need to include the story) to Misty c/o Paul Fisher, 16525 E 470 Rd., Claremore OK 74017. Do NOT include the release form with your persona material; send it to Misty. Send a *copy* to us.

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) and [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com). We have no new personae to announce at this time, but several submissions are being reviewed. (I apologize profusely to everyone who is patiently waiting for me to have enough time to review the submissions! I've actually managed to read about half a dozen of my backlog. I now have to find the time to type the responses back to the people who submitted the personae. Progress is being made . . . slowly, but progress none the less.)

We have no new personae to announce this month, though I do have several sitting in my in-box. I hope to get to them soon.

If you were working on a persona who is no longer listed at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qochat.htm> that means we have not heard from you in over a year. To revive your persona, simply message Danya at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) and tell her that your persona is in "Deep Storage." She will pull it out for you and reactivate your submission. I do not have any new personae to announce this month (though a couple of rewrites are sitting in the stack on my desk). Hopefully we'll have some next month.

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 [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com), and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

**Lost . . .**



One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. We are missing current e-mail addresses for the following members:

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- Blue Devyn Aeryn ([devin@greendragonpress.net](mailto:devin@greendragonpress.net))
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran ([Timmeu@scubadiving.com](mailto:Timmeu@scubadiving.com))
- Guardsman Vena LaRue ([eflynt@starrtech.net](mailto:eflynt@starrtech.net))
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If you know any of these folks, please have them contact Danya at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) with a current e-mail address.

### **From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:**

Heyla, Folks!

I'm trying to do some Spring Cleaning (Yes, I know it's Summer. I'm running horribly late on everything!). So far I've gone through the shed, my kids' bedrooms and most of mine. Next up is the garage and my "art center". Hopefully I'll get to the yard before school starts again.

Healer Adept Moonstar has moved back locally to me. Here's hoping that she finds a job soon and can lend a hand cleaning up the QO files. (Several of you have written to me to let me know that you are out of work. I do wish you all well in your hunt for employment.)

My book is coming along slowly. I find it a bit hard to write with all three kids underfoot for the summer. Still, I'm making progress. With any luck, I'll have the MS off to a press before the year is out.

Have a great Summer!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



## Personals:

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** *EMG-Zine.com* is in its seventeenth month as a fantastic resource for fantasy and science fiction writers and artists! Every month there are features on the business of art, tips and tutorials, an art gallery, fiction, and reviews related to the genre or creative pursuits. Some of our columnists include Ursula Vernon, Janet Chui, Annie Rodrigue and Marina Bonomi. If you are an artist or writer, please see our guidelines for submission information! Find it all at <http://www.emg-zine.com> and enjoy!
- ❖ **From Aurora Nelson:** Heyla! Rea Wildfire (aka Aurora Nelson) is looking to contact her penpals old and new. If you remember her or would like to say, "hi," please contact her at [Evillurking@gmail.com](mailto:Evillurking@gmail.com).
- ❖ **From Cliff Hunter:** I'm looking for a penpal I used to know through QO. Her name is Dara Murphy. Anyone with information about how I can contact her, please e-mail me at [DeathrockCliffy@aol.com](mailto:DeathrockCliffy@aol.com).
- ❖ **From Jennifer M. Mackay-Galicia (Herald Mallea D'Lar):** I have a new email address: [mackayjenn@yahoo.com](mailto:mackayjenn@yahoo.com)! SNAIL MAIL: PO BOX 66408, Portland, OR 97290. If you like to read, I'm your girl. Just give me a book and a quiet nook--I'm happy! Misty, Tad Williams, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mindy Klasky (Glasswright series), DragonLance (the M. Weiss/T. Hickman original books and new), SF Classics like H.G. Wells, George Orwell, ect., ect. I'm about to sink my teeth into David Eddings on my sister's recommendations. I just finished watching SEVEN seasons of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. That was fun! I've gone through all NINE years of The X-Files. I'm a huge X-Files fanatic. (Did I forget to mention my love affair with box sets on DVD?) I'm a fan of every Star Trek show made, Star Wars, Battlestar Galactica (got my box set), Babylon 5, Quantum Leap, and just about anything else that grabs my attention. If you wish you could take a trip to the moon, or just get out of Mundania for awhile, please feel free to drop me a line!
- ❖ TO EVERYONE who enjoys Misty's creations and the vast realm of Fantasy in general... ANGELA K. SCOTT CREATIONS has moved and

is yes, still alive and kicking! You may recall my humble business from past QO (snail mailed) newsletters. I sell fantasy and M. Lackey-related stationery and bookmarks; Heralds, Shin'a'in, faeries, unicorns, dragons, myths, magic and more! I offer card packs with 22 fantasy and sci-fi designs to choose from, as well as as a special line of cat angel cards I call my "Furry Angel Series". I offer gift certificates and I do commissioned artwork/designs (specific stationery, cards, pet-portraits, illustrations, etc. even tattoo designs). Please contact me for further details! Unfortunately I do not have an online version of my business and I know "snail mail" may be a foreign concept to some, though I know I enjoy receiving things other than bills and junk mail in my mailbox! If you would like to receive my 6+ page merchandise booklet please contact me at : **Angela K. Scott-Cox, 216 Dingo Rd. Apt. D, Spring Lake, NC 28390.** *\*Please enclose SASE*, which is a self-addressed stamped envelope. I also would appreciate any feedback and/or ideas from people. Thanks to all my past, current, and potential customers, and I hope to hear from you soon! (\*Please check out some of my artworks at *www.Elford.com under Angela K. Scott...*)

- ❖ **From White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver. To All.** Shadows of Goddess is now an online store. I offer a free pouch with every purchase to Queen's Own members. Be sure to tell me you are though. :) I offer new items weekly. The URL is <http://www.ebaystores.com/shadowsofthegoddess>. My e-mail address is [cimeshadow@aol.com](mailto:cimeshadow@aol.com).
  
- ❖ **From Herald-Mage Danya. To: All. Re: Cookbook.** Our version of a Misty-related cookbook is still in progress. We are compiling a cookbook based on meals that Misty describes in the Velgarth series. If anyone is currently reading the books, could you note the book and page any food items are mentioned on and send them to me at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com)? (We've been pulling some information from *The Valdemar Companion*, and we're getting quite a nice little list!) Thanks!



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