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Heyla, Misty fans!

So far Fall seems to be the season of relief efforts ::sigh:: . In addition to the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast, we now have the California wild fires. Hopefully things will be settling down soon so everyone can get on with rebuilding their lives. If you need help or have a story to share about any of the various disaster relief projects around the country, do let me know at Legend@malcor.com. I know many of you real life Heralds have been pitching in to lend a hand.

I'm a poll worker here in Orange County, California, and we're in for a busy season. October 4th we have the primary to replace Chris Cox as Representative to the House from this region. Then November 8th we have the special election called by Gov. Schwarzenegger. Then on Dec. 6th, if the Oct. 4th race is close, we'll have a run-off for the House seat. If you have never volunteered as a poll worker in your community, I urge you to do it. It is very interesting to see how democracy works at the basic level, and you learn a lot about how and why elections turn out the way they do. Everyone should volunteer at least once.

I'm also Financial Officer for the PTA at my eldest son's school this year, as well as Room Mother for his classroom. We have volunteers of all ages (middle school kids through senior citizens), and these people are absolutely critical to making sure that our children get a good education. Please support your local PTA and volunteer at a school whenever you can. Read to children, let them read to you, and let them see you reading. Show the kids in the real world that you value education as much as the fictional characters in Misty's Valdemar do.

I have a fantasy/humor novel, *Damned Nation*, available for review for the club newsletter. It's set during the Civil War and looks interesting. I was hoping to get to it myself, but I'm currently swamped with

professional reviews I need to finish. Anyone interested in taking a look and writing up a report for us?

If you have changed your e-mail address (or know someone who has), please let us know. We have a growing list of “lost” members (see below) for whom we no longer have current addresses. Send your corrections to Legend@malcor.com, complete with both the old and the new address, and remember to tell me that the change is for QO (It also helps to include your persona name.).

Publication news:

October is a good month for fans of Misty’s Elemental Masters series. Her newest installment, *The Wizard of London*, is available October 4; while you’re there, you can pick up a paperback copy of *Phoenix and Ashes*.

On November 1, look for the paperback version of Misty’s *Winter Moon: Moontide/The Heart of the Moon/Banshee Cries*, coauthored with Tanith Lee and C.E. Murphy.

For Christmas this year, you won’t have to look too hard to find an appropriate gift for your favorite Misty fan. There’s the next installment of the Bedlam’s Bard series: *Music to My Sorrow*, by Mercedes Lackey and Rosemary Edghill, which hits shelves in hardcover on December 6, and the paperback version of *The Wizard of Karres* with Eric Flint and Dave Freer, which has been bumped up for a December 6 release as well. If you’ve been itching for new stories in paperback about everyone’s favorite fantasy realm, Valdemar, be sure to pick up Misty’s *Crossroads and Other Tales of Valdemar*.

After the New Year, look for Misty’s latest editing stint, *Mapping the World of Harry Potter* in January. Also in January, a new book about the Five Hundred Kingdoms, *One Good Knight*, will hit shelves in hardcover, as well as the second volume of Misty’s Obsidian Mountain collaboration with James Mallory, *To Light a Candle*.

And get yourselves an early Valentine’s Day present on February 1: *Stoned Souls*, with Josepha Sherman, will be released then.

Remember, a portion of all purchases made through the Dragonlords’ Bookstore, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkstore.htm>, go to support Queen’s Own. This is how we keep our memberships free, so we greatly appreciate your patronage.

Chapter News:

Attention all chapter presidents and editors: Please check out your ads in the newsletter and make sure they are up-to-date. Check your listings on the QO website as well. I've been having some folks message me that they have been unable to contact many of you. Several people are trying to submit fanfiction to zines and newsletters, and they have not heard back from you.

If you have a Misty-inspired costume for this Halloween, have someone take a picture of you in it and send me the photo for the newsletter. We love to see your creativity at work!

Happy Halloween, Blessed Samhain, and a great Fall to you all!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Ren Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for October. 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.

Alabama

ALABAMA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: bwarren@fcs.k12.al.us.

Website:

<http://alarenfaire.org>. Address: P.O. Box 431, Florence, AL 35631. Site Address: Wilson Park, downtown Florence. Dates: 10/22/05-10/23/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (opens at noon on Sunday)

California

CALIFORNIA CITY'S RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:

parksandrec@ccis.com. Website:

<http://www.thecomputernuts.com/hornback/>. Address:

21000 Hacienda Blvd., California City, CA 93505. Site

Address: California City Central Park, 10460 Heather

Ave., California City. Dates: 10/22/05-10/23/05.

Open/Close: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Sun. till 5 p.m.)

THE ESCONDIDO RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK — FALL. E-mail: goldcoastprod@msn.com. Website: <http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com>. Address: 2219 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: Felicita Park, Escondido. Dates: 10/29/05-10/30/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

FOLSOM RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND TOURNAMENT. E-mail: strobe@folsom.ca.us. Address: Folsom City Lions Park, 50 Natoma St., Folsom, CA 95630. Site Address: Folsom City Lions Park, 50 Natoma St., Folsom. Dates: 10/15/05-10/16/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HANFORD CA RENAISSANCE OF KINGS CULTURAL ARTS FAIRE. E-mail: bbrown@ci.hanford.ca.us. Address: Hanford City Recreation Dept., 315 North Douty St., Hanford, CA 93230. Site Address: Civic Auditorium Park, 400 North Douty St., Hanford. Dates: 10/1/05-10/2/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sun. till 5 p.m.)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: information@norcalrenfaire.org. Website: <http://www.norcalrenfaire.org/>. Address: Hollister, CA. Dates: 9/10/05 – 10/16/05. Open/Close: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

OJAI RENAISSANCE AND PIRATE FAIRE. E-mail: goldcoastproductions@msn.com. Website: <http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com>. Address: Gold Coast Productions, 2219 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: Lake Casitas, Ojai. Dates: 10/24/05-10/25/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SAINT PAUL NEWMAN CENTER RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: eileen@scufnewman.com. Website: <http://www.csufnewman.com>. Address: St. Paul Newman Center, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710. Site Address: St. Paul Newman Center, 1572 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno. Dates: 10/30/05-10/31/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Sun. till 4 p.m.)

Connecticut

THE CONNECTICUT RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: feedback@ctfaire.com. Website: <http://www.ctfaire.com>. Address:

Woodstock, CT. Dates: 9/24/05 - 10/16/05. Open / Close: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Florida

SARASOTA MEDIEVAL FAIR. E-mail: info@sarasotamedievalfair.com. Website: <http://www.sarasotamedievalfair.com>. Address: P.O. Box 152023, Cape Coral, FL 33915. Site Address: Sarasota Polo Club at Lakewood Ranch, 8201 Polo Club Lane, Sarasota. Dates: 10/15/05-10/16/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Illinois

FOUR KINGDOMS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: greg@festint.com. Website: <http://www.fourkingdoms.com>. Site Address: Camelot KOA Campgrounds, I-280 exit 11A, Rock Island. Dates: 10/9/05-10/10/05. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Monday till 5 p.m.)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: mail@greylight-theatre.org. Website: <http://www.greylight-theatre.org/events/renfaire/renfaire.html>. Address: Greylight Theatre, 1337 Walnut, Murphysboro, IL 62966. Site Address: Riverside Park, Murphysboro, IL. Dates: 10/1/05-10/2/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sun. open at 11 a.m.)

STRONGHOLD'S OLDE ENGLISH FAIRE. E-mail: info@strongholdcenter.org. Website: <http://www.strongholdcenter.org/englishfaire.html>. Address: Stronghold Conference Center, 1922 Illinois Route 2 North, Oregon, IL 61061. Site Address: Stronghold Conference Center, 1922 Illinois Route 2 North, Oregon. Dates: 9/29/05-10/2/05. Open/Close: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Indiana

FISHERS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: fishersrenfaire@aol.com. Website: <http://www.fishersrenfaire.com>. Address: 1 Municipal

Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. Site Address: Heritage Park,
106th & Eller Road, Fishers. Dates: 10/8/05-10/9/05.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

METEA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail:
allencountyparks@yahoo.com. Address: Allen County
Parks, 7324 Yohne Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46809. Site
Address: Metea County Park, north of Fort Wayne.
Dates: 10/1/05-10/2/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
(Sun. till 5 p.m.)

Kansas

BRIDGEWATER RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail:
bwrenfaire@yahoo.com. Website:
<http://www.bwrenfaire.us>. Site Address: 100 North
Military Rd., Baxter Springs. Dates: 10/1/05.
Open/Close: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

GREAT PLAINS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL — FALL. E-mail:
info@greatplainsrenfest.com. Website:
<http://greatplainsrenfest.com>. Address: Eagles Realm
LLC, P.O. Box 16326, Wichita, KS 67216. Site Address:
Sedgwick County Park, Wichita. Dates: 10/8/05-10/9/05.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:
renfest@kcrenfest.com. Website: <http://www.kcrenfest.com/>. Address:
Bonner Springs, KS. Dates: 9/3/05 - 10/16/05. Open / Close: 10:00
AM - 7:00 PM.

Maryland

MARYLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:
rennfest@erols.com. Website: <http://www.rennfest.com>.
Address: Intl. Renaissance Festivals Ltd., P.O. Box
315, Crownsville, MD 21032. Site Address: Crownsville
Rd., Crownsville. Dates: 8/27/05-10/23/05. Open/Close:
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Massachusetts

KING RICHARD'S FAIRE. E-mail:
info@kingrichardsfaire.net. Website:

<http://www.kingrichardsfaire.net>. Address: 140 Gideon's Point Rd., Tonka Bay, MN 55331. Site Address: Rt. 58, Carver, MA. Dates: 9/3/05-10/23/05. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Michigan

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.

E-mail: brianandhaskin@yahoo.com. Website: <http://www2.gvsu.edu/~gvren>. Address: Grand Valley State University, 1 Campus Dr., Allendale, MI 49401. Site Address: Grand Valley State University, 1 Campus Dr., Allendale. Dates: 10/1/05-10/2/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - dusk.

Missouri

MOUNTAIN KINGDOM RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL — FALL. E-mail:

m.kingdom@mchsi.com. Address: 537 W. Commercial, Mansfield, MO 65704. Site Address: 654 Highway U, Mansfield. Dates: 10/22/05-10/30/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Nevada

AGE OF CHIVALRY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:

salibab@co.clark.nv.us. Website: <http://www.lvrenfair.com>. Address: Clark County Park & Rec, 2601 E. Sunset Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89120. Site Address: Sunset Regional Park, Las Vegas. Dates: 10/7/05-10/9/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Sun. till 5 p.m.)

New Hampshire

NEW HAMPSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE & SAMHAIN CELEBRATION.

E-mail: che4u@gypsyroses.org. Website: <http://www.gypsyroses.org/nhrf.html>. Site Address: Kingston, NH (directions to be posted on Web site soon). Dates: 10/29/05-10/30/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Sun. till 5 p.m.)

New Jersey

NJ FAMILY MEDIEVAL AND FANTASY FESTIVAL. E-mail: paladinmusic@yahoo.com. Website: <http://www.thepaladin.com/medievalfaire2005.html>. Address: Paladin Music & Entertainment, Inc., P.O. Box 243, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. Site Address: Waterloo Village Concert Field, Stanhope. Dates: 10/22/05-10/23/05. Open/Close: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

New Mexico

FARMINGTON RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: mmcalexander@fmtn.org. Website: <http://www.farmingtonmuseum.org/renaissancefaire.htm>. Site Address: Rocky Reach Landing, Animas River Park, Browning Parkway, Farmington. Dates: 10/8/05-10/9/05. Open/Close: Saturday 10 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New York

MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL AT FORT TRYON PARK. E-mail: WHIDC@aol.com. Website: <http://m2.aol.com/whidc/medieval.html>. Site Address: Fort Tryon Park, northern Manhattan. Dates: 10/2/05. Open/Close: noon - 6:00 p.m.

North Carolina

CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: carolinarenfest@royalfaires.com. Website: <http://www.royalfaires.com/carolina>. Address: P.O. Box 165, Davidson, NC 23036. Site Address: 16445 Poplar Tent Rd., Huntersville. Dates: 10/11/05 - 11/13/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Ohio

OHIO RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: info@renfest.com. Website: <http://www.renfestival.com>. Address: P.O. Box 68, Harveysburg, OH 45032. Site Address: State Rte. 73, Harveysburg. Dates: 8/27/05-10/23/05. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: royalspk@parennaissancefaire.com. Website: <http://www.parenfaire.com>. Address: P.O. Box 685, Cornwall, PA 17016. Site Address: 83 Mansion House Rd., between Hershey and Lancaster. Dates: 8/13/05-10/30/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Texas

TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: info@texrenfest.com. Website: <http://www.texrenfest.com>. Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363. Site Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville. Dates: 10/1/05-11/20/05. Open/Close: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Virginia

ANNUAL HARVEST FAIRE. E-mail: info@harvestfaire.org. Website: <http://www.harvestfaire.org>. Address: P.O. Box 61054, Virginia Beach, VA 23466. Site Address: Mariners' Museum Park, Warwick & J. Clyde Morris Blvds., Virginia Beach. Dates: 10/21/05-10/23/05. Open/Close: Friday 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday 8 a.m. - midnight; Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RADFORD HIGHLANDERS FESTIVAL. E-mail: thurt@radford.edu. Website: <http://www.radford.edu/festival>. Address: P.O. Box 6916, Radford, VA 24142. Site Address: Moffett Field, Radford University campus, Radford. Dates: 10/8/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

WEST VIRGINIA

TAMARACK RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: bdemaria@tamarackwv.com. Website: <http://www.tamarackwv.com>. Address: Tamarack Park, 1 Tamarack Park, Beckley, WV 25801. Site Address: Tamarack Park, Beckley. Dates: 10/1/05-10/2/05. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wisconsin

CAMELOT MEDIEVAL HARVEST FAYRE. E-mail:
h20lily413@charter.net. Website:
<http://www.angelfire.com/wi3/historiccamelot/welcome.html>.
Site Address: Dodge County Fairgrounds, Highway 33 &
Fabisch Rd., Beaver Dam. Dates: 10/1/05-10/2/05.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

COTSWOLD RENAISSANCE FAIRE — FALL. E-mail:
cotswoldrenfaire@aol.com. Website:
<http://www.wolfs-head-prod.com>. Address: 6157 N.
Sheridan Rd. 23L, Chicago, IL. Site Address: 1015
Bloomfield Rd., Lake Geneva. Dates: 10/8/05-10/16/05.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

United Kingdom

NOTTINGHAM ROBIN HOOD PAGEANT. E-mail:
tourist.information@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. Website:
[http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sitemap/leisure_and_culture/arts_a
nd_entertainment/robin_hood_pageant.htm](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sitemap/leisure_and_culture/arts_and_entertainment/robin_hood_pageant.htm).
Site Address: Nottingham Castle, Nottingham, England.
Dates: 10/22/05-10/23/05. Open/Close: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Conventions:

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

Illinois

ARCHON SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY CONVETION. E-mail:
archon_hotline@archonstl.org. Website:
<http://www.archonstl.org/29/index2.html>. Address:
Archon 29, P.O Box 8387, St. Louis, MO 63132. Site
Address: Collinsville Convention Center & Holiday Inn,
1000 Eastport Plaza Dr., Collinsville. Dates:
9/29/05 - 10/2/05.

Minnesota

CONSUME/RELAXACON 2005. E-mail: consume@visi.com, relaxacon@tripod.com. Address: Rick Gellman, 1105 Bellecrest Drive, Maplewood, MN, 55109-1902. Site: Holiday Inn Select, 3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425 (34th Ave. & American Blvd.), I-494 & 34th Ave. S. (Near Mall of America). Dates: 10/14/05 – 10/16/05.

Germany

RING*CON. Website: <http://www.creationent.com/cal/sgny.htm>. Site Address: Esperanto Hotel, Fulda, Germany. Dates: 10/7/05-10/9/05.

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:** 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 infomation! 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>!



- **Heartland Arrows:** 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 art of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower k'Valdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.
- **Sapphire and White:** Editor Ronald Glaser. E-mail: chikorita@softhome.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 chikorita@softhome.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:** Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. Contact: Herald Lily. E-mail: Valdemarestearabians@mugglenet.com. Valdemar Estate is looking for members to join. Online is very welcome. The Estate specializes in things of an Equine nature and any queries about our four-legged friends of real or Valdemaran kind are welcome too. We have people here who are able to make or create just about anything you would want. Riding and other training happens at Palamino Reserve in Armadale, at the end of Palamino Place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 3pm.

Changes in time will be announced on the website. Costume rides are on the 4th Saturday of every even month unless showing. Those wanting sword or archery training need to contact me so that I can either organize some sessions or redirect you to the appropriate trainers in the area. Horse gear can also be purchased from the Estate by order. E-mail the details of what you are looking for and it can be found.

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

Zines and Newsletters:

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** Editor: Kendra Renaud, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so to keep costs at \$5.00 payable in U.S. funds or 12 IRCs. Make checks payable to "Kendra Renaud". The fee covers the cost of printing and mailing; you may share (but not duplicate!) copies of the fanzine. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 4, 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! Each zine will have about 10 personas for a total of 30 personas that have been accepted in the last couple of years. For the contents list for issues 1,2, and 3 and additional information, visit <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qozine.htm>.
- ***Companions' Grove*** still needs stories, and artists to illustrate stories! (Remember, all contributors get a free copy of the zine in which their work appears.) Volume Eight is full, and awaiting the illustrations and final layout. **** If you contributed a story or promised me artwork for Volume Eight and have not heard from me recently, please get in touch with me, as I had to**

reformat my hard drive and lost my zine correspondence and address book earlier this year. If I don't hear from you by September 2003, I will have to drop your contribution from the zine. ** Volume Nine is open to submissions. Current prices (not including shipping) are:

- *Companions' Grove Volume One - \$4.75 (40 pages, color cover)*
- *Companions' Grove Volume Two - \$6.35 (56 pages, color cover)*
- *Companions' Grove Volume Three - \$5.95 (51 pages, color cover)*
- *Companions' Grove Volume Four - \$4.95 (42 pages, color cover)*
- *Companions' Grove Volume Five - \$7.75 (69 pages, color cover)*
- *Companions' Grove Volume Six - \$6.55 (57 pages, color cover)*
- *Companions' Grove Volume Seven - \$5.95 (52 pages, color cover)*
- *The Danya Winterborn Saga - \$5.20 (52 pages, b/w front and back covers)*
- *Endgame - \$3.85(36 pages, b/w cover)*
- *Fire Eyes - \$4.40 (43 pages, b/w cover)*
- *Shards of Autumn – out of print, see note below*
- *The Sum of Duty - \$5.80 (57 pages, b/w cover)*
- *Do or Dye: A Guide to Companion Camouflage - \$1.25 (20 pages, digest size, b/w cover, saddle stapled)*
- *Cat's Cradle - \$7.60 (76 pages, monochrome green cover)*

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

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

Except as noted, zines are printed on high-quality, bright white paper, comb bound, with cardstock covers. Story excerpts and cover art—as well as submission guidelines and PayPal ordering information—can be found at

<http://www.greendragonpress.net/misty.htm>. To order via snail mail, send check or money order (payable to Devin Harris; US funds only) to Green Dragon Press, c/o Devin Harris, 4531 N. Kelishan St., Pahrump, NV 89060.

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

- ***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.)

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 High Flight Arts and Letters, P.O. Box 2970, 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 this month, but several people are very close to completion. 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.

- Welcome back, Herald Atinya Ebon (Raskayle) (June 1995) (Mindspeech, Farsight). Good to have you home <g>.

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

Lost . . .

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

- Bard Revelin Tionne (sazimarc@mindspring.com)
- Bard Valiena (laughsong@aol.com)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Healer Darnellon Gaither (mdprier@aol.com)
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf (bobkat98@shaw.ca)

- Herald Darvith (goddess@universalmail.com)
- Healer Tamesin na Coille (brindle@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliamelyngar@aol.com)
- Herald Areolyn T-rel (chucky@localaccess.com)
- Herald Artavash Keletal (tmschneiderman@attbi.com)
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas (crys@stny.rr.com)
- Herald Deborah (sjupiterdebi@home.com)
- Herald Ian Hawkwood (ianhawke1@aol.com)
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- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf (kscarp@altavista.com)
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountianheart
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- Herald Miracle Oceanfire (rhyme_reason@hotmail.com)
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- Herald Rhea Windsong (psistriker@worldnet.att.net)
- Herald Robihane (Tevye@speaktosilence.com)
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- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala (HRHIce@aol.com)
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira
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- Tayledras Healer Adept Sierra k'Treva
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(garou@netspeed.com.au)
- Tayledras Scout Skyfire k'Chona (logroth@hotmail.com)
- White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver
(cimeshadow@aol.com)

If you know any of these folks, please have them contact Danya at Legend@malcor.com with a current e-mail address.

From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Wasn't quite planning ahead when I gave birth to all three of my children in the Fall <G>. Makes for a hectic season every year. Fun, but hectic.

We've started off our annual cycle of "parties almost every other week" with a Harry Potter bash for my eldest son's ninth birthday. We transformed our home into Hogwarts for the occasion, and I had a lot of

fun playing with food names for the menu as well as coming up with variants of traditional games. For instance, the luncheon featured, among other things, “Hagrid’s Cockatrice Eggs”, and “Pin the Tail on the Donkey” became “Help Harry Catch the Golden Snitch”, thanks to a Quidditch poster I picked up online.

Next up is my daughter’s birthday, and she wants a “Royal Princess” party. In about two weeks lots of little princesses and knights will be invading our home for an afternoon of medieval-inspired fun. My medieval history and folklore/mythology collections tend to get a real workout for this party <g>. (She’s repeating from last year, so I already have a couple of good ideas for games and food.) I got a new castle-shaped cake pan, and I’m looking forward to matching the cake to her castle piñata.

Our Halloween party (which seems to expand in size every year <g>) is next. I have a lot of fun with this. There are always lots of surprises throughout the house and yard (Mirrors talk to you, statues move and so forth.). I do want to remember to pack away some of my special effects in separate boxes this year so I have them available for the haunted house at my eldest son’s carnival in June. I’m hoping to do something along the lines of a “Magical/Mystical Library”, with scenes inspired by Harry Potter and other great books. Party decorations from my eldest son’s birthday will probably be pressed into service as well <G>.

Finally, my youngest son will get his birthday in November. He wants another Thomas the Tank Engine party, so that will be easy. His room supplies most of the decorations. We build a huge train layout through most of our house, and the kids have a great time playing with it. If you haven’t read the original Railway series that features Thomas yet, do give it a try. You can “hear” the trains moving along their tracks in the language on the page.

Then, Thanksgiving and the December holidays will be on top of us!
Where does the time go anymore?!

Here’s to parties, imagination, and fun—more often than not inspired by our library full of wonderful books!

Zhai’helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- ❖ **From Cliff Hunter:** I'm looking for a penpal I used to know through QO. Her name is Dara Murphy. Anyone with information about how I can contact her, please e-mail me at DeathrockCliffy@aol.com.

- ❖ **From Jennifer M. Mackay-Galicia (Herald Mallea D'Lar):** I have a new email address: mackayjenn@yahoo.com! SNAIL MAIL: PO BOX 66408, Portland, OR 97290. If you like to read, I'm your girl. Just give me a book and a quiet nook--I'm happy! Misty, Tad Williams, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mindy Klasky (Glasswright series), DragonLance (the M. Weiss/T. Hickman original books and new), SF Classics like H.G. Wells, George Orwell, ect., ect. I'm about to sink my teeth into David Eddings on my sister's recommendations. I just finished watching SEVEN seasons of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. That was fun! I've gone through all NINE years of The X-Files. I'm a huge X-Files fanatic. (Did I forget to mention my love affair with box sets on DVD?) I'm a fan of every Star Trek show made, Star Wars, Battlestar Galactica (got my box set), Babylon 5, Quantum Leap, and just about anything else that grabs my attention. If you wish you could take a trip to the moon, or just get out of Mundania for awhile, please feel free to drop me a line!

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** Not only is Ellen Million Graphics still around (ten years last October!), but I now offer an array of gorgeous new work by new artists, on many new products (including t-shirts!) and a brand new character portrait service. Ordering is available on-line or by snail mail: <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com>. I'd also love to get back in touch with lost penpals! (Use the contact form on the website to avoid death-by-spam-filters!)

- ❖ **From Herald Valana Dorrandale/Rachel Valentine:** 21-year-old college student needs relief from mundania! I enjoy Misty, Anne Rice, Mickey Zucker Riechert, Robert Jordan, Fiona Patton, Tanya Huff, C.S. Friedman etc. B5, Star Trek, Star Wars, Highlander, LOTR, all kinds of music, scaly and furry animals, Garfield, writing, drawing, singing, playing guitar, horseback riding, traveling and much more. Do you like this stuff?? Write me! **TO: Robin S., Bess H., Bard Shiana, Harold P.:** Are you all still QO members?? Please write me; I've missed you guys! E-mail: Raevalln@aol.com or Raevalentyne@aol.com.

❖ **TO EVERYONE who enjoys Misty's world and the vast realm of fantasy in general . . .** ANGELA K. SCOTT CREATIONS is still around! You may remember my humble business from past QO (snail-mailed) newsletters. I sell fantasy & M. Lackey-related stationery and bookmarks; Heralds, Shin'a'in, faeries, unicorns, magic, and more! I now offer cards (in packs) with 22 fantasy & scifi designs to choose from, as well a special line of cat-angel cards I call my "Furry Angel Series". I do commissioned artwork as well- please contact me for further details. Gift Certificates are available as well! I am still relatively new to owning a computer & setting up a system (need a scanner!), so I do not have an online version of my 'business'. I'm working on having my merchandise booklet up on my homepage or some way to view merchandise & order info, etc. I know "snail-mail" is a foreign concept to some people, though I still enjoy communicating this way, BUT if you'd like to receive my 6+ page merchandise booklet please contact me: Angela K. Scott-Gosnell, 217 Spear Drive, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. ***PLEASE enclose SASE**, which is a stamped envelope with your address on it. I will get the requested booklet mailed back to you ASAP! Thanks to all of my past and current customers, and hope to hear from you!

❖ **From White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver. To All.** Shadows of Goddess is now an online store. I offer a free pouch with every purchase to Queen's Own members. Be sure to tell me you are though. :) I offer new items weekly. The URL is <http://www.ebaystores.com/shadowsofthegoddess>. My e-mail address is cimeshadow@aol.com.

❖ **From Herald-Mage Danya. To: All. Re: Cookbook.** I know Firebird is starting to work on a Misty-cookbook, but our version 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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Mercedes Lackey
c/o High Flight Arts and Letters
P.O. Box 2970
Claremore, OK 74017

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