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Heyla, Misty fans!

Wow! Where did that year go?! It seems as if it were just yesterday that I was offering all of you holiday wishes for 2007! I hope you are all enjoying Misty's new books. Perhaps some of you will be kind enough to write reviews for the next few newsletters. (I have a 2-1/2-foot stack of reading awaiting me, once we hit Winter Break. I do hope I actually get to some of it this year <g>.)

Sorry this newsletter is late! The 1<sup>st</sup> falling on a Monday took both Herald Auryn and me by surprise <g>. I do want to offer my heartfelt thanks for all the help Herald Auryn has provided with Queen's Own over last year. (As well as in previous years!) I couldn't get these newsletters out to you without her.

Some people are reporting problems with receiving the newsletter. Yes, it is still coming out religiously every month—more or less on time <g>. So if your deliveries have suddenly stopped, please make sure that we have your current address and that your spam filter is not blocking us. If it ever gets a couple weeks into the month and you haven't heard from us, please contact me. I'll be happy to send you anything you've missed.

**Publication News:**

On December 2 this month, you'll find the perfect gift for any Valdemar lover on your Christmas list: *Moving Targets and Other Tales of Valdemar*.

Next year, *The Snow Queen*, Misty's latest tale of the Five Hundred Kingdoms, will be available in paperback on February 1.

And on July 28, Misty's latest collaboration with Roberta Gellis, *And Less Than Kind*, will be available in paperback.

Happy Holidays to 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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com).

## **California**

**DICKENS CHRISTMAS FAIR IN SAN FRANCISCO.** Website: [www.dickensfair.com](http://www.dickensfair.com). E-mail: [office@themeevents.com](mailto:office@themeevents.com). Address: PO Box 1768, Novato, CA 94948. Site Address: Cow Palace, San Francisco. Dates: 11/28/08 to 12/21/08. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Florida**

**PIRATES IN PARADISE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.piratesinparadise.com](http://www.piratesinparadise.com). E-mail: [info@piratesinparadise.com](mailto: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: 11/29/08 to 12/7/08. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## **Louisiana**

**LOUISIANA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.larf.org](http://www.larf.org). E-mail: [info@la-renfest.com](mailto:info@la-renfest.com). Address: PO Box 220, Robert, LA 70455. Site Address: 46468 River Road, Hammond, LA. Dates: 11/1/08 to 12/7/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **Texas**

**CHRISTMAS FEST AT MIDDLEFAIRE.** Website: [www.middlefaire.net](http://www.middlefaire.net). E-mail: [middlefaire@yahoo.com](mailto:middlefaire@yahoo.com). Address: PO Box 961, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Site Address: Southwest corner of County Road 1458 and State Highway 171. Dates: 12/13/08 to 12/14/08.

**TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** Website: [www.texrenfest.com](http://www.texrenfest.com). E-mail: [shelly@texrenfest.com](mailto:shelly@texrenfest.com). Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363. Site Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville. Dates: 10/11/08 to 11/30/08. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to dusk.

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 for December.

We are not aware of any conventions taking place in December.

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 kValdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto: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 k'Valdemar at [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).

- ❑ **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.)

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:

- Bard Revelin Tionne ([sazimarc@mindspring.com](mailto:sazimarc@mindspring.com))
- Bard Valiena ([laughsong@aol.com](mailto:laughsong@aol.com))
- 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))
- Herald Alia Melyngar ([aliamelyngar@aol.com](mailto:aliamelyngar@aol.com))
- Herald Ariya Nightsun ([erynf@cats.ucsc.edu](mailto:erynf@cats.ucsc.edu))
- Herald Kiren Sendar ([ice-blink@msn.com](mailto:ice-blink@msn.com))
- Herald Areolyn T-rel ([chucky@localaccess.com](mailto:chucky@localaccess.com))
- Herald Artavash Keletal ([tmschneiderman@attbi.com](mailto:tmschneiderman@attbi.com))
- Herald Bastian Brennan ([herald\\_bastian@yahoo.com](mailto:herald_bastian@yahoo.com))
- Herald Charna ([sprncer@pacifier.com](mailto:sprncer@pacifier.com))
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf ([bobkat98@shaw.ca](mailto:bobkat98@shaw.ca))
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas ([crys@stny.rr.com](mailto:crys@stny.rr.com))
- Healer Darnellon Gaither ([mdprier@aol.com](mailto:mdprier@aol.com))
- Herald Darvith ([goddess@universalmail.com](mailto:goddess@universalmail.com))
- Herald Deborah ([sjupiterdebi@home.com](mailto:sjupiterdebi@home.com))
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- Herald Gwendolyn Katran ([ladykent@wildmail.com](mailto:ladykent@wildmail.com))
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- Herald Jolee Alsierra ([tinkrbel@spiritone.com](mailto:tinkrbel@spiritone.com))
- Herald-Mage Apprentice Kadia Linder ([Kadia@aol.com](mailto:Kadia@aol.com))
- Herald Kaki ([knotes93@simons-rock.edu](mailto:knotes93@simons-rock.edu))
- Herald Kandellessa Revwyn Sevron ([del\\_ashke@hotmail.com](mailto:del_ashke@hotmail.com))
- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf ([kscarpat@altavista.com](mailto:kscarpat@altavista.com))
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountainheart ([WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil](mailto:WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil))
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- Herald Khrystal Thee'Ledan ([sophia\\_patagonia@yahoo.com](mailto:sophia_patagonia@yahoo.com))
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- Healer Tamesin na Coille ([brindle@bellsouth.net](mailto:brindle@bellsouth.net))
- Shin'a'in Leshya'edrin shena Pretera'sedrin  
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- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala ([HRHIce@aol.com](mailto:HRHIce@aol.com))
- Tayledras Scout Brightshadow k'Vala ([clueless\\_guy2@yahoo.com](mailto:clueless_guy2@yahoo.com))
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira ([littlestweetchef@aol.com](mailto:littlestweetchef@aol.com))
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- Tayledras Mage Silentheart k'Chona ([michelle@lovesickchick.com](mailto:michelle@lovesickchick.com))
- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona  
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- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira ([skydancekshira@hotmail.com](mailto:skydancekshira@hotmail.com))
- Tayledras Scout Skyfire k'Chona ([logroth@hotmail.com](mailto:logroth@hotmail.com))
- Tayledras Healer Adept Winterfire k'Tayle  
([garou@netspeed.com.au](mailto:garou@netspeed.com.au))
- Tayledras Healer Adept Willowstar k'Vala ([minna@adelphia.net](mailto:minna@adelphia.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!

This school year got off to a bit of a rocky start in the homeschooling zone. Some of my son's text books didn't arrive. We're having trouble renewing his online math course. We couldn't fit any of the three or four plays he wanted to try out for into our calendar. My mother came down with shingles and hasn't been able to help tutor him (He's better at doing English for her than for me.). His IEP committee meetings keep getting postponed because we can't get busy calendars for 8-10 people to match up. Ugh! At least all three of my kids completed projects for the PTA Reflections program. I'm still awaiting the results.

Girl Scouts is going very well. My blended troop continues to grow, and the girls are extremely excited about earning enough money to go to Lazy J Ranch in June. (They all want to ride/work with the horses.) I now have 23 Daisies through Senior Scouts; it's a bit insane, but I'd rather have the one large, blended troop than try to do three or four smaller ones. It's less paperwork!

The sagging economy and the budget crisis here in California have hit our elementary school like a ton of proverbial bricks. Our PTA didn't make anything close to what we needed to clear for our Fall Fundraiser, so I'm madly writing as many grants as I can find. We've cancelled all but one of the assemblies for the year, but I'm hoping something will turn up so we can get some back.

So, being a certifiable Herald who has apparently spent too much time on Circuit <g>, I volunteered to direct Disney's *The Jungle Book* for our school. I already have 30 kids signed up for the new Drama Club (after only two days!), and I'm trying to take up to 60. I'm also trying to convert the former library/computer lab into a functioning theater. I have a stage, and we're getting a curtain. We have a sound system that we're trying to get mounted. Now, if I could just find some lights to borrow—or someone to donate a rudimentary lighting system . . . (Anyone have any bright ideas <g>?) Flooring needs to be replaced, but that's not as desperate as the other problems. We also need to have a work day to straighten out the storage around the school. Books are on the stage. Set pieces and costumes and other supplies are in assorted classrooms and closets around campus. Eesh. Oh, well. At least the kids are very excited about the project, which I hope will fill a major hole in their curriculum.

No, I haven't made much progress on the four books I have in various stages of production. I'm hoping to take another paper to the Western States Folklore Society meeting in 2009. I also plan to attend the State PTA convention in San Jose in May, if anyone is in the area. I'm always willing to meet with QO members for a cup of coffee and a chat about our favorite author <g>. (Let me know if you hear anything about upcoming appearances, book signings, etc.)

Have a fantastic holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

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

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- ❖ **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!
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- ❖ **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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