

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

I'm still submerged in Back-to-School madness, so I apologize once again for being late with the newsletter. I'm really hoping that things will slow down a bit in October, but that may be overly optimistic, judging by the amount of scribbles on my calendar <G>.

This is your annual reminder that if you dress up in a Misty-related costume for Halloween, please send us pictures that we can post to the website when I get around to coding the newsletters again. We love to see how creative you all are!

If you have an ad in QO or on one of our website pages, please make sure the information is up to date (Editors, are you reading?). I've had several complaints from visitors lately that they cannot contact people through the information provided. I've fixed that when I can, but I don't always have your current contact information (see the "Lost" list below). Remember, I can't send you QO newsletters and other alerts if I don't have a current address for you.

Publication News:

This month, you'll find *Reserved for the Cat*, Misty's latest Elemental Mages novel, in paperback on October 7. A special treat also will be available in hardcover on October 7: *Foundation: Book One of the Collegium Chronicles*, Misty's latest foray into Valdemar territory.

On December 2, you'll find the perfect gift for any Valdemar lover on your Christmas list: *Moving Targets and Other Tales of Valdemar*.

Next year, *The Snow Queen*, Misty's latest tale of the Five Hundred Kingdoms, will be available in paperback on February 1. (See the review of the hardcover edition offered below.)

Do remember that you can order your copy of any of these fine books through the Dragonlord's Bookstore at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>. A portion of all sales through this site goes to QO. This is how we keep our memberships free, so we really appreciate your support! (Our PO Box rental is about to come do, so it is really important that we have your support!)

Herald Auryn has provided our book review this month. If anyone else has reviews of books, movies, Faires or Cons that you would like to see published in the QO newsletter, please send them to me at Legend@malcor.com.

Hope you all have a great Fall!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Review of Mercedes Lackey's **The Snow Queen**, by Herald Auryn (Amber Taufen). Luna, 2008, 331 pages.

Fans of Misty's Five Hundred Kingdoms series should pick up a copy of *The Snow Queen* if they haven't already. The fourth installment in the series, this book continues Misty's fascination with Russian fairy lore through the tale of the Snow Queen, who lures intelligent men away from their sweethearts in order to freeze their emotions and keep them in her winter palace, far away from civilization, until the brave beloved is able to find her palace and pass her tests in order to win back her man. What the men and sweethearts don't know is that the Snow Queen is a Godmother, and she's putting them through these trials for their own good – so the men don't become insufferably arrogant and cold with their intelligence and the women won't subject themselves entirely to the wills of their beloved. While she teaches the youths to appreciate and respect things they might have thought beneath them and sets tasks and travails to the sweethearts so they might grow some backbone and gain some self-worth outside of their lovers, the Snow Queen (also known as the Ice Fairy and Queen of the Northern Lights, but called Aleksia by her friends), lives a lonely life. She may never reveal her true nature to her

“guests,” so her only companions are the Brownies who serve her and the occasional Bear out of legend. Not to mention her magic mirror, through which she may communicate with Godmother Elena and others among her peers.

Aleksia longs for a neighbor or a friend, but her attention is diverted by a dangerous imposter – a woman calling herself the Snow Queen and modeling her palace and her deeds after Aleksia’s. The youths who fall into the false Snow Queen’s grasp wind up sucked dry of all that makes them human, until they eventually die, as this imposter seeks to both banish love from her side and replicate the devotion she had (then lost) centuries before. Caught in her web is the exceptional young man of the Sammi, Veikko, who has traveled away from his widowed mother, Annuka Makela – a sort of magic-worker in her own right – and his kind, beautiful and charming betrothed, Kaari. When Annuka and Kaari receive notice that tragedy has befallen Veikko (endangering the warrior-mages who agreed to oversee his training), Annuka and Kaari set off to rescue Veikko, knowing he is in terrible trouble but unaware of what shape it takes.

As Aleksia sets off to right matters in her territory, it is clear that she must become involved in this fairy tale in order to assure a positive outcome. And looming over every move she makes is the Tradition, which she must attempt to guide into a completely new pattern. Then there’s the Icehart, a mysterious creature with unknown powers that may or may not have anything to do with the false Snow Queen...

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

25TH ANNUAL GATALOP. Website: www.dauphinisland.org. E-mail: gainsfort@msn.com. Address: 109 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Site Address: 51 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island. Dates: 10/25/08. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ALABAMA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.alarenfaire.org. E-mail: bwarren@fcs.k12.al.us. Address: PO Box 431, Florenca, AL

35631. Site Address: Wilson Park, Florence. Dates: 10/25/08 to 10/26/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday open at noon.)

RENAISSANCE FEAST. Website: www.alarenfaire.org. E-mail: bwarren@fcs.k12.al.us. Address: PO Box 431, Florenca, AL 35631. Site Address: Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. Dates: 10/18/08. Open/Close: 7 p.m.

Arkansas

NWA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.nwarenfest.org. E-mail: dupton@uark.edu. Address: 607 North Storer Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72701. Site Address: Pauline Whitaker Equine Pavilion, Fayetteville. Dates: 10/25/08 to 10/26/08. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

California

CALIFORNIA CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.calcityrenfair.org. E-mail: parksandrec@ccis.com. Site Address: 2100 Hacienda, California City, CA 93505. Dates: 10/18/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

THE ESCONDIDO RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK. Website: www.goldcoastfestivals.com/escondidoren/erenpg1.html. E-mail: goldcoastprod@msn.com. Site Address: 2219 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Dates: 10/25/08 to 11/2/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FOLSOM RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND TOURNAMENT. Website: www.folsomfaire.com. E-mail: strobee@folsom.ca.us. Site Address: 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Dates: 10/18/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.norcalrenfaire.com. E-mail: info@norcalrenfaire.com. Address: 201-A McCray, PMB247, Hollister, CA 95023. Site Address: Casa de Fruta, 10031 Pacheco Pass Highway, Hollister. Dates: 9/6/08 to 10/12/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SHASTA DRAGONWOOD CELTIC RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.shastafaire.com. Address: 116 Dorado Terrace, San Francisco, CA94112. Site Address: Anderson River Park, Anderson. Dates:

10/6/08 to 10/7/08. 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: PO Box 537, Putnam, CT 06260. Site Address: Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, Route 85, Hebron. Dates: 9/27/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ISD RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.isdrenaissance.com. E-mail: isdref@isdrenaissance.com. Address: 55 Florence Road, Riverside, CT 06878. Site Address: International School of Dundee, 55 Florence Road, Riverside. Dates: 10/25/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Florida

MOON FAIRY EVENT. Website: www.thewitchsgarden.com. E-mail: thewitchsgarden@bellsouth.net. Site Address: Coral Castle, 28655 South Dixie Highway, Homestead. Dates: 10/11/08 to 10/12/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sunday till 6 p.m.)

TROPICAL FAIRY FESTIVAL. Website: www.tropicalfairy.com. E-mail: info@tropicalfairy.com. Address: 3109 Grand Avenue 195, Miami, FL 33133. Site Address: Coral Castle, 28655 South Dixie Highway, Homestead. Dates: 10/12/08 to 10/14/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Friday 6 to 8 p.m.)

Illinois

LINCOLNSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.lincolnshirefaire.com. E-mail: greg@festint.com. Address: 508 Fourth Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA 50428. Site Address: Decatur Conference Center & Hotel Pond Park. Dates: 10/11/08 to 10/12/08. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

OLDE ENGLISH FAIRE. Website: www.strongholdcenter.org/englishfaire.html. E-mail: pat@strongholdcenter.org. Address: 1922 IL Route 2 North, Oregon, IL 61061. Site Address: 1922 IL Route 2 North, Oregon. Dates: 10/4/08 to 10/5/08. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indiana

FISHERS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.fishersrenfaire.com. E-mail: amfivush@intrex.net. Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. Site Address: Conner Prairie, I-69 and 116th Street, Fishers. Dates: 10/4/08 to 10/5/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Iowa

KINGDOM OF RIVERSSANCE. Website: www.rivercade.com/riverssance.cfm. E-mail: pclaey@dybb.com. Address: 5600 Harbor Drive, Sioux City, IA 51111. Site Address: Riverside Park, Sioux City. Dates: 10/4/08 to 10/5/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

Kansas

KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.kcrenfest.com. E-mail: generalmanager@kcrenfest.com. Address: 628 North 126th Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012. Site Address: 628 North 126th Street, Bonner Springs. Dates: 8/30/08 to 10/13/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Maryland

THE MARYLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.rennfest.com. E-mail: cspedden@erols.com. Address: PO Box 315, Crownsville, MD 21032. Site Address: Crownsville Road, Crownsville. Dates: 8/23/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Massachusetts

CASTLE OF THE DAMNED. Website: www.pastimes1.com. E-mail: pastimes_world@yahoo.com. Address: 70 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Site Address: Hammond Castle, Gloucester. Dates: 10/17/08 to 11/1/08. Open/Close: 7 to 11 p.m.

KING RICHARD'S FAIRE. Website: www.kingrichardsfaire.net. E-mail: info@kingrichardsfaire.net. Address: 140 Gideon's Point Road, Tonka Bay, MN 55331. Site Address: Route 58, South Carver. Dates: 8/30/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Michigan

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.

Website: <http://cis.gvsu.edu/~haskinb/gvren>. E-mail: gvren_rep@yahoo.com. Address: 008 Kirkhof Center, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401. Site Address: Grand Valley State University, Allendale. Dates: 10/11/08 to 10/12/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to dusk.

Nebraska

AGE OF CHIVALRY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website:

www.lvrenfair.com. E-mail: salibab@co.clark.nv.us. Address: 2601 East Sunset Road, Las Vegas, NV 80120. Site Address: Sunset Regional Park, Las Vegas. Dates: 10/12/08 to 10/14/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sunday till 5 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: 10/25/08 to 10/26/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Mexico

FARMINGTON RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website:

www.farmingtonmuseum.org/renaissancefaire.htm. E-mail: rwelch@fmtn.org. Address: 3041 East Main Street, Farmington, NM 87402. Site Address: Rocky Reach Landing, off Browning Parkway, Farmington. Dates: 10/18/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

North Carolina

CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website:

www.royalfaires.com/carolina/default.asp?page=1. E-mail: carolinarenfest@royalfaires.com. Address: PO Box 165, Davidson, NC 28036. Site Address: Huntersville, NC, Highway 77 to Exit 26 East (NC 73) five miles or Highway 85 to Exit 55 West (Poplar Tent Road) Five Miles. Dates: 10/4/08 to 11/16/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ELIZABETHAN TYMES: A COUNTRY FAIRE. Website: www.roanokeisland.com. E-mail: rifp.information@ncmail.net. Address: One Festival Park, Manteo, NC 27954. Site Address: Roanoke Island Festival Park, Manteo. Dates: 10/11/08 to 10/12/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ohio

OHIO RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.renfestival.com. E-mail: info@renfestival.com. Address: PO Box 68, Harveysburg, OH 45032. Site Address: State Route 73, Harveysburg, between I-71 and I-75. Dates: 8/30/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.parenfaire.com. E-mail: tom@parenfaire.com. Address: 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim, PA 17545. Site Address: 2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim. Dates: 8/9/08 to 10/28/08. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WILD ROSE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.wildroserenfaire.net. E-mail: wildroserenfaire@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 380, Columbus, PA 16405. Site Address: RR1, Box #51, Route 957, Columbus. Dates: 10/4/08 to 10/26/08. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Texas

MIDDLEFAIRE. Website: www.middlefaire.net. E-mail: middlefaire@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 961, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Site Address: Southwest corner of County Road 1458 and State Highway 171. Dates: 9/27/08 to 10/5/08. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Sunday till 8 p.m.)

TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.texrenfest.com. E-mail: shelly@texrenfest.com. Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363. Site Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville. Dates: 10/11/08 to 11/30/08. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to dusk.

Virginia

ANNUAL HARVEST FAIRE. Website: www.harvestfaire.org. E-mail: info@harvestfaire.org. Address: PO Box 2069, Newport News, VA

23609. Site Address: Mariners' Museum Park, Warwick Boulevard at J. Clyde Morris Boulevard. Dates: 10/17/08 to 10/19/08. Open/Close: Friday noon to 11 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

United Kingdom

ROBIN HOOD PAGEANT. Website: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk. Address: The Guildhall, South Street, Nottingham NG1 4BT. Site Address: Nottingham Castle. Dates: 10/25/08 to 10/26/08.

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 October:

Idaho

TACTICAL SOLUTIONS. Website: <http://tactical-solutions-gaming.tripod.com/index.html>. Site Address: Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn, 506 West Appleway Avenue, Coeur D'Alene. Dates: 10/17/08 to 10/19/08.

Iowa

ICON 33: THE PHOENIX RETURNS. Website: www.iowa-icon.com. Site Address: Coralville Marriott, Coralville. Dates: 10/31/08 to 11/2/08.

Illinois

ARCHON. Website: www.archonstl.org/32. Site Address: Gateway Center & Holiday Inn, 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville. Dates: 10/3/08 to 10/5/08.

Maryland

GAYLAXICON 2008. Website: www.gaylaxicon2008.org. Site Address: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda. Dates: 10/10/08 to 10/13/08.

Pennsylvania

FAERIECON: THE INTERNATIONAL FAERIE CONVENTION. Website: www.faeriecon.com. Site Address: Pennsylvania Convention Center. Dates: 10/10/08 to 10/12/08.

United Kingdom

NEWCON4. Website: www.newcon4.co.uk/newcon/main/default.aspx. Site Address: The Fishmarket, Northampton, NN1 2HL. Dates: 10/11/08 to 10/12/08.

OCTOCON. Website: www.octocon.com. Site Address: Royal Dublin Hotel, O'Connell Street, Dublin. Dates: 10/18/08 to 10/19/08.

Germany

HANSECON 24. Website: <http://members.aol.com/sfcl>. Site Address: The CVJM-Haus, Grobe Petersbrube 11, Lübeck, Germany. Dates: 10/24/08 to 10/27/08.

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 Renaud, 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.)

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)
- Healer Darnellon Gaither (mdprier@aol.com)
- Herald Darvith (goddess@universalmail.com)
- Herald Deborah (sjupiterdebi@home.com)
- Herald Fiona L'Aren (jaime@divagypsy.com)
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- Herald Kaki (knotes93@simons-rock.edu)
- Herald Kandellessa Revwyn Sevron (del_ashke@hotmail.com)
- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf (kscarpat@altavista.com)
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- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala (HRHIce@aol.com)
- Tayledras Scout Brightshadow k'Vala (clueless_guy2@yahoo.com)
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira (littlestweetchef@aol.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Sierra k'Treva (katsanders@buffymail.com)
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- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona (Sttawylime@hotmail.com)
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- 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)

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!

I'm going to keep this short so I can get the newsletter out. I have my nose in *The Dragon Quintet* (which includes Misty's short story "Joust") and Misty's *Fortune's Fool*. Both are proving delightful—though they keep getting lost in all the PTA, Girl Scout and Back-to-School paperwork that is piled all over my living room, dining room and family room.

I'm still trying to get my Halloween/Fall decorations out. I'm feeling a bit more behind than usual this year, but I'm hoping that will change over the course of this month. At least I can see patches of wood through the flurry of papers on my desk.

I should have a chapter in a book (in Italian!) coming out any month now. (Publishing overseas works just as slowly as it does here.) I'm still waiting to see a copy of the translation of *From Scythia to Camelot* in Russian. (It's been out for a while now, but for some reason the Post Office can't seem to deliver my copy, although my coauthor has received his.) I do hope to get around to completing some of the half dozen or so works I have in progress, though I suspect those are going to wind up waiting until next year.

Have a great Fall!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** *EMG-Zine.com* is in its seventeenth month as a fantastic resource for fantasy and science fiction writers and artists! Every month there are features on the business of art, tips and tutorials, an art gallery, fiction, and reviews related to the genre or creative pursuits. Some of our columnists include Ursula Vernon, Janet Chui, Annie Rodrigue and Marina Bonomi. If you are an artist or writer, please see our guidelines for submission information! Find it all at <http://www.emg-zine.com> and enjoy!
- ❖ **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):** 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!

- ❖ 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 .jpps to Legend@malcor.com or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.

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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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Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn