

Queen's Own
The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club
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Heyla, Misty fans!

What happened to the year?! The older I get, the faster the years seem to go . . .

Along with this newsletter, you are receiving a bookmark that you can print out, my holiday gift from me to you!

I'm sorry I don't have a holiday greeting from Misty for you this year. As you all know, she's horrendously busy, and I have to get on her calendar in September or October in order to get a note for you by now. I was so busy with school starting that I completely spaced this year! I apologize. I'll see if I can get something after New Year's, when things settle down a tad.

By way of making up for all that, Steve Libbey wrote to inform me of this new project: "It's a podcast series called the Secret World Chronicle. Borne out of our 'fan fic' superhero prose when we were gaming together, it has evolved into its own unique entity.

"In a nutshell, metahumans begin manifesting in World War II. Some skew towards good, some towards evil. But everything changes in 2004, when an army of Nazis in highly advanced powered armor launch a blitzkrieg against world capitals, killing two thirds of the world's metahuman population before disappearing. In the ensuing uproar, the questions linger: Who are they? Where did their technology come from? And why do some of them appear to be inhuman?"

"You can visit the website here: www.secretworldchronicle.com

"Or directly access the RSS feed at <http://feeds.feedburner.com/secretworldchronicle>."

By way of a bonus, Misty has agreed to be interviewed by us about this project. So if you have questions for her, please send them to me at Legend@malcor.com (and please, please, please include something in your message to remind me what this is about! I'm not exactly flying on all thrusters due to extreme sleep deprivation—see below for the explanation for that!).

Publication News:

For those of you looking for holiday gift ideas, the mass market paperback of *Ill Met by Moonlight* from the Scepter'd Isle series, coauthored with Roberta Gellis, is scheduled to find its way into bookstores on November 28, and the mass market paperback of *One Good Knight* will be released December 1. This is in the same universe as *The Fairy Godmother*, and some characters from the earlier book do put in an appearance toward the end of this new one.

Coming up in 2007, the mass market paperback of *Bedlam's Edge* (coauthored with Rosemary Edghill) and the hardcover of *By Slanderous Tongues* from the Scepter'd Isle series (coauthored with Roberta Gellis) are on track for a February release. On March 1, get ready for the latest in Misty's Five Hundred Kingdom world, *Fortune's Fool*, loosely based on a Russian folk tale. Then in May, the mass market paperback of *When Darkness Falls* from the Obsidian Trilogy will be available.

Please, if you do have the opportunity, do consider the Dragonlord's Bookstore (www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkstore.htm) for your holiday gift giving and other purchases. A portion of each sale goes to support Queen's Own. This is how we keep memberships free, and we're really hurting on sales this year because of the erratic service from our previous webspace provider during the first six months of the year. I really appreciate your support!

We love to publish book and movie reviews, reports from cons and other items of interest from members. If you have anything we could use in the QO newsletter, send it to me at Legend@malcor.com. Also, artists, if I'm going to start putting the rest of the newsletters online, I will need more art. Send me whatever you can! Thanks!

RPG:

I goofed again! Sorry! I was out getting trains for my youngest son's new Garden Railway, and I didn't make it back in time for the event. All I have scheduled for December 16th is cookie decorating, so I should be here for that event. If you are interested in doing a little holiday RPGing,

drop me a note at Legend@malcor.com, and I'll make sure I attend. I was thinking about a winter festival in Hotsprings, perhaps a celebration for Danya and the other personae who have their birthdays this time of year? What do you think?

If you have book reviews/recommendations, articles about Misty's works or anything else of interest to QO, please send them to me! I'd love to publish them. I'm particularly desperate for art, especially if my calendar remains marginally clear for December and I actually get back to coding the newsletter for the website. I also hope to get our mailing lists back up and running soon, but I do need time to figure out the new system, something I simply haven't had. Perhaps that would be a good New Year's resolution for me <g>.

Happy holidays to one and all!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for December. 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.

Florida

PIRATES IN PARADISE FESTIVAL. Website: www.piratesinparadise.com. E-mail: info@piratesinparadise.com. Address: PO Box 1153, Key West, FL 33041. Site Address: Historic Seaport, Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum and Key West Museum of Art & History at the Custom House, Key West. Dates: 11/30/06 to 12/3/06. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Louisiana

LOUISIANA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.larf.org. E-mail: info@LA-Renfest.com. Address: PO Box 220, Robert, LA 70455. Site Address: 46468 River Road, Hammond. Dates: 11/4/06 to 12/10/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Texas

DRAGON VALLEY RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: borderrealminc.com. E-mail: dvrf@borderrealminc.com. Address: PO Box 533944, Harlingen, TX 78533. Site Address: 501 North 13th Street, Alamo. Dates: 12/30/06 to 1/21/07.

INGLESIDE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.inglesidetxtchamber.org. E-mail: ingchamber1@cablone.net. Address: PO Box 686, Ingleside, TX 78362. Site Address: Love Oak Park, Port Avenue and Sherry, off South FM 1069. Dates: 12/9/06 to 12/10/07. Open/Clos: 10 a.m. to dusk.

TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: <http://www.texrenfest.com>. E-mail: info@texrenfest.com. Address: Plantersville, TX. Dates: 9/30/06 - 11/19/06. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Conventions:

These are the upcoming cons we know about. Have any information about conventions in your area? Send it to us at Legend@malcor.com.

California

FLANVENTION II. Website: www.boosterevents.com. Site Address: Burbank Airport Hilton and Towers, 2500 North Hollywood Way, Burbank. Dates: 12/8/06 to 12/10/06.

Florida

RICHARD HATCH JAMMIN' JAMAICAN CRUISE. Website: www.floridasupercon.com. E-mail: animatorsteve@netzero.com. Site Address: Miami Port Carnival, Victory. Dates: 12/3/06 to 12/10/06.

Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH TOY, COMIC AND CHILDHOOD COLLECTIBLE CONVENTION. Website: www.pittsburghtoys.com. E-mail: chairman@pentacongames.com. Site Address: 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville. Dates: 12/2/06 to 12/3/06.

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. 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. 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 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 or 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. 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 (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 kValdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be a part of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower kValdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: 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. 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. 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 picts 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. 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, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: 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 to keep costs at \$5.00 payable in U.S. funds or 12 IRCs. Make checks payable to "Kendra Renaud". The fee covers the cost of printing and mailing; you may share (but not duplicate!) copies of the fanzine. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 4, 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! Each zine will have about 10 personas for a total of 30 personas that have been accepted in the last couple of years. For the contents list for issues 1,2, and 3 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. 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. 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. (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. Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at 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. "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.
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, 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 and healermoon@gmail.com. We have no new personae to announce at this time, but several submissions are being reviewed.

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 and tell her that your persona is in “Deep Storage.” She will pull it out for you and reactivate your submission.

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, 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:

- Bard Revelin Tionne (sazimarc@mindspring.com)
- Bard Valiena (laughsong@aol.com)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliameyngar@aol.com)
- Herald Alora Vadel (unicornalora2@aol.com)
- Herald Areolyn T-rel (chucky@localaccess.com)
- Herald Artavash Keletal (tmschneiderman@attbi.com)
- Herald Charna (sprncer@pacifier.com)
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf (bobkat98@shaw.ca)
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas (crys@stny.rr.com)
- Healer Darnellon Gaither (mdprier@aol.com)
- Herald Darvith (goddess@universalmail.com)
- Herald Deborah (sjupiterdebi@home.com)
- Herald Fiona L’Aren (jaime@divagypsy.com)
- Herald Ian Hawkwood (ianhawke1@aol.com)
- Herald Jolee Alsierra (tinkrbel@spiritone.com)
- Herald-Mage Apprentice Kadia Linder (Kadia@aol.com)
- Herald Kaki (knotes93@simons-rock.edu)
- Herald Kandellessa Revwyn Sevron (del_ashke@hotmail.com)
- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf (kscarp@altavista.com)
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountainheart
(WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil)
- Herald Kesha Trishaya Layven (em290@cam.ac.uk)
- Herald Kiana Wynter (saffyrek@hotmail.com)
- Herald Laliea Shathgran (mcquilt@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Lisbeth Maye (wizardshome@hotmail.com)
- Herald Liselle Aravon (rusalka@nac.net)

- Herald Maia Cinhil Morgan (lorilua@iname.com)
- Herald Meshel Willowlark (chell_cornett@knology.net)
- Herald Miracle Oceanfire (rhyme_reason@hotmail.com)
- Herald Paf (jaro@attbi.com)
- Herald Rhea Windsong (psistriker@worldnet.att.net)
- Herald Riana Malkor (iko_san@hotmail.com)
- Herald Robihane (Tevye@speakintosilence.com)
- Healer Brandyn Pendar (brandegore@insightbb.com)
- Healer Tamesin na Coille (brindle@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Tobias Mider (coy.stout@verizon.net)
- Shin'a'in Leshya'edrin shena Pretera'sedrin (gwenaelle_98@yahoo.com)
- Tayledras Mage Autumnwynd k'Vaia (autumnwynd@aol.com)
- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala (HRHIce@aol.com)
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira (littlestweetchef@aol.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Sierra k'Treva (katsanders@buffymail.com)
- Tayledras Mage Silentheart k'Chona (michelle@lovesickchick.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona (Sttawylime@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira (skydancekshira@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Scout Skyfire k'Chona (logroth@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Winterfire k'Tayle (garou@netspeed.com.au)
- White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver (cimeshadow@aol.com)

If you know any of these folks, please have them contact Danya at Legend@malcor.com with a current e-mail address.

From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla, folks!

Wow! Just when I thought I couldn't get any busier, what with a major election, starting a new Brownie troop, the kids' activities at school and after school, and the pile of projects "in progress" that my editors are screaming for, I got a call from National Geographic, asking me to fly to Washington, D.C., to be interviewed for one of their documentaries on King Arthur. How do you say no to that? So I flew out on a Wednesday, gave the interview Thursday morning (after paying my respects to the

Lincoln and Washington memorials), and flew back that night. I wound up being awake over 24 hours in the process, something that I could do when I was back in college but which is not something I should make a habit of now that I'm creeping up on 50 <g>. I'll let you know when the show is going to air. Hopefully they'll actually use some of the footage!

John Matthews (who writes popular Celtic lore books) is coming out with a new book on King Arthur, which will feature a chapter on my work on Lucius Artorius Castus. He's also publicizing one of those four books I'm working on, so I'd better get my act together and finish the text in the near future. I'm hoping to get in another trip to Italy before I finalize the book, something that may happen in 2007.

I'm really enjoying doing stuff with Kassie's new Brownie troop. It's bringing back a lot of memories of when I was in Girl Scouts, and the girls are having a great time. Because the Girl Scout store is currently up in Costa Mesa, I'm in that neck of the woods quite a bit. If you are in the area, drop me a line, and maybe we can get together for coffee or lunch some day!

Best Wishes to all of you in the Coming Year!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **From Jennifer M. Mackay-Galicia (Herald Mallea D'Lar):** I have a new email address: 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!

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** Not only is Ellen Million Graphics still around (ten years last October!), but I now offer an array of gorgeous new work by new artists, on many new products (including t-shirts!) and a brand new character portrait service. Ordering is available on-line or by snail mail: <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com>. I'd also love to get back in touch with lost penpals! (Use the contact form on the website to avoid death-by-spam-filters!)

- ❖ **TO EVERYONE who enjoys Misty's world and the vast realm of fantasy in general . . .** ANGELA K. SCOTT CREATIONS is still around! You may remember my humble business from past QO (snail-mailed) newsletters. I sell fantasy & M. Lackey-related stationery and bookmarks; Heralds, Shin'a'in, faeries, unicorns, magic, and more! I now offer cards (in packs) with 22 fantasy & scifi designs to choose from, as well a special line of cat-angel cards I call my "Furry Angel Series". I do commissioned artwork as well- please contact me for further details. Gift Certificates are available as well! I am still relatively new to owning a computer & setting up a system (need a scanner!), so I do not have an online version of my 'business'. I'm working on having my merchandise booklet up on my homepage or some way to view merchandise & order info, etc. I know "snail-mail" is a foreign concept to some people, though I still enjoy communicating this way, BUT if you'd like to receive my 6+ page merchandise booklet please contact me: Angela K. Scott-Gosnell, 217 Spear Drive, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. ***PLEASE enclose SASE**, which is a stamped envelope with your address on it. I will get the requested booklet mailed back to you ASAP! Thanks to all of my past and current customers, and hope to hear from you!

- ❖ **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.

❖ **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? (We've been pulling some information from *The Valdemar Companion*, and we're getting quite a nice little list!) Thanks!



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