

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

Had to change our P.O. Box. Take note of the new address above! I have several hundred places I have to change it on the website, which I hope to upload soon (along with the new newsletters).

Wow! What a month! Same-sex marriage legal in the US! How many of Misty's characters did that just make very, very happy? Dreams do come true—if you keep working at them hard enough.

Anyone read any good books lately? Up to anything Herald-like we'd like to know about? Find any good Facebook pages, YouTube videos, websites or anything else? I'm looking for material to publish, and I need everyone who is riding circuit out there to report back to me with news!

Reminder: Artists, our newsletter needs art! Send files to me at [shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com), and I promise I will get these pages uploaded soon!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



**Publication News:**

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

I'm still checking into our Amazon.com bookstore. With any luck that will come back up at the same time as the list of new publications. (Why do I feel as if I'm trying to reboot one of those old dinosaur-type computers I worked on in the 1980s?)



## **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.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance_faire_festival_information_list.htm)

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

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



## **Conventions:**

Misty survived Houston! Anyone know when her next appearance is?

<http://www.eventsforgamers.com/events/conventions/>

<http://gameconventioncentral.com/>

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

<http://www.sjgames.com/con/>



## **Member News:**

Editors and Chapter Presidents, please send us updated information if you have it. (I haven't heard from anyone yet, but that's probably

because I cleverly forgot to send out the May newsletter ☺. I'd say don't get old, but the alternative is not an option!)

## **Local chapters:**

Who is still active and who is not?

- **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: [DragonMamaK@aol.com](mailto:DragonMamaK@aol.com). Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books community, find the message board link, then find the "Author A-Z" message board, and find your way to the Mercedes Lackey boards from there. She's no longer a keyword, but hopefully with more traffic in the future that will change. If you don't want to jump through hoops, you can e-mail me directly, and I'll give you the links. The links to the chatroom will be on my "signature" on the boards.
- **Friends of the Pelagirls:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: [elfchilde@gmail.com](mailto:elfchilde@gmail.com). Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirls, the Mid Atlantic Chapter of Queens Own, is looking for new members, co-moderators for Lists and Subgroups, as well as those who would like to attend Writers groups in their area! Please e-mail Morghan Savistr'i at [elfchilde@gmail.com](mailto:elfchilde@gmail.com) or visit our new site <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm> for more information! We look forward to growing with you!
- **Golden Grove** has had a change in editor and formatting. We are now a digital publication, which will drastically cut down on costs. Golden Grove will now be published as a .pdf file and sent out in e-mail. This will allow those of you with e-readers to read our files that way and for the rest of us there's still the computer. For new subscriptions and submissions to Golden Grove please e-mail [sn.keeper@yahoo.com](mailto:sn.keeper@yahoo.com) with "Please subscribe me" in the subject line. See our submission instructions for submissions.



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower k'Valdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).  
CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be a part of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower k'Valdemar at [thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).
  
- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/>
  
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.
  
- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: [kalendral\\_tarma@hotmail.com](mailto:kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com). Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some dodgy fun so don't be shy . . . your mothers weren't, and pay us a visit!
  
- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: [Herald\\_Bastian@hotmail.com](mailto:Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com). The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy by Mercedes Lackey.

## **Zines and Newsletters:**

Children of Velgarth is in production. Are any of the other zines still publishing?

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar. E-mail: [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com). Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available by e-mail only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!
- ***Herald's Companion:*** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas for the war, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezilable). E-mail: submission instructions:
  - 1) Subject line must read "For Karen." (Anything else will be erased as a potential virus hazard.)
  - 2) Do not use strange fonts, which my computer will not recognize.
  - 3) E-mail:it to [gbertke@fuse.net](mailto:gbertke@fuse.net). (This is my father's e-mail address. Use it for submissions for Herald's Companion only.)
- ***Sapphire and White:*** Editor: Ronald Glaser, 1202 S. 2nd St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). All forms of material can be submitted; format-wise if you use Word Perfect please use Notepad. Fan fiction, book reviews and movie reviews are greatly appreciated.

## Other Fandoms:

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

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at [lois@dendarii.com](mailto:lois@dendarii.com). "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to [nineabove@egroups.com](mailto:nineabove@egroups.com).
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com). The first book, *Dragon Heart*, is scheduled to be released this summer.
- 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>.

Here is the old information: You need a release form (online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qomlrel2.htm>) if you write a story set in Misty's worlds or using any of her characters. You do not need a release for a character sketch, poem or filk. All Misty wants to do is protect her characters and her worlds. 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.

I think Misty now has her fanfiction licensed under Creative Commons. Can someone check that out?

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com) and [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com).

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours is one of them? Let us know! (I know, I know. It's the July newsletter, and we haven't figured out who needs to be welcomed—or welcomed back—yet. I have high hopes for August!)

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](mailto: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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) still works, but I am switching to [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com).)

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



## **From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:**

Heyla!

Following Moonstar's clever idea, here are my answers to the interview questions:

### **1. Tell us about your family.**

I am now divorced after 25-1/2 years of marriage, so I'm trying to get my feet back under me. Looking to hang out with friends. (I seem to be cursed to make friends mostly with people on the other side of the globe!) Seriously not interested in another relationship at the moment. (It is truly amazing how many young men from Africa want to marry me, have me adopt them or do something else that would possibly get them into the US.)

My eldest son, Joe, just graduated from high school and has his first job: a ride operator at an amusement park. He went to the same high school as Moonstar's son, Xander.

My daughter, Kassie, just finished her freshman year at the same high school. She's almost ready to start on her Gold Award for Girl Scouts. She volunteers at the Orange County Bird of Prey Center, taking care of hawks, owls, and other raptors. She has also worked with wolfdogs, including on the music video for *Into the Woods*. (Can someone help me convince her to read Misty's books? She's at that age where she won't listen to her mother ☺.)

My youngest son, John, spends much of his free time gaming online. He is in Middle School, where his favorite topic is history. (Only ask him about the Byzantine Empire if you have lots and lots of time to listen!)

My sable-and-white rough collie, Dux, has become quite the old man. He's 10-1/2 now and spends much of his time lying around, listening to me type.



## **2. What is your educational background?**

Let's see if I can get this all in one sentence: I have a B.A. in English with minors in Comparative Literature and History from Occidental College, a Master's in Folklore and Mythology with an emphasis on Narrative and Celtic Studies, and a Ph.D. in Folklore and Mythology with an emphasis on Medieval Studies and Indo-European Comparative Mythology (the latter two degrees from UCLA). (Can I come up for air now?)

## **3. Why did you choose to save Queen's Own?**

I adore Misty's books, particularly the ones set in Valdemar. I enjoy working with fans, and I have met some of my best friends (and business associates!) through Queen's Own. I just couldn't stand the thought of there not being a Queen's Own club anymore.

## **4. When did you join Queen's Own?**

The records say I created Danya in 1996, so that's probably when I joined. (I'm not one to sit around when someone challenges me to create a character.)

## **5. What got you hooked on Misty's books?**

A friend gifted me with a copy of *Magic's Pawn*, when he realized Vanyel was gay. (Back then my friend had issues with gays; now he has been celebrating the SCOTUS decision to legalize same-sex marriage. Times change. So do people.) I loved Vanyel so much that I promptly started buying everything by Misty that I could get my hands on. (Yes, I bought them. Misty's books were far too good for me to check out of a library and return.) I'm still buying, though she can write faster than I have time to read these days. I will get to the rest of them eventually!

## **6. What else do you read?**

Oh, dear. It's probably faster to ask about what I don't read. Science fiction, fantasy fiction, historical fiction, archaeology, history, Roman inscriptions . . . I can read a couple dozen languages, so if I'm not typing, I usually have my nose in a book. (Haven't gotten into computer texts too much. My laptop hurts my nose when I fall asleep while reading and it falls on my face.)

## **7. What types of music do you listen to?**

Show tunes, classic rock, John Williams (!), Sondheim, ballads, folksongs, country, mostly anything that comes with a story.

### **8. What was the first con you went to?**

Eep! I don't remember. (It's a side-effect of old age.) It may have been a Battlestar Galactica Con. One of the best ones I've been to was a Star Trek Con. (I messed with everyone's mind by showing up as Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn, and I had a blast telling them about Misty when they asked which episode of Star Trek I was from ☺.)

### **9. What other projects besides Queen's Own occupy your time?**

I'm a professional writer and researcher. I mostly work on the legends of King Arthur, the Knights of the Round Table and the Holy Grail. I was the researcher for Bruckheimer's King Arthur (2004). Movies, nonfiction articles, short stories, novels (*Dragon Heart* should be out in a couple of months; Queen's Own member Laura Cameron is illustrating!), and anything else anyone asks me to write.

I'm heavily into social justice work and human rights. While my efforts are usually centered on LGBT issues, I've recently found myself up to my neck in the case of a fellow writer, Raif Badawi, who is in jail in Saudi Arabia, sentenced to 10 years in prison, a 10 year travel ban upon release, a million riyal fine (over a quarter million dollars), and 1000 lashes, of which he has already received 50. His crime is that he wrote a blog (The Saudis decided that made him guilty of "cyber-terrorism"). I recently helped organize a protest against his sentence outside the Saudi embassy in Los Angeles. If you haven't heard of him, Google his name. There is quite the international outcry about the case. (Yes, that "Herald" streak still runs strong in me.)

### **10. What do you like the best about Queen's Own?**

I love the like-minded people I get to meet, the wonderful conversations we have, and the exciting projects (writing or otherwise) that we get to work on together.

So who's next? (Drop out question #3 and send your answers to the others to me at [shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:shashtah@gmail.com).)

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



## Personals:

- Northwest Visions Studio—Art by Laura Cameron. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- From Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox): I'm selling things (including Misty related art/items) on Ebay: [http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?\\_trksid=p2047675.12559](http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559)  
I also have things for sale that I sold long ago on QO under my business name "AKS Creations": card packs, stationery, bookmarks, matted print, jewelry, & many misc. items! I'm even selling an original art piece "Northern Lights Companion" (sold with M. Lackey books). Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at [UnicornAlora2@aol.com](mailto:UnicornAlora2@aol.com).



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

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 .jpgs to [Shashtah@gmail.com](mailto:Shashtah@gmail.com) or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 61831, Irvine, CA 92602.

**Fanmail Note:** If you send fanmail to Misty at this address, please include stamps for forwarding.

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

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Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn