

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Night Horse

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Wishing you all the very best this holiday season! Your assignment for this season: Find someone when you are out on Circuit who doesn't know about Misty and introduce that person to her work. Spread the joy of sharing our favorite author's stories with others.

Things are picking up around here once again. If you haven't already done so, join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>. I hope to get the website at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm> updated in the near future. (I need to figure out how to upload the new files.) We could use a few extra hands around here if anyone feels inclined to volunteer ☺.

In response to my request for articles from editors of fanzines, Golden Grove was kind enough to send us this piece! Everyone who can, please respond to the writing prompt! So without further ado, here is our report from the editor, Herald Nalei Rayskeline:

I took over the publication of Golden Grove several years ago just as the regulations on electronic transmission of Velgarth and Mercedes Lackey related materials were changing. I'd known about Queen's Own since Junior High and even wrote up most of the requirements for a persona, but back then I was still too unsure of myself to actually submit any of it.

Fast forward through a bit of college and some time in the military, and I was looking for something to do with my free time. I spent a lot of time on the Net, mostly researching possible majors and schools, but I also started looking at Queen's Own again. I dusted off my old persona, or what was still left of it, and discovered it just didn't fit the person I'd become. So I started over and actually completed earning my points and the submission process. My motivating factor this time was my interest in becoming an editor for one of the fanzines that had gone inactive. I had a bit of experience creating digital publications, mostly event flyers, and I love reading fan-fic of all types. The new option to digitally produce fanzines also intrigued me. When I'd first started looking at QO, back in Junior High that wasn't an option, which meant subscriptions to all the fanzines cost money, putting them far out of my reach. The new Golden Grove could be accessible to anyone who could get to a library.

Since I first took over Golden Grove I've had a great deal of experience writing, mostly nonfiction. I worked as a grant writer for a time, writing and editing resumes and cover letters after I graduated with my accounting degree, and I write a great deal for my current job. All of this writing has taught me to be a better editor. Grant writing is a great way to learn about the power of just a few words and how important the right words are. I also understand how hard it can be to have someone critique your work, something you have poured your heart and soul into. I've been there and done it. I used to be terrified of letting others read

things I'd written. I still am most of the time. I have notebooks full of bits and pieces of worlds just sitting on my bookshelf, but I've gotten a lot better about it, mostly through practice and the realization that even though my name is on my work, most people won't ever know who I really am.

To be honest though, I'd rather read fanfiction than write it. Most of the time I never get around to finishing what I start writing, I get distracted by a new book or TV show or I have an argument with my characters and then I forget where I was going with the story. So I understand how very hard writing can be, and I admire anyone who can finish NaNoWriMo (<http://nanowrimo.org/>). In light of this I've decided to write a short story prompt each month. Maybe one of them will spark your interest and get your creative juices flowing. If it does I'd be happy to publish it for you. If you're worried about the editing process we can start slow, just spelling and basic grammar, nothing more than MS Word does. For those who want to learn a bit more, I'm happy to point out where things could be changed to make the story tighter and improve the flow.

Story Prompt:

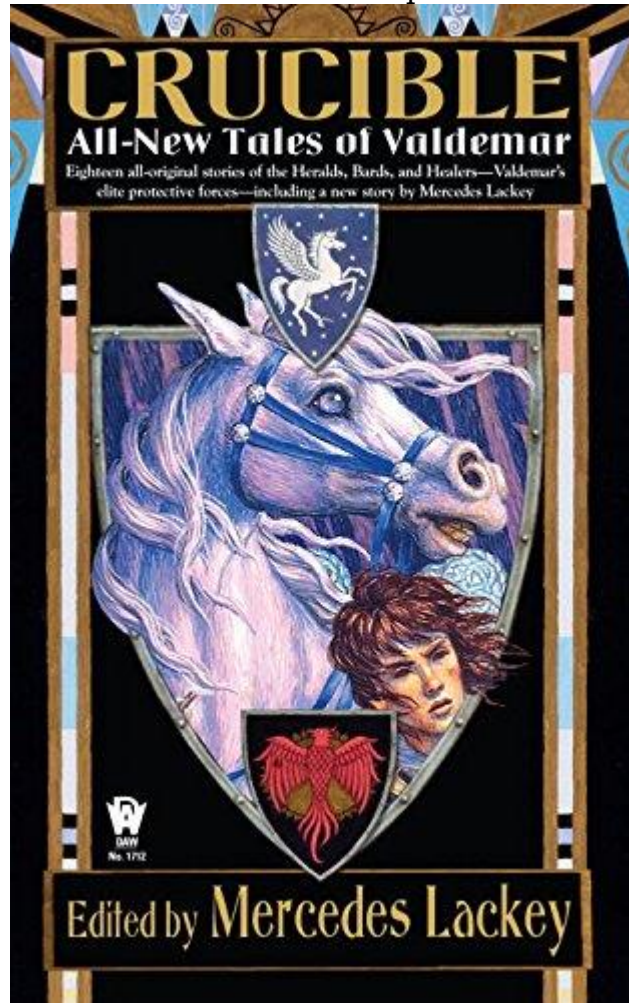
The bay had changed drastically from the place they had left three years ago. It looked like theirs weren't the only fortunes that had turned. The Captain stood in the bow of the ship watching the decrepit buildings pass as the competent crew brought the ship into port. Remembering how bright and new everything had looked the afternoon they had left this small island. Some of that impression had surely been due to their new found freedom and the adventure before them. Even now none of what had happened mattered. They were just glad to be returning home.



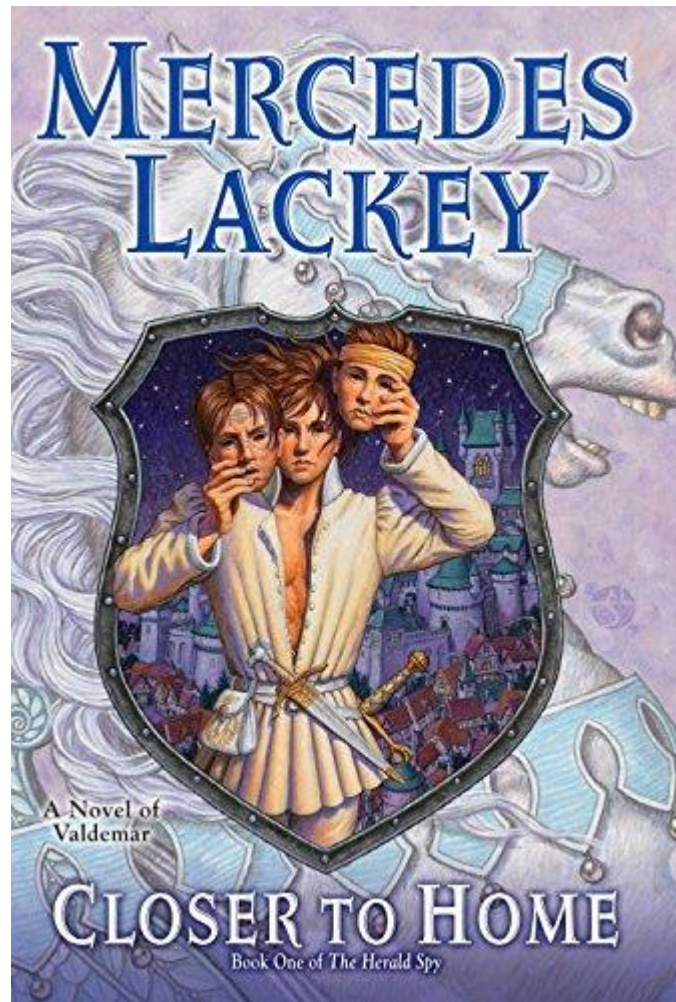
Publication News:

The Arrows trilogy is now available as an ebook package. The Herald Mage series is supposed to be released in February.

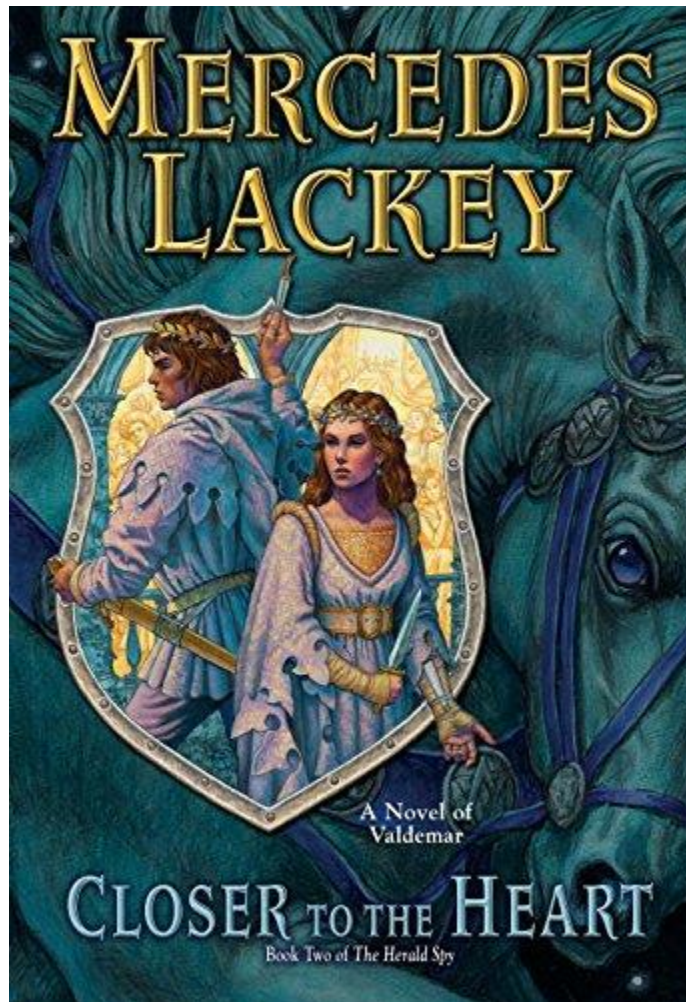
Crucible: All-New Tales of Valdemar was released December 1, 2015, can be purchased via Amazon in Paperback or Kindle formats!



Closer to Home: Book One of Herald Spy, was released to Paperback Oct 6, 2015, and is also available via Kindle format.



Closer to Home: Book Two of Herald Spy was released to Hardcover Oct 6, 2015, and is also available via Kindle format.



I am in the process of updating the list of Misty's publications on the QO website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkfanml.htm> When I get the new list up, I'll need reviews and someone to check for titles I've missed. (Yes, this is me in my Golds waving frantically for assistance!)

Can anyone coordinate the database I mentioned above with my list on the QO website and let me know what I need to add and where I need to add it?



Ren. Faires:

<http://piratefestivals.com/>

<http://www.renfaire.com/Sites/>

<http://www.renaissancemagazine.com/fairelist.html>

<http://www.therenlist.com/fairs>

http://www.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance_faire_festival_information_list.htm

<http://www.festivaltrek.com/festivals-category/renaissance-heritage/>

<http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/renaissance-festivals.html>



Conventions:

DRAGON CON! Sept. 2-5, 2016. Atlanta, Georgia. Misty is scheduled as a guest! http://www.dragoncon.org/?q=where_to_go_hyatt



Member News:

Editors and Chapter Presidents, please send us updated information if you have it.

Local chapters:

The Canada Chapter is starting back up! I hope to have their updated information in the next newsletter. Who else is still active and who is not?

- **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!



- **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.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/>
- **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 dodgey 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 is in production. Please note the updated ad for ***Golden Grove!***

Is anyone else still publishing?

- **Children of Velgarth** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, P.O. Box 61831, Irvine, CA 92602 USA E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. 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. We have the first 6 vols. available!

- **Golden Grove** Editor: Herald Nalei Rayskeline, is still an active fanzine. I just need stuff to print. I've got two new issues for anyone who wants to read them, but in order to keep up with a

quarterly schedule I need submissions. I'll take any genera, pics, whatever you like as long as it falls within legal guidelines for other authors universes. Original stuff is always welcome. Golden Grove is now a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com.

If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.

- ***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:



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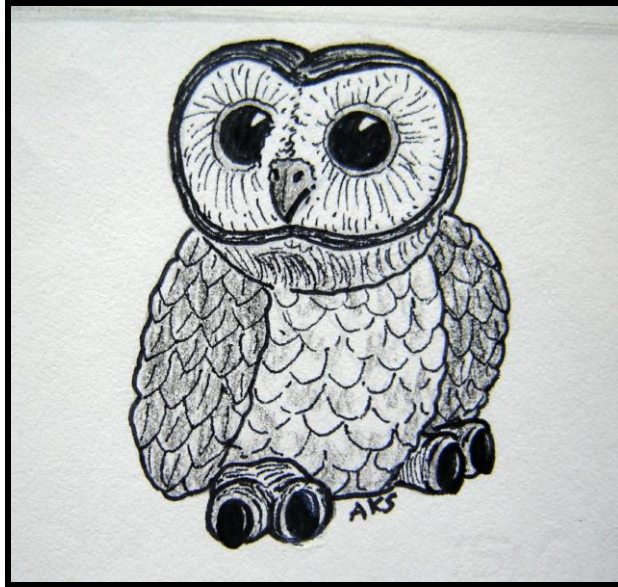
Please let me know if this information needs to be updated:

- 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.
- 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>, Shashtah@gmail.com. The first book, *Dragon Heart*, is scheduled to be released soon. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron!
- 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.





Baby Owl

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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>.

Here is the old information: 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.

The address that appeared at this point in previous newsletters no longer works. Message me at shashtah@gmail.com when you get to the point of submitting a release form, and I'll see what I can find out in the way of new instructions. (I think Misty now has her fanfiction licensed under Creative Commons. Can someone check that out?)

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to Shashtah@gmail.com and healermoon@gmail.com.

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

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

Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. If you are activated on the Persona List and still listed as "missing" below, let me know. I just forgot to delete the "missing" reference in the newsletter. We are missing current e-mail addresses for just about everyone at this point. If you need your email address updated somewhere on the QO site or for the mailing list, let me know. (Legend@malcor.com still works, but I am switching to Shashtah@gmail.com.)

(We will start generating this list again as I see e-mails start bouncing.)



From Healer Adept Moonstar:

Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas, and Happy Yule. I hope you all have a Peace filled holiday regardless of your particular flavor. At my home I am still recovering from October's surgery, however I have made great strides literally....I am walking every day now between the $\frac{3}{4}$ a mile around my complex and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile around to the next street light. I have graduated Physical Therapy and look forward to going back to work next month. Tomorrow I celebrate my 10th wedding anniversary, and we are going to keep it low key and watch a movie and bbq a couple of steaks. We are also eagerly awaiting our Yule tree to arrive, I ordered it via "Five Star Christmas Tree" and will give my thoughts on that in my next note. ☺

In my time recovering I have also read and re-read several novels. Among these include *Gone With the Wind*, *Scarlett*, *Harry Potter 7*, *Dragonlance Chronicles 1-4*. I found in my re-read of these novels that my current D&D character Sunshine, is very reminiscent of Tasslehoff Burrfoot. Which leads me to the question...what are you inspired by my friends?

Do you re-read your favorite novels and find flavors of your characters imbedded? What is inspiring to you? I find when I have difficult challenges, such as my back surgery I reach out for Scarlett O'Hara; as she faces many trials. She picks herself up and runs bull headed to adversity to take care of herself and her family.

Do you surprise yourself with what you found inspiring as I did when I started reading the Dragonlance Chronicles and found many many aspects of Tas that snuck their way into my current character Sunshine?

Best Wishes for your Holidays and A Very Happy and Shiny New Year.

Hugs-

Moonstar



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Personals:

- **Northwest Visions Studio:** Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- **Coming soon! *Dragon Heart*** by Linda A. Malcor, art by Laura Cameron. Paperback and e-book should be out in a couple of weeks. Track the progress on the Dragonlords of Dumnonia Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>
- **Ellen Million Graphics** has changed a lot since it first advertised in Queen's Own, back in 1993! Now specializing in fantasy coloring books for grown-ups and other collaborative projects for artists, you'll find the perfect gifts for the fantasy lovers on your list, whether they enjoy mermaids, fairies, zombies, sea monsters, fairy tales, or belly dancers. Sketch Fest offers monthly art jams for artists of all types, Portrait Adoption has hundreds of pre-finished portraits that might be your character - available for exclusive adoption, and Torn World is an incredibly rich shared world sandbox that features mammoth-sized furry unicorns and a steampunk-style Empire that uses crystals that control time. Come discover all the magic and enchantment at: <http://ellenmilliongraphics.com>
- From Angela K. Scott/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-- as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on Ebay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!
http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs, stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! I'm even selling an original art piece "Northern Lights Companion" (sold with M. Lackey books trilogy)! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at UnicornAlora2@aol.com.

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

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

You can contact me at duddyburkem@aol.com.



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Healer Adept Moonstar, co-President (Kendra Hosseini, healermoon@gmail.com)

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Fanmail Note: If you send fanmail to Misty at this address, please include stamps for forwarding. We no longer charge dues, so we do not have the funds to pay for your postage.

The online version of this newsletter will be available with artwork at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm> within a few days.

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn