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By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

New Year's Day is an opportunity to look back, but, more importantly, to look forward as well. We are coming out with this newsletter a bit late because real life once again intervened. While we were delayed, we lost a giant in the world of fantasy fiction: Ursula K. LeGuin. I only saw her in person once, at a phenomenal lecture she gave at UC, Berkely. Her brother, Clifford Krober (That's what the "K." stands for.) was one of my professors at Occidental College, whose greatest work may have been with Ishi, the last survivor of the Yana tribe of Native Americans. Her neice is one of my longtime friends. And she was one of our beloved Misty's heroes. Here is a note from Mercedes Lackey about the passage of Ursula K. LeGuin:

"Ursula LeGuin passed away Monday, 1-22-18. She & I were colleagues, & better writers than I have sung her praises. I'm going to say a small something about those left behind. I've spoken before about how, in entertainment & literature, we are elements of a continuum; that with hard work, we become heroes to others, but our heroes had their heroes, and they before them. If we do well, we meet our heroes, know them, befriend them, laugh with them, work with them, and then--they are gone. Every year we're hit with the dreadful feeling we're that much closer to being the last of our kind. We're left with more than just mourning; we are left with a responsibility, an honor, & a legacy, to do right by who & what they were as friends & as creators. We were there for them when they were alive, & now, we must be there for them when they're gone. We must do as our heroes did, & help the next heroes come up to take our place in the continuum. What will we do without Ursula's voice in our world? The answer is as sobering as it is sure. We must be Ursula's voice in the world now, and ensure those that follow us will understand what she was like, & what she did. Honoring our past is best done by creating a better future."

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



January story prompt:

The palace was in turmoil, the heir was missing. For the past two days the servants had been quietly tearing the place apart, one room at time. The crux of the situation was, no one could know about the kidnapping.

The new issue is out! If you would like a copy, contact me. As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

Herald Nalei Rayskeline

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send us story prompts, we'd be happy to publish them!]



By

The Gryphon Lord, Larry Dixon



Contest Announcement:

UPDATE: Three submissions in; seven to go before the first drawing!

We are now accepting submissions for the ongoing Queen's Own Contests. We will do a drawing every time we have 10 submissions, the winner of the contest will receive one of the randomly selected items below. You can only submit one submission per contest. Each submission must be Valdemar related. Submission includes, Artwork, Stories, Poetry, Articles, Book Reviews, and Cosplays. If it is Valdemar related it will count for a submission. All submissions will be shared in future newsletters, in the case of stories they will be sent on to the zines which are needing submissions. Once we have 10 submissions, there will be a drawing, this will be determined randomly for a winner as we do not want to be in the business of trying to determine better between apples and oranges. Please send in your submissions to our PO Box, or preferably via email to myself (healermoon@gmail.com) and Danya (shashtah@gmail.com). Good Luck my friends!



Publication News:

A Scandal in Battersea (Elemental Masters) was released in Mass Market Paperback format on October 2nd. It is also available in Kindle format.

Pathways a Valdemar anthology, came out on December 5th. Fans as well as better known authors contributed to this volume.

The Hills have Spies (Valdemar: Family Spies) will be released June 5, 2018. You can preorder it now.

Healer Adept Moonstar reports that more Valdemar books are in the works. (I swear, our beloved Misty writes faster than I can read!) Please send us reviews of any of Misty's works, old or new. We love to hear from you!



E-Resources:

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page at http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/_/N-2khg

Misty's official page is at <http://www.mercedeslackey.com/>

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/go.htm> (I do need to update it, but a lot of good information is available there and some is actually current!)

Misty's Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey/>

The Mercedes Lackey Fanclub group on Facebook is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205058863/>

The Queen's Own Facebook page is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

If you know of any other e-resources, please let us know!



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>

If you are able to attend any of these (or others we don't know about), please let us know about all the fun you had!



Conventions:

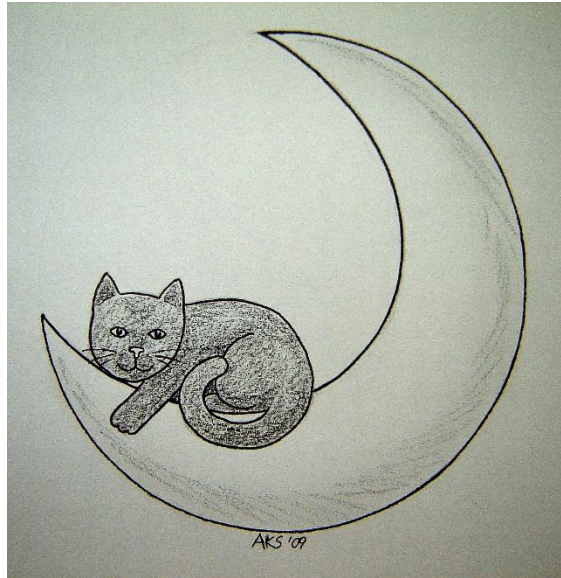
<http://fancons.com/events/>

<http://www.upcomingcons.com/comic-conventions>

<http://www.popculthq.com/2016/11/09/the-2017-list-of-cosplay-conventions-is-here/>

Did anyone go to DragonCon? Did you have to chance to meet Misty? If so, please write and tell us about it!

Please let us know if you find out about any other appearances Misty will be making this year.



Cat in the Moon

By

Angela K. Scott

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 AZ" 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/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while your at it!)
- **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 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. 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:

Here are the QO fanzines and newsletters that we know about. Is anyone else still publishing?

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar; 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 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** The October 2017 issue is out! Golden Grove is now a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. Contact me if you'd like a copy. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com. To submit stories, you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

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.



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Other Fandoms:

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. Book 1 of the series, *Dragon Heart* is out! You can purchase it through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble's website, and other online merchants. It is available in both Kindle and paperback formats. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron! The second novel in the series, *Dragon Sun*, will be out soon. Check out the Dragonlords Facebook page for sneak peaks of some of Laura's new illustrations!
- 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.





Flower Drop

By

Angela K. Scott

Collegium News:

- Welcome, **Hedge Priestess of Vykandis Avra Steibarn!** *Amy* wrote about Avra, her family and friends, composed a poem and designed a costume for her persona to wear.

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>. All persona materials will be published within upcoming editions of Children of Velgarth and will be submitted into the ongoing Queen's Own drawings.

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

Fanfiction can now be published as long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

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 Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Ah, life! I've had a couple of more bad falls, which aggravated my concussion. I've injured both my frontal and temporal lobes, so I'm in physical, speech and occupational therapy. That's put a bit of a crimp in my publishing schedule.

My third novel, *Dragon Voices*, will be published as soon as I can get my act together. It will feature art by our very own Laura Cameron! Some of my work that is no longer in print as well as some of my Valdemar fanfiction (Mostly backstories about Danya's partners Herald Kaylan Elderwood and Herald Yarik Rafton at the moment) is up on my blog at www.scriptorium101.com. Let me know what you think! (There's a feature where you can comment on the blog.)

Healer Adept Moonstar is making a heroic effort to guide me through watching *Game of Thrones* as she recovers from her surgery (which went well). I am having a dreadful time keeping track of all of the characters—and it's not helping that the ones I figure out keep getting killed!

My current reading is *Love Kills: The Assassination of Kurt Cobain* (the lead singer of Nirvana) by my friend Hank Harrison (Father of Courtney Love and author of several books, including *The Dead*, about the Grateful Dead.) I also have my nose in Michael Wolff's *Fire and Fury*. And I'm buried in the usual assortment of Roman inscriptions and archaeological texts. (Yes, I'm that eclectic in my reading. My speech therapist says I need to focus. I suspect she's right.)

Found my cosplay outfit for Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn. Also found the one for Herald Whites before Misty decided to make the uniform for the new Herald-Mages in training yellow and the final uniform golden brown. I should put them on some day and have someone take pictures ☺.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Personals:

- ❖ Ellen Million Graphics is releasing a new collection of fantasy coloring books for (so-called) grown-ups: Mermaids, dragons, angels, and fantasy horses, oh my! Find these and more at <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com/coloringbooks.php>
- ❖ Northwest Visions Studio--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration.
 - Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- ❖ *Dragon Sun* by Linda A. Malcor is out in paperback and ebook! Art by Laura Cameron. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as at other online outlets. (Some Barnes and

Noble brick-and-mortar stores are also carrying it.) Get updates on the series at <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>

- ❖ 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.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at UnicornAlora@gmail.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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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