

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

Still haven't figured out how to upload to the QO website. Perhaps I can get my kids to help me with it this weekend!

Misty is safely home from her watery adventures in Houston. If someone is on Facebook and has the time, could you pull together her posts about her trials and tribulations? They would make a lovely little addition for the July newsletter.

I'm trying to reconstruct the old QO mailing list. If you are still in touch with members, point them my direction. My e-mail is shashtah@gmail.com.

Anyone interested in starting up a QO Pintrest account where we could feature art by some of our fabulous members? Could also use someone to monitor Misty's tweets. (I'd do it, but I'm up to my proverbial eyebrows in a Hollywood movie deal and can barely keep up with my personal and business accounts.)

Check below for your message from Healer Adept Moonstar!

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.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. 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!
- **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 with

“Please subscribe me” in the subject line. See our submission instructions for submissions.



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower kValdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.
CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be a part of this great chapter of Queen’s Own, please contact Earthshower kValdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.
- **Queen’s Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here’s the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/>
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at luckystar@abe.midco.net. I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.
- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com. Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent 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:

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

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available by e-mail only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!

- ***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:

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

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at lois@dendarii.com. "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to nineabove@egroups.com.
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Shashtah@gmail.com. The first book, *Dragon Heart*, is scheduled to be released 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 and 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 June newsletter, and we haven't figured out who needs to be welcomed—or welcomed back—yet. I have high hopes for July!)

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

Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. If you are activated on the Persona List and still listed as "missing" below, let me know. I just

forgot to delete the “missing” reference in the newsletter. We are missing current e-mail addresses for just about everyone at this point. If you need your email address updated somewhere on the QO site or for the mailing list, let me know. (Legend@malcor.com still works, but I am switching to Shashtah@gmail.com.)

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



From Healer Adept Moonstar:

Heyla my friends,

It has been so long, that I thought we could get reacquainted. Therefore I pulled out the interview that Danya gave me when we started up with Queen’s Own in 2000. Our first issue was May 2000, this interview is from July 2000, so many of you may recognize many of the elements; however, I have updated my answers. Hopefully you will learn something new! I look forward to sharing our love of Misty’s work!

1. Tell us about your family.

My husband, Erik, and I will have been married for 10 years in December, though we started dating in May 2002. We met when I was going through a difficult divorce, and we started hanging out and dating. While he started to ask me to marry him within a few months, I didn’t agree until late November 2005, and he scheduled our wedding 2 weeks later with a Justice of the Peace, in the very scenic Boulder, Colorado.

Our son Xander just turned 16, and now has his Learner’s Permit (sorry, So. Cal. drivers!). He is just about done with his sophomore year and is now researching colleges, SAT subject tests, and finals. He is also playing viola for 3 concert orchestras: Community Youth Orchestra of Southern California, his school orchestra, and the fund raising group for his orchestra (the video game club/orchestra club). He is also President of the Robot Club and as such stays pretty busy.

Currently we have 2 dogs (an 8 year old Scottish Terrier, Hamish, and a 7 ½ year old Red-Tri Australian Shepherd, Jem—yes, she is a rock star), a cat gray tabby (Trouble), a bearded dragon (Jasmin), and a 40

gallon cichlid tank with 3 large cichlids. We have a large 150 gallon salt water tank, but it isn't set up currently; we hope to start setting it up in the next few months.

2. What is your educational background?

I currently hold two master's degrees: a Master of Business Administration specializing in Technology Management and a Master of Information Systems. I have a Bachelor of Science in Information of Technology, and I have a Liberal Arts Associates degree. I find this emphasis on business and technology has pulled me away from my favorite subject which is creative writing, so I am working to correct this oversight. ☺

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

I have made some of my best friends through Queen's Own. I had thought about saving Queen's Own in 1998 when Judith broached the topic to me. I knew, however, I couldn't do it myself, faced with probable moves every 2-3 years. As Linda (Danya) and I became closer friends we lamented that we hadn't rescued Queen's Own sooner. When we learned that Queen's Own had gone bankrupt we realized what a good team we could be. All and all I couldn't give up on the club that gave me so much fun, so many reasons to write and so many friends.

4. When did you join Queen's Own?

I joined Queen's Own in late 1995, mostly out of curiosity. I noticed the Queen's Own address in the back of *Arrows of the Queen*. I decided to take a chance.

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

I had read the *Last Herald Mage* trilogy in Junior High. My best friend, Misty (interesting coincidence don't you think?), gave me *Magic's Pawn* at lunch one day and said, "Here, Kendra. You'll like this book. The main character is gay." I just looked at her in shock. I had never been given a book in that way, but she was right. I fell in love with Vanyel. (Didn't we all?) A few years later I came across the *Arrows* trilogy at a used bookstore. Then I read every Valdemar novel I could find!

6. What else do you read?

I love Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time* series; I always know it will be time to move soon when they come out. I read all of the Harry Potter

books. Besides my obvious love for fantasy, I also really like the classics: Dickens, Bronte, Shakespeare, and many more. I read nonfiction reference books on dog breeds. Occasionally I will pick up a novel of a recent film.

7. What types of music do you listen to?

I listen to a little of everything. I really like country music (I grew up in north eastern Colorado, and lived Wyoming, and Montana). I also like alternative music; "Surfer Girl" by Homegrown is one of my favorite songs. I like 80s Big Hair music, and oldies, and filk, live Classical (such as my son performs) and well, pretty much everything else.

8. What was the first con you went to?

I can't remember what it was called. It was a little one at the Colorado State University Student Center. I think it was in 1996 right before we moved to California. We ended up in a Mage game. We had never played Mage before, but having played Vampire it wasn't a big jump. Those present voted me best role-player of the game. Since then I did make it to Blizzcon 2011. I had so much fun I hope to go again.

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

I work full time as a Technical Support Analyst for a background checking company. However, while I am at work, I am also the President of the Employee Activities Committee, which includes me planning events once a month for our employees to keep up morale. The next one is in July and will hopefully be a food truck for the employees for a special lunch. I am also on the Board of the Women's Leadership Group, and I am on the Safety Committee. In addition to all of that, I am taking leadership classes while at work.

I am also on a raid team with my World of Warcraft guild. We are currently raiding Black Rock Foundry on normal, but my dps is decent and I have fun. I also go the gym 3 times a week, work out with a trainer one of those sessions, and do homework the other two. I still work as a dog trainer on the weekends, and I have a fabulous client who has two Australian shepherds we are working on making perfect house dogs. And I just joined a D&D group that is going to meet up every other Friday.

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

For me it is all about the great people I get to meet and the wonderful writing I get to read. I like getting in contact with all those

people that share the same interests as I do. Thanks everyone for helping us. Without you, there wouldn't be a club.

Zhai'helleva,

Moonstar



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
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.



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Healer Adept Moonstar, co-President (Kendra Hosseini, 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 or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.

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.

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn