

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club

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Black Rose

By

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Busy, busy, busy! It's back to school time! J.K. Rowling is tweeting about the first day of school for the next generation at Hogwarts. What was your favorite tale of the first day of school (or somewhere in the first year) for a character in Valdemar? Send your votes to shashtah@gmail.com or post them on the QO Facebook page. Make sure

you get our page and not the Valdemar Fan Club, which—I think—started out as one of our chapters. Here's the link: https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub?ref=aymt_homepage_panel (If you find yourself on a page with a white horse—let's call it a Companion—and a black horse—shall we say a Shin'a'in warsteed?—then you are on the right page. Pictures are welcome. And would someone besides me please post ☺?)

Fair warning: There will not be an October newsletter. I am 90% sure I'm going to be in Europe filming a documentary about King Arthur (more on that below), and Healer Adept Moonstar, lacking the skills of actual Healers from Valdemar, will be reporting for back surgery in early October. So real life trumps newsletter, but I hope to be back on track for November.

Thanks to our artists who have been sending in submissions! Please remember that the artists retain all rights to their images and that the images may only be copied with the artists' permission.

We need some Heralds and other folk out there to start sending us news! Let us know what you are up to, what ren fairs and cons are happening, anything you hear about Misty's upcoming appearances, releases, and so forth. Reviews would be most welcome!

See you in November!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Publication News:

I am in the process of updating the list of Misty's publications on the QO website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkfanml.htm> When I get the new list up, I'll need reviews and someone to check for titles I've missed. (Yes, this is me in my Golds waving frantically for assistance!)

I'm still checking into our Amazon.com bookstore. With any luck that will come back up at the same time as the list of new publications. (Why do I feel as if I'm trying to reboot one of those old dinosaur-type computers I worked on in the 1980s?)



Ren. Faires:

<http://piratefestivals.com/>

<http://www.renfaire.com/Sites/>

<http://www.renaissancemagazine.com/fairelist.html>

<http://www.therenlist.com/fairs>

http://www.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance_faire_festival_information_list.htm

<http://www.festivaltrek.com/festivals-category/renaissance-heritage/>

<http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/renaissance-festivals.html>



Conventions:

Anyone know when Misty's next appearance is?

<http://www.eventsforgamers.com/events/conventions/>

<http://gameconventioncentral.com/>

<http://www.upcomingcons.com/gaming-conventions>

<http://www.sjgames.com/con/>



Member News:

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

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 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):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/>

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

- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com. Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some 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 is in production. Are any of the other zines still publishing?

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to

Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so. Zines will be available by e-mail only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. We have the first 6 vols. available!

- **Golden Grove** has had a change in editor and formatting. We are now a digital publication, which will drastically cut down on costs. Golden Grove will now be published as a .pdf file and sent out in e-mail. This will allow those of you with e-readers to read our files that way and for the rest of us there's still the computer. For new subscriptions and submissions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com with "Please subscribe me" in the subject line. See our submission instructions for submissions.
- **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:



Don't Drink and Duel

By

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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. The first

book, *Dragon Heart*, is scheduled to be released soon. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron!

- 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.



Anime Horse

By

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Collegium News:

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

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

I think Misty now has her fanfiction licensed under Creative Commons. Can someone check that out?

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to Shashtah@gmail.com and healermoon@gmail.com.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours is one of them? Let us know! (I know, I know. It's the June newsletter, and we haven't figured out who needs to be welcomed—or welcomed back—yet. I have high hopes for September!)

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

Lost . . .

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

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

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



From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla!

Life just got exceedingly fun! If everything goes as planned, I will soon be in Europe filming a documentary called *The Way of King Arthur* (at least that's the working title). I'm told I will be on location all over the place for fifteen days and in a studio for five doing voice overs and assembling footage. The plan is to throw me into a Jeep and visit as many of the places as possible that appear on the funerary inscription of Lucius Artorius Castus, the Roman soldier I think was the historical King Arthur. I am feeling more than a little like Sean Connery's character in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*. If only Harrison Ford was doing the driving! Current plans are for Croatia, Hungary, Austria, Germany, France, Britain, Scotland, France and Italy. (I said no for this year to Syria, Armenia, Jerusalem and Egypt. Perhaps someday, but I prefer to write about wars rather than being an eyewitness to them.)

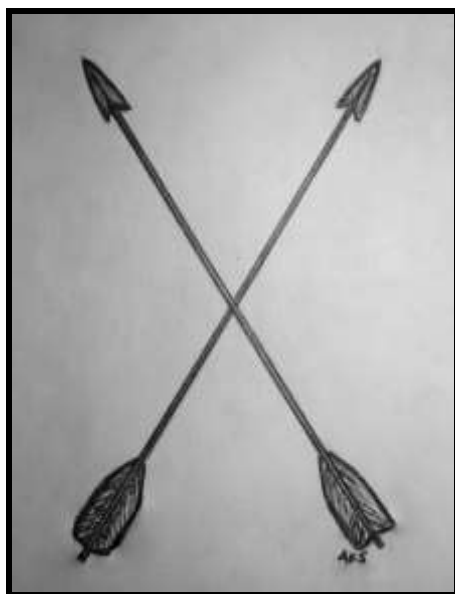
The publication of *Dragon Heart* has been delayed a tad because of a last minute decision to include several fabulous pieces of art by our very own Laura Cameron. She has some of them up on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/laura.cameron.14855?fref=ts>. The novel should be out in time for everyone to buy it for Christmas/Yule/Hanukah/whatever winter festival you celebrate. (Or snatch up a copy in honor of Danya's birthday ☺.)

If you happen to find yourself in Southern California, give me a shout. I'm always up for a cup of coffee and a chat about all things Misty!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya





Crossed Arrows

By

Angela K. Scott

Personals:

- Northwest Visions Studio--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- 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.! I'm even selling an original art piece "Northern Lights Companion" (sold with M.

Lackey books trilogy)! 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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newsletter, send .jpps to Shashtah@gmail.com or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 61831, Irvine, CA 92602.

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