

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

A thousand thanks to Herald Auryn (Amber Taufen) for holding down the proverbial fort for me while I'm trying to recover from my computer problems. She is the reason you are actually receiving this newsletter in a timely fashion!

Thanks to all of you who have contacted me with recommendations for a new provider to host our website. I really appreciate the input. I'm trying to figure out which will be the most reasonable price that will accommodate all of our needs. With luck, I'll have that sorted out by next month.

If you are interested in an RPG on July 15th, contact me at Legend@malcor.com. If there's sufficient interest, I'll do my best to have something set up by then.

Publication News:

Don't miss the final book in Misty's Obsidian Mountain collaboration with James Mallory, *When Darkness Falls*, which will be available July 25.

Three new fall release dates have been announced: Look for the latest in Misty's Joust series, *Aerie*, in hardback and the fourth Elemental Masters installment, *The Wizard of London*, in paperback on October 3. Plus, on Halloween, a new paperback release of the Diana Tregarde tale, *Jinx High*, will hit shelves in time for you to celebrate.

Around the corner on November 7, *Ill Met By Moonlight*, Misty's collaboration with Roberta Gellis, hits shelves in paperback.

And Five Hundred Kingdom fans can start looking forward to the next in that series, *Fortune's Fool*, which will be released sometime next year.

When I do get the website back up, please remember the Dragonlord's Bookstore at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkstore.htm> when you are looking for summer reading suggestions. A portion of all proceeds go to keep memberships in QO free, and I really appreciate your support.

Chapter News:

The VFC Tylenel drawing contest will be revived soon. Watch here and on the VFC list for details when I get it back up. (I'll also make the announcement on the QO list when I get it back up and running as well.)

This month I have a review of *Phoenix and Ashes*, Book Three of the Elemental Mage series. Enjoy!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Review of Mercedes Lackey's *Phoenix and Ashes* (DAW 2004), by Linda A. Malcor. Paperback, 468 Pages.

Phoenix and Ashes follows *The Serpent's Shadow* and *The Gates of Sleep* in the Elemental Master's series. Set in World War I, the story of Cinderella takes on several twists in this intriguing novel. Misty has really done her homework as far as the folklore is concerned. She demonstrates knowledge of several old variants of the tale as well as of British fairy lore in general (I suspect she may have been reading Katharine Brigg's excellent survey of *British Folktales*). It's a rare book that I can, as a professional folklorist, can find few complaints about, but Misty really hit a home run with this one.

Misty is developing an interesting idea about how certain kinds of magic are encouraging war and feeding off the results in this parallel universe where elementals partner with humans. She also demonstrates a keen knowledge of how people interact with each other in historical social situations. While I've seen some critics accuse Misty of imposing modern sensibilities on the past, I think what she is doing in these works is much more interesting. I refuse to believe that everyone in the past was

cut out of some cardboard form, and the more I study history, the more I come to think that we're not all that different from our ancestors.

I found myself comparing this work to the Saint Germain novels by Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, which I dearly love. No, there's no vampire anywhere in site, but the historical research was every bit as good, and I definitely enjoyed it.

So if you're looking for a bit of summer reading with some educational content, you should definitely pick up this book!

(BTW, my review of *The Wizard of London*, the fourth book in this series, is being submitted to Sapphire and White's first e-zine. See below for details about how to join this exciting chapter of QO!)



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for July. 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.

Alaska

EAGLE RIVER RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: info@3barons.org.
Website: <http://www.3barons.org>. Address: PO Box 233617, Anchorage, AK 99523. Site Address: Eagle River Town Square, Eagle River. Dates: 7/15/06-7/16/06. Open/Close: noon - 7 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

California

CENTRAL COAST RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: hisrev@mchsi.com. Website: <http://www.hisrev.org>. Address: 10147 Monte Cristo Dr., Kelseyville, CA 94851. Site Address: El Chorro Regional Park, Highway 1, between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. Dates: 7/15/06-7/16/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

IDYLLWILD'S MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Site Address: Idyllwild County Park, 54000 Riverside County Playground Road, Idyllwild. Dates: 7/22/06-7/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

LABYRINTH OF JARETH FANTASY MASQUERADE IX. E-mail:

loj@labyrinthmasquerade.com. Website:

<http://www.labyrinthmasquerade.com>. Site Address: Hnery Fonda Theatre, 6126 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles. Dates: 7/15/06. Open/Close: 7 p.m. – 2 a.m.

Colorado

COLORADO RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail:

info@coloradorennaissance.com. Website:

<http://www.coloradorennaissance.com>. Address: 409 South Wilcox, Suite F, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Site Address: Perry Park Road, Larkspur. Dates: 6/10/06-7/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MANCOS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: cswansen@mancos.lib.co.us.

Website: <http://www.mancosrenaissance.com>. Address: PO Box 158, Mancos, CO 81328. Site Address: Cottonwood Park, Mancos. Dates: 7/8/06-7/9/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Sunday till 4 p.m.)

Connecticut

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:

parkcityrenfaire@aol.com. Website: <http://parkcityrenaissancefaire.com>.

Address: PO Box 835, Seymour, CT 06483. Site Address: Warsaw Park, Pulaskik Highway, Ansonia. Dates: 7/7/06-7/23/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Kentucky

HIGHLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: gm@kyrenfaire.com.

Website: <http://www.kyrenfaire.com>. Address: 2150 East Leestown Road, Midway, KY 40347. Site Address: 955 Elm Street, Eminence, KY. Dates: 6/3/06-7/9/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

KENTUCKY MEDIEVAL FANTASY FAIRE. E-mail:

ladyflora_kmff@yahoo.com. Website: <http://www.geocities.com/kymed>.

Site Address: Richmond Battlefield Park, 3215 East Broad Street, Richmond. Dates: 6/24/06-7/2/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Massachusetts

KING ARTHUR FESTIVAL AT HAMMOND CASTLE. E-mail:

pastimes_world@yahoo.com. Website: <http://www.hammondcastle.org>.

Address: 70 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Site Address: Hammond

Castle, Gloucester. Dates: 7/15/06-7/23/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Michigan

SILVER LEAF RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: mnp@silverleafrenfaire.org. Website: <http://www.silverleafrenfaire.org>. Address: 1158 East Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49014. Site Address: Kimball Pines Park, Battle Creek. Dates: 7/8/06-8/6/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Missouri

WHITE HART RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: info@historic-arts.com. Website: <http://www.historic-arts.com>. Site Address: Hartville. Dates: 6/24/06-7/9/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Montana

FLORENCE, MONTANA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: tickets@florence-mt-renfaire.com. Website: <http://www.florence-mt-renfaire.com>. Site Address: Florence Fairgrounds, Highway 93, South of Missoula in Florence. Dates: 7/23/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Nevada

GENOA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: antiplus@gbis.com. Website: <http://www.genoaevents.com>. Address: 2242 Main Street, Genoa, NV 89411. Site Address: 12 miles East of Lake Tahoe in Genoa. Dates: 7/29/06-7/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

New York

BEARDSLEE CASTLE'S MEDIEVAL FAIRE. E-mail: faire@lordsandfools.com. Website: <http://www.lordsandfools.com>. Address: 337 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302. Site Address: Little Falls. Dates: 7/23/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

HAWK CREEK WILDLIFE & ART FESTIVAL - RENAISSANCE STYLE. E-mail: info@hawkcreek.org. Website: <http://www.hawkcreek.org>. Address: PO Box 662, East Aurora, NY 14052. Site Address: 655 Luther Road, East Aurora. Dates: 7/29/06-7/30/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

STERLING RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: office@sterlingfestival.com. Website: <http://www.sterlingfestival.com>. Address: 15385 Farden Road, Sterling, NY 13156. Site Address: Near Lake Ontario, one hour Northwest of Syracuse in Sterling. Dates: 7/1/06-8/13/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Ohio

GREAT LAKES MEDIEVAL FAIRE. E-mail: questions@medievalfaire.com. Website: <http://www.medievalfaire.com>. Address: PO Box 376, Rock Creek, OH 44084. Site Address: 7 miles South of I-90 on State Route 534, near Geneva. Dates: 7/8/06-8/13/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Oregon

FAERIEWORLDS FESTIVAL (FAERIE & CELTIC MUSIC AND ART). E-mail: info@faerieworlds.com. Website: <http://www.faerieworlds.com>. Address: PO Box 51177, Eugene, OR 97405. Site Address: Secret House Winery, Veneta. Dates: 7/29/06-7/30/06. Open/Close: noon – 10 p.m.

Pennsylvania

MEDIEVAL MAJESTY'S RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: medievalmajesty@dejazzd.com. Website: <http://www.medievalmajesty.com>. Address: 17 Fawn Drive, New Columbia, PA 17856. Site Address: Williamsport. Dates: 6/3/06-7/16/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Utah

UTAH MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: kedronvale@hotmail.com. Website: <http://www.umrf.net>. Address: PO Box 1443, Cedar City, UT 84721. Site Address: City Park, Cedar City. Dates: 7/12/06-7/15/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Vermont

VERMONT RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: ann1@vermontfestival.com. Website: <http://www.vermontfestival.com>. Address: 122 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls. Site Address: Guilford Fairegrounds, Guilford. Dates: 6/25/06-7/16/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Washington

CAMLANN MEDIEVAL FAIRE. Website: <http://www.camlann.org>.
Address: 10320 Kelly Road Northeast, Carnation, WA 98014. Site
Address: 4 miles North of Carnation. Dates: 7/22/06-8/27/06.
Open/Close: 12:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

NORTHWEST RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:
hammer_0_god@hotmail.com. Website: <http://www.nwrf.com>. Address:
6493 Highway 291, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026. Site Address: 20
minutes Northwest of Spokane. Dates: 6/3/06-7/9/06. Open/Close: 11
a.m. – 7 p.m.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES & CLAN
GATHERING.** E-mail: scots4ever@sshga.org. Website:
<http://www.sshga.org>. Address: PO Box 75685, Seattle. WA 98175.
Site Address: King County Fairgrounds, Enumclaw. Dates: 7/29/06-
7/30/06. Open/Close: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wisconsin

BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: <http://www.renfaire.com>.
Address: 12550 120th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142. Site Address: 12520
120th Avenue, Kenosha. Dates: 7/8/06-9/4/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. –
7 p.m.

ST. EDMUND'S RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: wiskipper@wi.rr.com.
Address: 1035 Upper Ridgeway, Elm Grove, WI 53122. Site Address: St.
Edmund's Episcopal Church, 14625 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove.
Dates: 7/15/06-7/16/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Sunday noon –
7 p.m.)

WAUSAU RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:
wausaurenfest@yahoo.com. Website:
<http://www.wausaucommunitytheatre.org>. Address: Wausau
Community Theatre, 136 Summer Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476. Site
Address: Oak Island and Fern Island Park, Wausau. Dates: 7/23/06-
7/24/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WISCONSIN RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: shane@wirenfaire.com.
Website: <http://www.wirenfaire.com>. Address: 816 Meridian Heights
Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Site Address: Highway 53 and Nelson
Road, Chippewa Falls. Dates: 6/17/06-7/16/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. –
7 p.m.

Australia

ABBEY TOURNAMENT – A MEDIEVAL EXPERIENCE. E-mail: info@abbeymuseum.asn.au. Website: <http://www.abbeytournament.com>. Address: I-63 The Abbey Place, Caboolture, Queensland, Australia 4510. Site Address: Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology, I-63 The Abbey Place, Caboolture, Queensland. Dates: 7/8/06-7/9/06. Open/Close: 9 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Canada

CASA LOMA'S RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: operations@casaloma.org. Website: <http://www.casaloma.org>. Address: Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto, Ontario M5R1x8. Site Address: Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto, Ontario. Dates: 7/13/06. Open/Close: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ROYAL ABINGDON FAIRE. E-mail: info@ontariorenaissancefaire.ca. Website: <http://www.ontariorenaissancefaire.ca>. Address: 121 Byng Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1L3N9. Site Address: Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario. Dates: 7/23/06-9/5/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

TRANSITION TOURNAMENT – 4TH ANNUAL. E-mail: kwr_edmonton@hotmail.com. Website: <http://www.knightsofthenorth.ca>. Address: 9630-85 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T6C1H4. Site Address: Dr. Wilbur McIntyre Park, 83rd Avenue and 104th Street, Edmonton. Dates: 7/8/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Germany

KALTENBERG KNIGHT TOURNAMENT. E-mail: info@ritterturnier.de. Website: <http://www.ritterturnier.de>. Site Address: Kaltenberg, Germany. Dates: 7/7/06-7/23/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

United Kingdom

JOUST – A WEEKEND OF MEDIAEVAL MAYHEM. E-mail: info@joust.info. Website: <http://www.joust.info>. Address: 271 Royal College Street, Camden Town, London, NW1 9LU, UK. Site Address:

Berkeley Castle, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, UK. Dates: 7/22/06-7/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

TEWKESBURY MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL. E-mail: info@tewkesbury-medieval-fayre.org.uk. Website: <http://www.tewkesbury-medieval-fayre.org.uk>. Site Address: Tewkesbury, UK. Dates: 7/8/06-7/9/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

Conventions:

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

Alaska

AURORA-CON. Website: <http://www.auroracon.org>. Address: 217 South Kenwood Street, Glendale, CA 91205. Site Address: William A. Egan Convention Center, 555 West Fifth Avenue, Anchorage. Dates: 7/14/06.

Florida

TAMPA SLAYERCON. Website: <http://vulkon.com/tampaslayer2006/>. Site Address: Hilton Doubletree Hotel, Tampa Westshore Airport, 4500 West Cypress Street, Tampa. Dates: 7/28/06 – 7/30/06.

Oklahoma

SOONERCON. Website: <http://www.soonercon.com>. Site Address: Bricktown Central Plaza Hotel, 2001 East Reno Avenue, Oklahoma City. Dates: 7/15/06 – 7/16/06.

Wisconsin

M.O.O.N. CON. E-mail: m_o_o_n_con1@yahoo.com. Webmail: <http://www.mooncon.bravehost.com>. Site Address: Ramada Inn, 1450 Veterans Drive, Richland Center. Dates: 7/7/06–7/9/06.

Canada

TIMELESS DESTINATIONS. E-mail: info@timelessdestinations.com.
Website: <http://www.timelessdestinations.com>. Site Address: Best
Western Vancouver Airport Hotel & Convention Centre, 7551
Westminster Highway, Richmond, British Columbia. Dates: 7/31/06 –
8/6/06.

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INSURGENCE – SMALLVILLE. E-mail: wayne@rogueevent.co.uk.
Website: <http://www.rogueevent.co.uk>. Site Address: Menzies Leofric
Hotel, Broadgate, Coventry, West Midlands. Dates: 7/31/06 – 8/6/06.

For additional Convention information, visit Convention Outpost by
Jenga at <http://www.geocities.com/jengacons/> or the Sci-Fi Guide at
<http://scifi.about.com/blcon.htm>.




Member News:

For definitions of our fannish jargon, read the 12-page booklet "Pros & Cons: An Introduction to Fandom" written by Elizabeth Barrette. Send \$1.00 and a \$0.37 stamp (or \$1.00 and 2 IRCs) to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA, 92652. Make checks payable to "Linda Malcor" in US funds only.

Local chapters:

- **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: DragonMamaK@aol.com. Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books community, find the message board link, then find the "Author A-Z" message board, and find your way to the Mercedes Lackey boards from there. She's no longer a keyword, but hopefully with more traffic in the future that will change. If you don't want to jump through hoops, you can e-mail me directly, and I'll give you

the links. The links to the chatroom will be on my "signature" on the boards.

- **Friends of the Pelagirls:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: elfchilde@gmail.com. Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirls, the Mid Atlantic Chapter of Queens Own, is looking for new members, co-moderators for Lists and Subgroups, as well as those who would like to attend Writers groups in their area! Please e-mail Morghan Savistr'i at elfchilde@gmail.com or visit our new site <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm> for more information! We look forward to growing with you!
- **German Heartstone:** Website: <http://www.heartstone.de>. E-mail: Sunny@heartstone.de or Shae@heartstone.de. A new chapter of Queen's Qwn started in Germany for all German-speaking people within a brand new Misty-Fanpage on <http://www.heartstone.de>!
- **Golden Grove:** Website: <http://reawildfire.com>. E-mail: evillurking@gmail.com. Snail mail: 5774 Mareta Lane, Loomis, CA 95650. Golden Grove is back! For those not in the know, GG is the California chapter of QO, which I (Aurora Nelson) ran for a couple of years back in 2000. If you missed out back then, now's your chance to be a part of this great chapter. Dues are \$5 a year to cover mailing fees, and we desperately need submissions. Artwork, poetry, stories, book reviews, crossword puzzles, recipes . . . Heck, if you think it's interesting, I probably will to, so send it in. If you send in a lot of stuff you get free issues of the newsletter! You can contact me at evillurking@gmail.com (put GG in the subject line please). Feel free to ask for a copy of the guidelines--it might give you an idea! Don't delay, write today!
-  □ **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower k'Valdemar. 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 k'Valdemar 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: lady_naruto@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.

If you were working on a persona who is no longer listed at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qochat.htm> that means we have not heard from you in over a year. To revive your persona, simply message Danya at Legend@malcor.com and tell her that your persona is in "Deep Storage." She will pull it out for you and reactivate your submission.

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

Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. We are missing current e-mail addresses for the following members:

- Bard Revelin Tionne (sazimarc@mindspring.com)
- Bard Valiena (laughsong@aol.com)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliameyngar@aol.com)
- Herald 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 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
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- Herald Kesha Trishaya Layven (em290@cam.ac.uk)
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- Herald Laliea Shathgran (mcquilt@bellsouth.net)
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- 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 Robihane (Tevye@speakintosilence.com)
- Healer Brandyn Pendar (brandegore@insightbb.com)
- Healer Tamesin na Coille (brindle@bellsouth.net)
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- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira
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- 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!

Well, that was an interesting month. Catastrophic hard drive failure, complete loss of website provider, kids finishing school for the year and all the attendant activities . . .

I need a vacation <G>.

Fortunately, I have tickets to the Getty Villa tomorrow, so for the first time in many years I'll be able to spend the day surrounded by the Greek and Roman art I love. Hopefully the kids will like it as well. At least it's bound to be cooler in Malibu than it's been in Orange County lately! I'm quite done with this "monsoonal moisture." We're just not used to this in So. California <g>. The humidity will continue to be high over the next week, but at least the temperature will be going down a bit, so it won't be so bothersome. With all of the kids out of school, I'm suddenly living in amusement parks and other outdoor settings, so I can't hide in the air conditioned house like I usually do. The upside is that you'll be getting lots of reviews of tourist attractions from me as I visit them with my kids <g>.

Today I rode the renovated Pirates of the Caribbean today at Disneyland. Fun stuff! If you're planning a visit to the Magic Kingdom, I highly recommend it.

Also, if you're in So. California and anywhere near Knott's Berry Farm, I recommend a visit to the replica of Independence Hall. Admission is free. So is parking, if you park in the Marketplace lot. Can't beat that! It was a really fun exhibit to view this Fourth of July weekend. On the actual Fourth of July, there will be reenactors dressed as several prominent historical figures, including Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross, if memory serves. This is one of the best kept secrets in our state. Definitely take advantage of it, if you get the chance.

My trip to Europe was postponed until Fall. Just as well. This way I'll be able to talk to Italian students as well as my colleagues. I want to put together a really good presentation for them, and without my computer the last week or so, I just wouldn't have had it finished in time. I think I contacted everyone who was planning to see me when I was there, but if I forgot someone, I'm sorry. I've lost a lot of data, and my husband is still trying to recover what he can. Until then, I'm working blind.

I wish everyone a fabulous summer, and I hope to touch base with you in August.

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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The featured artist for the online version of the newsletter is still being recruited <g>. If you would like your art to be featured in the online version of the QO newsletter, send .gifs or .jpps to Legend@malcor.com or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.

Fanmail Note: Mercedes Lackey does not receive mail at the Queen's Own address. Fanmail to Mercedes Lackey and releases for fan fiction should be sent to:

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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