

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Roses

By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Finally got my new desk built and set up enough to get this newsletter out!

We take contributions from everyone about all things Misty related, so please send them in.

Review cons and faires for us if you attend them. I went to the Ren. Faire in Irwindale, CA this year. It's the one that started out in Agora and that's featured in *Bedlam's Bard*. Many of the original vendors are still with the faire, including my favorite food stands. Jewelry shaped like elven ears caught my eye, and I found a T-shirt with a Dragon that almost exactly matches the Dragons in my Dragonlords of Dumnonia series. The Falconry show was awesome; my daughter attended twice. (A kestrel flew directly into her camera lens during the second show. The falconer was bummed she didn't get the shot, but she wasn't exactly expecting the bird to choose the inside of her lens for a perch.) Bards would have delighted in the array of instruments for sale. A variety of potions, costumes and other treats were also available. The faire lasts through the end of May. Do attend if you get the chance!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



A note from Misty:

Who wants to come and say hello some time?

June: Comicpalooza in Houston
September: DragonCon in Atlanta.
October: Ohio - World Fantasy Convention
November: Texas Book Festival

Crazy busy meet 'n' greet year this year. Far more than we've usually done in the past. Come say "Hi". Ask Larry about Kraptonite. Get books defaced. That sort of thing.

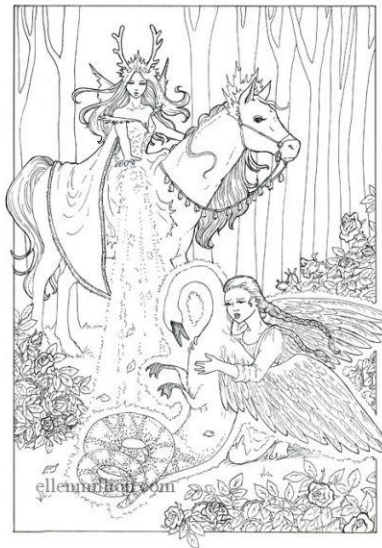


May story prompt from Golden Grove:

The sound of the horse's hooves was dulled by the mud and wet leaves. The storm had passed in the early morning hours, leaving dripping trees and saturated ground. The horse picked its way carefully along the trail with little direction from its rider.

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

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Publication News:

A Study in Sable: An Elemental Masters Novel is available for pre-order. The release date is June 7, 2016.

Closer to the Chest: Book Three of Herald Spy (Valdemar: The Herald Spy) is also available for pre-order. It will be released October 4, 2016.

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



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:

DRAGON CON! Sept. 2-5, 2016. Atlanta, Georgia. Misty is scheduled as a guest! http://www.dragoncon.org/?q=where_to_go_hyatt

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





Wedding

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Member News:

Editors and Chapter Presidents, please send us updated information if you have it.

Local chapters:

The Canada Chapter is starting back up! I hope to have their updated information in the next newsletter. Who else is still active and who is not?

- **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: DragonMamaK@aol.com. Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books community, find the message board link, then find the "Author 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!



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower kValdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be a part of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower kValdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while your at it!)
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at luckystar@abe.midco.net. I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.

- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com. Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some dodgy fun so don't be shy . . . your mothers weren't, and pay us a visit!

- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com. The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy by Mercedes Lackey.

Zines and Newsletters:

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

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who 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!

- **Golden Grove** is still an active fanzine. I just need stuff to print. I've got two new issues for anyone who wants to read them, but in order to keep up with a quarterly schedule I need submissions. I'll take any genera, pics, whatever you like as long as it falls within legal guidelines for other authors universes. Original stuff is always welcome. Golden Grove is now a digital publication and is

sent out via e-mail. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com. To submit stories you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.

- ***Herald's Companion:*** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas for the war, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezible). 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:



Journey

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

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at lois@dendarii.com. "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to nineabove@egroups.com.
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Shashtah@gmail.com. Book 1 of the series, *Dragon Heart* is out! You can purchase it through

Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble's website, and other online merchants. It is available in both Kindle and paperback formats. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron! She is also hard at work on the illustrations for the second book!

- 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.



Pouring Moon

By

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Collegium News:

We hope to have some new personae to announce soon! Watch this space for welcome notices.

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.

The address that appeared at this point in previous newsletters no longer works. Message me at shashtah@gmail.com when you get to the point of submitting a release form, and I'll see what I can find out in the way of new instructions. (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!

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.





Mer Valentine

By

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Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. If you are activated on the Persona List and still listed as "missing" below, let me know. I just forgot to delete the "missing" reference in the newsletter. We are missing current e-mail addresses for just about everyone at this point. If you need your email address updated somewhere on the QO site or for the mailing list, let me know. (Legend@malcor.com still works, but I am switching to Shashtah@gmail.com.)

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



From Herald Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

It's been an eventful month. I finally bit the proverbial bullet and turned my living room into an office. My new desk, which I assembled myself

(reminding myself why I'm not a carpenter), has almost five times the surface area of my old one and is actually set at my height, something my right shoulder greatly appreciates. I still have to put my art on my walls, but after three years I feel as if I'm actually getting somewhere.

My novel Dragon Heart is out, Dragon Son (or Sun, I'm still going back and forth on the title) is in press, and I'm under contract for five more books after that. I have several nonfiction projects in progress as well. So, naturally, I am spending far too much time watching TV ☺. My favorite series were all renewed. I've been a Batman fan since almost before I could walk, so I never miss Gotham. I love what this prequel series is doing with the story. I received word today that Sleepy Hollow has been renewed. I adore the mix of Washington Irving's story with the Book of Revelation and the Illuminati/Freemason influence on the Founding Fathers of the US (A couple of Founding Mothers have snuck in there as well.). Once Upon A Time continues to delight. The way the stories are woven together reminds me in many ways of Misty's Elemental Masters series. And then there is my new favorite: Lucifer. Originally from the Sandman comic books, this show is really out there when it comes to testing the limits of what modern TV audiences will and will not put up with when it comes to twists on ancient traditions. It's something of a bookend for Sleepy Hollow, with Lucifer tackling the beginning of Time and Sleepy Hollow trying to prevent the end of Time.

As the finales finish, I hope to start once again on the huge stack of books I have amassed in my "To Be Read" pile. I particularly look forward to reading the ones penned by Misty. I managed to arrange my furniture in my new "office" in a manner that I can finally curl up on my sofa with a good book, an activity I have been missing for quite some time. Share your reviews of your own adventures in Misty's lands on our Queen's Own Facebook page, or send them to me at shashtah@gmail.com for publication in our newsletter! She writes faster than I can read, and I'm always trying to decide which one I should read next. I look forward to receiving your advice!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya





Druid's Wind

By

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Personals:

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

- From Angela K. Scott/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox-- as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on Ebay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!
http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs, stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at UnicornAlora2@aol.com.
- From Marianne D-B: My sister, who died a couple years ago, was a huge Mercedes Lackey fan. I used to read the books with her, and we loved discussing them. She has a number of prints of Larry Dixon's that I imagine some fan would like to have. I'm happy to sell them reasonably. They are all framed prints, each about 9 1/4" x 12" (framed size). Here's what I have:

Darkwind & Vree, 1991
Firesong, 1991
Darkwind & Elspeth, 1991
Starblade & Hyllar, 1991
Tre'valen & Dawnfire, 1991
Silverfox & The Returned Tribe, 1991
Elspeth & Gwena, 1991
Iceshadow, 1991

You can contact me at duddyburkem@aol.com.



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Fanmail Note: If you send fanmail to Misty at this address, please include stamps for forwarding. We no longer charge dues, so we do not have the funds to pay for your postage.

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

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn