

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

Wow! Where did January go?! At least I got by holiday decorations down before February started, but it was a close call <G>.

I am officially 45 as of February 3rd. Doesn't seem possible! I swear, each year seems to go faster than the last.

I still haven't had any response to Misty's offer to give us an interview about her new project or to hold a live chat with us on that topic. I really wish someone would contact me with something. I'd hoped the club would have a better response, since it's so rare for us to get one of these offers from Misty. Here is the request again:

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>."

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!

If you have any information about Misty making an appearance at a Con or book signing, do pass it along to me at Legend@malcor.com.

I'm sorry I'm so backlogged on persona approval. (See my letter below for a few of the reasons why!) I hope to catch up soon.

Publication News:

You won't have to wait long for more new Misty: The next in her Scepter'd Isle series, *By Slanderous Tongues*, is coauthored with Roberta Gellis and will be available February 6.

Fans of the Five Hundred Kingdom world will be happy to hear that they can start reading *Fortune's Fool*, the most recent installment loosely based on a Russian folk tale, on March 1. On May 1, the mass-market paperback of *When Darkness Falls*, Book Three of the Obsidian Trilogy, will hit shelves. On May 7, keep your eyes (and ears!) open for an untitled Valdemar CD, the first in a series. And others with paperback preferences can anticipate the mass-market release of *Music to My Sorrow: Bedlam's Bard* (another collaboration with Rosemary Edghill) on August 28.

Don't forget that you can also pre-order your copy of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* through the Dragonlord's Bookstore at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>. A portion of all sales through this site goes to QO. This is how we keep our memberships free, so we really appreciate your support!

Many thanks to Herald Auryn for all of her hard work pulling information together for the newsletter! It would be much, much later than it is without her help!

Our special feature this month is a review of *Aerie* by Herald Enyo. If you have an article or review you'd like to see in the QO newsletter, send it to me at Legend@malcor.com. I love to hear from you!

Happy Valentine's Day to one and all!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Review of Mercedes Lackey's *Aerie* by Herald Enyo:

The fourth book in the Joustiers series takes place shortly after the events in *Sanctuary* and continues Kiron's work to help unite Alta and Tia. Kiron is the leader of the Joustiers, and there are now plenty of people arguing with him for the job because the old Joustiers of both countries are convinced they can do a better job. Kiron has to learn how to handle the older Joustiers, find dragons for those who don't yet have them, train the new Joustiers, and find jobs for them all to do since there are no wars to fight! And while he's at it, he has to try and work on his relationship with Aket-ten, who wants to have women Joustiers.

One of the things I liked about this book was that Misty explored the religious views of Alta and Tia in more detail than we've seen before. We knew it was similar to ancient Egyptian religion, but in *Aerie* we learn more about it, the views and misconceptions people may have about religion, and glimpse a new view to one of the best-known stories in the religion. The end result will, I hope, make every reader think long after the book is done.

Aerie ran at a different pace than the other books in the series. It alternated slow and fast, with much attention given to the growth of our old friends and a few news ones. We learn a few new things about dragons and gods. The adventures range from spookily mysterious to epic conflict, and there is much to enjoy in this newest addition to the Joustiers series.



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for February. 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.

Arizona

ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.renfestinfo.com.
E-mail: arizonarenfest@royalfaires.com. Address: 12601 East Highway 60, Apache Junction, AZ 85219. Site Address: Six miles East of Apache

Junction on Highway 60. Dates: 2/10/07 to 4/1/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Florida

BAY AREA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AT MOSI. Website: www.renaissancefest.com. E-mail: katparker@yahoo.com. Address: 11315 North 46th Street, Tampa, FL 33617. Site Address: Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), 11315 North 46th Street, Tampa. Dates: 2/17/07 to 4/1/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FLORIDA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.ren-fest.com. E-mail: info@ren-fest.com. Address: 800 Northwest 57th Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Site Address: Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach. Dates: 2/10/07 to 3/11/07. Open/Close: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HOGGETOWNE MEDIEVAL FAIRE. Website: www.gvculturalaffairs.org. E-mail: piperlr@cityofgainesville.org. Address: PO Box 490, Station 30, Gainesville, FL 32602. Site Address: Alachua County Fairgrounds, Gainesville. Dates: 1/27/07 to 2/4/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Jersey

WICKED WINTER RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.wickedfaire.com. E-mail: jeffmach@runningwatermusic.com. Address: 208 Anderson Street, 2CS, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Site Address: New Jersey Expo Center, Edison. Dates: 2/10/07. Open/Close: noon to midnight.

Utah

LIFE, THE UNIVERSE & EVERYTHING 25. Website: <http://ltue.byu.edu>. E-mail: ltue@gmail.com. Site Address: Brigham Young University, Provo. Dates: 2/15/06 to 2/17/06.

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.

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 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:** 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. (I apologize profusely to everyone who is patiently

waiting for me to have enough time to review the submissions! I will get to them as soon as I can.)

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 (aliamelyngar@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 (kscarpat@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 (mcquilkt@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
(littlesweetchef@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!

Sorry I was so late in getting out this newsletter, but my life just became more complicated than usual <G>. It looks as if I'll be in Italy from April 27th until May 5th, so plan on the May newsletter being late. I've had to start home schooling my eldest son, who just wasn't getting along with

the traditional school system. My daughter's Brownie troop is selling Girl Scout cookies, and we have several field trips we're taking, in addition to planning the girls' investiture. I spent most of the day February 1st cooking a pancake breakfast at my youngest son's preschool. The recent winds blew down my back fence, and we're taking bids for a contractor to replace it with a wall (which should happen this next week). Plus I have a paper I need to pull together for an academic conference that's coming up. So I've had to invoke that clause about family craziness having to take precedence over the timeliness of the newsletter. I did eventually get it out, though <g>.

I'm going to keep this short, so I can send it off. Thanks for bearing with me!

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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