

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Well, at least I'm getting the newsletter out before the month is completely over :P. My life is starting to sound like a movie title lately: Two upcoming weddings, a funeral and a birth (my nephew). I've also been quite ill (no voice for two weeks, and I'm still having trouble getting any volume—plus I sound like a baritone.). Oh, well. I'll keep this short because I'm about to run out the door to teach (which will be interesting with my vocal challenges).



Publication News:

On June 7, *To Light a Candle*, Misty's collaboration with James Mallory and Susan Ericksen, will be released on audiobook. Misty releases *The Sleeping Beauty*, another tale of the Five Hundred Kingdoms, on July 1; and on July 6, a collaboration between Misty and Rosemary Edghill, *Shadow Grail #1: Legacies*, will be released. *The Phoenix Transformed (The Enduring Flame)*, Misty's book with James Mallory, will be available in paperback on August 3. Later in August -- on the 15th -- you can find *Elvenblood*, part of Misty's series with Andre Norton, on audio CD. October will be an auspicious month to get a jump on holiday shopping for fellow fans (or yourself) -- on October 1, you can find *Harvest Moon: A Tangled Web/ Cast in Moonlight/ Retribution*, a collaboration between Misty, Michelle Sagara and Cameron Haley available in paperback. October 5 will bring us the paperback release of *Gwenhwyfar: The White Spirit – A Novel of King Arthur* as well as *Intrigues: Book Two of the Collegium Chronicles (A Valdemar Novel)* in hardcover, plus *Intrigues: The Collegium Chronicles* on audio CD. On December 7, you can find *Finding the Way and Other Tales of Valdemar* in paperback.

The release of *Elvenbane* on audio CD, Misty's Half-Blood Chronicles work with Andre Norton, has been postponed; the new release date is February 11, 2011.



I don't have a review this time. I'll try to have one for next month. If you happen to have a review of a book, movie, con or faire, please send it along! I'd be happy to publish it.

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for May. 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.

California

CAIN'S CROSSING RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website:

www.caincrossing.org. E-mail: dmc broom@caincrossing.org.

Address: PO Box 64, Weimar, CA 95736. Site Address: Auburn Regional Park, 3880 Richardson Drive, Auburn. Dates: 5/8/10 to 5/9/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

THE ESCONDIDO RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK -- SPRING. Website:

www.goldcoastfestivals.com/escondidoren/erenpg1.html. E-mail:

goldcoastprod@msn.com. Address: 2219 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: Felicita Park, Escondido. Dates: 4/24/10 to 5/2/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

KORONABURG OLD WORLD RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website:

www.renaissanceinfo.com/riverview/index.html. E-mail:

prince@renaissanceinfo.com. Address: PO Box 1959, Corona, CA 92878. Site Address: Crossroads Riverview Park, Corona. Dates: 5/8/10 to 6/20/10. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday till 6 p.m.)

OJAI RENAISSANCE AND PIRATE FAIRE. Website: www.goldcoastfestivals.com. E-mail: goldcoastprod@msn.com. Address: 2219 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard, #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: Lake Casitas, Ojai. Dates: 5/29/10 to 5/30/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

QUEEN BESS AND THE PYRATES. Website: www.queenbessandthepirates.com. E-mail: jroberts@ccdof.org. Address: 835 South Rio Linda, Visalia, CA. Site Address: Woodward Park, Fresno. Dates: 5/8/10 to 5/9/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE: SPRING. Website: www.renfair.com/socal. Address: PO Box 1550, Irwindale, CA 91706. Site Address: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, 15501 East Arrow Highway, Irwindale. Dates: 4/3/10 to 5/15/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SHASTA DRAGONWOOD CELTIC RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.shastafaire.com. E-mail: info@renaissanceproductions.com. Address: 116 Dorado Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94112. Site Address: Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Dates: 5/1/10 to 5/2/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

Connecticut

CONNECTICUT RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.ctfaire.com. E-mail: brian@ctfaire.com. Address: 11 Lynwod Drive, Bolton, CT 06043. Site Address: Guilford Fairgrounds, Lovers Lane, Guilford. Dates: 5/8/10 to 5/23/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ST. GREGS MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL. Website: www.stgregsmedievalfest.com. E-mail: paladinmusic@paladinmusic.com. Address: PO Box 243, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Site Address: St. Gregory the Great Concert field, 85 Great Plain Road, Danbury. Dates: 5/15/10 to 5/16/10. Open/Close: noon to 6 p.m.

Georgia

GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.georgiarenaissancefestival.com. E-mail: info@garenfest.com. Address: PO Box 986, Fairburn, GA 30213. Site Address: 6905 Virlyn

B. Smith Road, Fairburn. Dates: 4/17/10 to 6/6/10. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hawaii

THE DRAGON'S LAIR. Website: www.freewebs.com/dragonslairhawaii. E-mail: msthunderfoot@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 840, Volcano, HI 96785. Site Address: Fern Forest Hawaii, Jungle King Road. Dates: year-round. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to close.

Illinois

SPRINGFIELD HIGHLAND GAMES. Website: www.central-illinois-celts.org. E-mail: highlandgames@central-illinois-celts.org. Address: PO Box 5352, Springfield, IL 62705. Site Address: State of Illinois Fairgrounds, Springfield. Dates: 5/15/10. Open/Close: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Iowa

DUBUQUE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.dbqart.com. E-mail: lynnet@festint.com. Address: 701 Locust Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. Site Address: Storybrook Hill Children's Zoo, 12345 North Cascade Road, Dubuque. Dates: 5/22/10 to 5/23/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

IOWA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.festint.com/iowarenfest/index.shtml. E-mail: gregfest@netins.net. Address: 508 Fourth Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA 50428. Site Address: Middle Amana Park, Amana Colonies, near Iowa City off I=80 and I-380. Dates: 5/29/10 to 5/31/10. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kansas

TH' GATHERIN' ANCIENT FESTIVAL O' BELTANE. Website: www.thgatherin.com. E-mail: info@thgatherin.com. Address: 1001 Russell Avenue, Wakeeney, KS 67672. Site Address: Near Wakeeney. Dates: 4/30/10 to 5/2/10. Open/Close: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Maryland

THE MARYLAND FAERIE FEST. Website: www.marylandfaeriefestival.org. E-mail: vivienne_colquhoun@msn.com. Address: 11800 Broadmoor Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Site Address: Patuxent 4H Center, 18405 Queen Anne Road, Upper Marlboro. Dates: 5/15/10 to 5/16/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Michigan

MAYFAIRE. Website: www.mayfaireren.com. E-mail: mayfaireren@yahoo.com. Address: 5520 South 31st Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Site Address: Calhoun County Fairgrounds, 720 Fair Street, Marshall. Dates: 5/22/10 to 5/31/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OCEAN SPRINGS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.stjohnsoceansprings.org. E-mail: stjohns@datasync.org. Address: 1425 Porter Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Site Address: Freedom Field, 425 Porter Avenue, Ocean Springs. Dates: 5/1/10 to 5/2/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Missouri

GREATER ST. LOUIS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.stlrenfaire.com. E-mail: execdirector@renstl.org. Address: 425 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376. Site Address: Wentzville's Rotary Park. Dates: 5/15/10 to 6/6/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nebraska

MIDWEST RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.midwestrenfest.com. E-mail: don@midwestrenfest.com. Address: PO Box 34609, Omaha, NE 68134. Site Address: Giles Castle, 17272 Giles Road, Omaha. Dates: 5/29/10 to 5/31/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NEBRASKA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.nebfaire.com. E-mail: greg@festint.com. Address: 508 Fourth Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA 50428. Site Address: Bellevue Berry and Pumpkin Ranch. Dates: 5/1/10 to 5/2/10. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Hampshire

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.nhrenfaire.com. E-mail: admin@nhrenfaire.com. Address: 20 Gray Avenue, Farmington, NH 03835. Site Address: Shire of the Three

Maples, Kingston. Dates: 5/15/10 to 5/23/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New York

AVIATOR SPORTS/RECREATION RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.aviatorsports.com. E-mail: joe@aviatorsports.com. Address: Hangar 5 Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Site Address: Hangar 5 Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn. Dates: 5/22/10 to 5/23/10. Open/Close: 1 to 6 p.m.

North Carolina

KING HENRY RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.ncrenfaire.com/index.php. E-mail: donna@ncrenfaire.com. Address: PO Box 61280, Raleigh, NC 27661. Site Address: Wake Forest, NC. Dates: 5/8/10 to 5/16/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ohio

MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE FAIRE AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. Website: <http://cmrf.org.ohio-state.edu>. E-mail: wolfspeaker621@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 3614, Columbus, OH 43210. Site Address: South Oval at Ohio State University. Dates: 5/1/10. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AT THE CASTLE AT MUSKOGEE. Website: www.okcastle.com. E-mail: thecastle@okcastle.org. Address: 3400 Fern Mountain Road, Muskogee, OK 74401. Site Address: 3400 West Fern Mountain Road, Muskogee. Dates: 5/1/10 to 5/31/10. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pennsylvania

FAIRIE FESTIVAL AT SPOUTWOOD FARM. Website: www.fairiefestival.net. E-mail: events@spoutwood.com. Address: 4255 Pierceville Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327. Site Address: Spoutwood Farm, Glen Rock. Dates: 4/30/10 to 5/2/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tennessee

TENNESSEE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.tnrenfest.com.
E-mail: comments@tnrenfest.com. Address: PO Box 309, Arrington, TN
37014. Site Address: Gwyn Castle near Triune. Dates: 5/1/10 to
5/31/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Texas

SCARBOROUGH FAIRE, THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website:
www.scarboroughrenfest.com. E-mail:
omelvin@scarboroughrenfest.com. Address: PO Box 538, Waxahachie,
TX 75168. Site Address: 2511 FM66, Waxahachie. Dates: 4/10/10 to
5/31/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Virginia

VIRGINIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.varf.org. E-mail:
info@varf.org. Address: 5436 Lomax Way, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Site
Address: 5621 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania. Dates: 5/15/10 to
6/13/10. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Canada

GREGOR'S CROSSING MEDIEVAL FAIRE. Website:
www.gregorscrossing.com. E-mail: gregorscrossing@sympatico.ca.
Address: PO Box 822, Chatham, Ontario N7M 5L1. Site Address:
Thamesgrove Conservation Area, Kingsway Drive, Chatham, Ontario.
Dates: 5/27/10 to 5/30/10. Open: 9 a.m.

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



Conventions:

Here are the conventions we know about for May. Have any information
about any other conventions in your area? Send it to us at
Legend@malcor.com.

Georgia

TIMEGATE. Website: www.timegatecon.org. E-mail: krish@timegatecon.org. Site Address: Atlanta. Dates: 5/28/10 to 5/30/10.

Maryland

BALTICON 44. Website: www.balticon.org. E-mail: balticoninfo@balticon.org. Site Address: Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Dates: 5/28/10 to 5/31/10.

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.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Are you on Facebook? Looking for cool groups to join to discuss Mercedes Lackey's Valdemar works? Join the Queen's Own Chapter on Facebook. We are always looking for new members and have several discussion boards including one to help members create their personas for Formal Queen's Own approval. Our link is:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2202088363> feel free to contact Officer Healer Adept Moonstar with any additional questions at healermoon@gmail.com.

- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at luckystar@abe.midco.net. I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.

- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com. Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics 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 Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, 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. 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. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! For the contents list for issues 1 - 4 and additional information, visit

<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qozine.htm>.

- **Companions' Grove** still needs stories, and artists to illustrate stories! (Remember, all contributors get a free copy of the zine in which their work appears.) Volume Eight is full, and awaiting the illustrations and final layout. **** If you contributed a story or promised me artwork for Volume Eight and have not heard from me recently, please get in touch with me, as I had to reformat my hard drive and lost my zine correspondence and address book earlier this year. If I don't hear from you by September 2003, I will have to drop your contribution from the zine. **** Volume Nine is open to submissions. Current prices (not including shipping) are:
 - *Companions' Grove Volume One* - \$4.75 (40 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Two* - \$6.35 (56 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Three* - \$5.95 (51 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Four* - \$4.95 (42 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Five* - \$7.75 (69 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Six* - \$6.55 (57 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Seven* - \$5.95 (52 pages, color cover)
 - *The Danya Winterborn Saga* - \$5.20 (52 pages, b/w front and back covers)
 - *Endgame* - \$3.85(36 pages, b/w cover)
 - *Fire Eyes* - \$4.40 (43 pages, b/w cover)
 - *Shards of Autumn* – out of print, see note below
 - *The Sum of Duty* - \$5.80 (57 pages, b/w cover)

- *Do or Dye: A Guide to Companion Camouflage* - \$1.25 (20 pages, digest size, b/w cover, saddle stapled)
- *Cat's Cradle* - \$7.60 (76 pages, monochrome green cover)

For orders shipping in the US, I've instituted a maximum shipping cost of \$3.85. Multi-zine orders, which can be shipped in a flat rate envelope (usually 3 of the smaller zines, or 2 of the larger zines), will be sent Priority Mail; larger orders will be sent Media Mail Insured, which is only slightly slower and doesn't have the zone rates (which wouldn't work with my shopping cart). Smaller orders will be sent First Class.

I take credit cards via PayPal, which is the cart's only payment option, but the cart can be used to calculate shipping, and checks/money orders mailed to Green Dragon Press, c/o Devin Harris, 4531 N. Kelishan St., Pahrump, NV 89060.

Except as noted, zines are printed on high-quality, bright white paper, comb bound, with cardstock covers. Story excerpts and cover art—as well as submission guidelines and PayPal ordering information—can be found at <http://www.greendragonpress.net/misty.htm>. To order via snail mail, send check or money order (payable to Devin Harris; US funds only) to Green Dragon Press, c/o Devin Harris, 4531 N. Kelishan St., Pahrump, NV 89060.

Note regarding *Shards of Autumn*: While this zine is officially out of print and no longer available on the website, a few copies are left over from convention appearances. Any remaining copies from MediaWest will be available at that con until they sell out; the others are being returned to me and will be auctioned off at <http://www.auctionfen.com> until they are gone. I also occasionally auction off zines which returned from cons a bit shopworn, so it's a good site to check periodically.

- **Golden Grove:** Editor: Aurora Nelson. E-mail: evillurking@gmail.com. Snail mail: 5774 Mareta Lane, Loomis, CA 95650. *Golden Grove* needs your submissions! I'm taking stories (Velgarth and otherwise), poetry, crosswords, recipes, artwork, editorials, personas, reviews (books, movies), and whatever you can think of that you find interesting! Guidelines are available for those who wish to request them, as are release forms. Send your submissions to evillurking@gmail.com. Subscriptions are \$5 a

year, with your first issue free. Publication starts in March, so don't delay! We accept members from every state and country (Other countries, please write for subscription info.)!

- **Herald's Companion:** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas for the war, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezilable). E-mail: submission instructions:
 - 1) Subject line must read "For Karen." (Anything else will be erased as a potential virus hazard.)
 - 2) Do not use strange fonts, which my computer will not recognize.
 - 3) E-mail: it to gbertke@fuse.net. (This is my father's e-mail address. Use it for submissions for Herald's Companion only.)
- **Sapphire and White:** Editor: Ronald Glaser, 1202 S. 2nd St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at luckystar@abe.midco.net. All forms of material can be submitted; format-wise if you use Word Perfect please use Notepad. Fan fiction, book reviews and movie reviews are greatly appreciated.

Other Fandoms:

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at lois@dendarii.com. "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- CrossGen Comics: Exciting New Fantasy Comic Books. Follow Prince Ethan's adventures the third Wednesday of each month as he gains the powerful sigil and accidentally puts his world on the brink of war. Meridian, on sale the fourth Wednesday of each month, is the fantastic saga of a teenage girl and her plight to save her floating island home. Go to <http://www.crossgen.com>, or call 1-888-COMICBOOK for details on a retail location near you.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication

dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to nineabove@egroups.com.

- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia**: L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Legend@malcor.com.
- Adrian Paul of Highlander: <http://www.adrianpaul.net>.
- Michael Praed: *Michael Praed Network Newsletter*, <http://fanfare.michael-praed.com>.
- Melanie Rawn: **Pandemonium** - The official Melanie Rawn club invites you to join their ranks. SASE for more information: Irena Pereira, P.O. Box 18A146 , Los Angeles, CA 90018.
- **N3F** is one of the oldest general interest SF/F clubs, started in 1941. Members meet by snail mail and E-mail:to discuss SF, Fantasy, and Horror genres. (Some gather at cons, too.) We have plenty to offer the hungry SF/F/H fan! Members receive *Tightbeam*, the club's quarterly zine, and *The National Fantasy Fan*, our bi-monthly zine. For inquiries, please snail mail me at N3F Secretary, Dennis Davis, 25549 Byron Street, San Bernadino, CA, 92404-6403. Check out our website at <http://www.simegen.com/fandom/n3f>.
- Doctor Who and other Media: **The Prydonians of Prynceton**, P.O. Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194.



Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Heralds, Healers, Bards, Blues, Mercenaries, Tayledras, Shin'a'in, and White Winds Sorcerers/Sorceresses and instructions on how to work for Herald-Mage status if you are already a Herald or for a Kal'enedral if you are already a Shin'a'in. You can find these handouts online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>.

You need a release form (online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qomlrel2.htm>) if you write a story set in Misty's worlds or using any of her characters. You do not need a release for a character sketch, poem or filk. All Misty wants to do is protect her characters and her worlds. Send the release form (you do NOT need to include the story) to Misty c/o Paul Fisher, 16525 E 470 Rd., Claremore OK 74017. Do NOT include the release form with your persona material; send it to Misty. Send a *copy* to us.

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to Legend@malcor.com and healermoon@gmail.com. We have no new personae to announce at this time, but several submissions are being reviewed. (I apologize profusely to everyone who is patiently waiting for me to have enough time to review the submissions! I've actually managed to read about half a dozen of my backlog. I now have to find the time to type the responses back to the people who submitted the personae. Progress is being made . . . slowly, but progress none the less.)

- ❖ Welcome to **Herald Tania Torstar**, who has normal Mindspeech, strong Empathy, and normal Fetching! Herald Tania is brought to us by *Amy Ramirez*, who wrote one story about her persona and one story about her family and friends. She learned to ride a horse, and wrote an essay on the care and feeding of horses, designed and created a costume, drew a picture of her persona, and a picture of her Friend, created a cross stitch of her Companion, drew a map of Valdemar, and wrote a poem.

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. I do not have any new personae to announce this month (though a couple of rewrites are sitting in the stack on my desk). Hopefully we'll have some next month.

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:

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- Bard Valiena (laughsong@aol.com)
- Blue Devyn Aeryn (devin@greendragonpress.net)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliamelyngar@aol.com)
- Herald Ariya Nightsun (erynf@cats.ucsc.edu)
- Herald Kiren Sendar (ice-blink@msn.com)
- Herald Areolyn T-rel (chucky@localaccess.com)
- Herald Artavash Keletal (tmschneiderman@attbi.com)
- Herald Bastian Brennan (herald_bastian@yahoo.com)
- Herald Charna (sprncer@pacifier.com)
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf (bobkat98@shaw.ca)
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas (crys@stny.rr.com)
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- Herald Darvith (goddess@universalmail.com)
- Herald Deborah (sjupiterdebi@home.com)
- Herald Ember Brarrick (fireriven@charter.net)
- Herald Fiona L'Aren (jaime@divagypsy.com)
- Herald Gwendolyn Katran (ladykent@wildmail.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 (kscarp@altavista.com)
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountainheart (WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil)
- Herald Kesha Trishaya Layven (em290@cam.ac.uk)
- Herald Khrystal Thee'Ledan (sophia_patagonia@yahoo.com)
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- Herald Laliea Shathgran (mcquilt@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Lisbeth Maye (wizardshome@hotmail.com)
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- Herald Maia Cinhil Morgan (lorilua@iname.com)
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- Herald Paf (jaro@attbi.com)
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- Herald Tekella Darkmoon (mle@eponine@hotmail.com)
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- Herald Wynn Silverflame (vordesa@hotmail.com)
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- Healer Tamesin na Coille (brindle@bellsouth.net)
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(gwenaelle_98@yahoo.com)
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- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala (HRHIce@aol.com)
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira (littlestweetchef@aol.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Sierra k'Treva (katsanders@buffymail.com)
- Tayledras Mage Silentheart k'Chona (michelle@lovesickchick.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona
(Sttawylime@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira (skydancekshira@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Winterfire k'Tayle
(garou@netspeed.com.au)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Willowstar k'Vala (minna@adelphia.net)
- White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver
(cimeshadow@aol.com)
- Free Bard Magpie (zski@ripco.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!

The State PTA Convention in Sacramento was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, I lost my voice (due to a sinus infection that decided to spread to my lungs and trigger my asthma) the second day I was there. Two weeks of not being able to talk while trying to ride herd on three littles is something I don't want to try again any time soon. At least my play was over before it happened!

Since then I've acquired a new nephew (9 lbs. 4 oz. and doing fine).

I also lost one of my older cousins (I'm probably going to be doing that with increasing frequency since so many of them are up in their 80s and 90s anymore.). It was nice to see my dad's family again, but I wish the circumstances had been happier.

My goddaughter is getting married in mid-June, and I have a cousin getting married at the end of July. My daughter is in high demand as a flower girl!

My PTA unit won the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award of Excellence for communication between families and the school. We have a bilingual bulletin board (heavy on the pictures), bilingual flyers and banners, translators available at meetings, and so forth. We now have several hundred people showing up on campus for our Family Night programs in various academic subjects, and some of our bilingual and ESL parents are starting to chair events for us (Yay!). Only six PTAs get an award at this level every year, so we're very excited about it.

Chat with you next month!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** From Ellen Million: Ellen Million Graphics -- <http://ellenmilliongraphics.com> - is going through considerable restructure and that means sales! All pre-2010 calendars are buy one get one free, and all remaining products are on clearance. Be sure to check out <http://portraitadoption.com> - we've got more than 800 portraits by more than a hundred artists ready for instant adoption exclusively as your character. Visit <http://EMG-Zine.com> for monthly articles and columns, as well as a gallery of art and selection of fiction. Are you an artist or writer interested in an exciting new shared world project? <http://tornworld.net> is now seeking contributors! Taking the Starving out of Artists since 1993.
- ❖ **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):** From Jennifer Mackay-Galicia AKA Herald Mallea D'Lar. I have a lot of interests. I enjoy corresponding with other SF/Fantasy/Horror fans. I'm an aspiring author with the day job. If you send me a snail mail letter, I'll answer. It beats getting junk mail and bills. You are welcome to email me if you've misplaced your parchment, your quill, or your ink pot. :) I've been reading Tad Williams' *Shadowmarch*, *Shadowplay*, and I'm waiting with baited breath for *Shadowrise* to be released. I love reading Misty, Kate Elliott, Robert Jordan, and a number of other authors. The list is huge, so just ask me. Currently I enjoy watching *True Blood* on HBO and *The Vampire Diaries*, as well as *The Tudors* on Showtime. I'm a lot more selective about what I'll watch if it's a series. However, I love movies. :) I'm a fan of the classic Dracula films with Bela Lugosi. I'm a vampire purist, so I didn't like the *Twilight* books or the films. I'm a fan of *Star Wars*, *Star Trek* (all), *The X-Files*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Classic Battlestar Galactica*, and almost anything else fantasy or SF from the '70's, '80's, and '90's. My email is: jmmg1794@hotmail.com. You can reach me by snail mail by addressing an envelope to:

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I hope to hear from you soon!

- ❖ TO EVERYONE who enjoys Misty's creations and the vast realm of Fantasy in general... ANGELA K. SCOTT CREATIONS has moved and is yes, still alive and kicking! You may recall my humble business from past QO (snail mailed) newsletters. I sell fantasy and M. Lackey-related stationery and bookmarks; Heralds, Shin'a'in, faeries, unicorns, dragons, myths, magic and more! I offer card packs with 22 fantasy and sci-fi designs to choose from, as well as as a special line of cat angel cards I call my "Furry Angel Series". I offer gift certificates and I do commissioned artwork/designs (specific stationery, cards, pet-portraits, illustrations, etc. even tattoo designs). Please contact me for further details! Unfortunately I do not have an online version of my business and I know "snail mail" may be a foreign concept to some, though I know I enjoy receiving things other than bills and junk mail in my mailbox! If you would like to receive my 6+ page merchandise booklet please contact me at : **Angela K. Scott-Cox, 216 Dingo Rd. Apt. D, Spring Lake, NC 28390.** **Please enclose SASE*, which is a self-addressed stamped envelope. I also would appreciate any feedback

and/or ideas from people. Thanks to all my past, current, and potential customers, and I hope to hear from you soon! (*Please check out some of my artworks at www.Elfwood.com under *Angela K. Scott...*)

❖ **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 .jpgs 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.

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