

**Queen's Own**  
**The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club**  
**P.O. Box 749**  
**Laguna Beach, CA 92652 USA**  
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**April 1, 2006**

Heyla, Misty fans!

Happy Spring Holidays to one and all! Hope you are having a grand time.

I must apologize for the ongoing trouble with our website and lists. I have no idea when the problems will be resolved. (I'm trying to determine whether or not our provider has gone out of business. If it has, I need to find another one to move everything to.) I hope everything starts working properly again soon, but I'm not holding my breath. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Publication News:**

Misty's *Stoned Souls* (her next stint with Josepha Sherman) has been indefinitely postponed, due to difficulties with the publication house that we hope will be soon resolved.

On May 2, Misty's work will appear in *The Dragon Quintet* alongside authors Tanith Lee, Michael Swanwick, Elizabeth Moon and Orson Scott Card. The same day, look for *Sanctuary* (the third in Misty's Joust trilogy) in paperback.

For those who want to plan ahead on summer reading, the final book in Misty's Obsidian Mountain collaboration with James Mallory, *When Darkness Falls*, will be available July 25.

And three new fall release dates have been announced: Look for the latest in Misty's Alta series, *Aeirie*, in hardback and the fourth Elemental Masters installment, *The Wizard of London*, in paperback on October 3.

Plus, on Halloween, a new paperback release of the Diana Tregarde tale, *Jinx High*, will hit shelves in time for you to celebrate.

For those of you who haven't had a chance to pick it up yet, Misty edited *Mapping the World of Harry Potter*. The book isn't what it sounds like. Rather than a gazetteer of the Harry Potter universe, it's a collection of more or less academic essays about the first six Harry Potter books. The quality of the essays is a bit uneven, with some being a lot better than others. The important point to note, though, is that Misty has an essay in the collection: "Harry Potter and the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Counselor". It's a real hoot and well worth the price of the book.

## **RP News:**

No one showed at the February RP—or perhaps the software for the chatroom was suffering from the same problems that are preventing me from updating the website and preventing posts from being relayed to list members. I couldn't figure out which, so we'll give this another try. I'll be in the QO chatroom at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qorpg.htm> on Saturday, April 15, at 7 PM PDT. (Note the slight time change. We go to Daylight Savings Time this weekend.) Yes, I know that's the night before Easter (or Easter Day, depending on where you are in the world), but it's the only day I have left in April to give this a try. (See my letter below to find out why I'm so busy this month.) If it doesn't work, we'll try again in May . . .

## **Chapter News:**

Aurora Nelson reports: "The new website for Golden Grove, <http://reawildfire.com/> is now active and online." The first issue of the newsletter has gone out, and the second one is coming soon. This is a fabulous reincarnation of this chapter, and everyone is welcome. Do check it out!

We have a con report for our special feature this month. It came with tons of photos, which I'll add to the online version. Many thanks to Herald Lily and the members of Valdemar Estate Waystation for representing Queen's Own!

Herald Lily has also composed a new filk, which I will hopefully remember to print in the next newsletter.

Have a great Spring!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



## Swancon 2006

Well first off, let me say this.....WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO! \*raises arms\*  
For those that were there or met Magical Misty and Larry the Gryphon  
you will understand this. Those who don't... well you can see the Woo  
game on a link that I will add and join in ☺.

Well it has just been amazing right from that first book signing to the  
very last time I watched them go. I went to the book signing my books in  
hand and when I got to the front of that queue, I was shaking like a leaf.  
Larry gestured for me to come forward to get the books signed, and I  
remember somehow that I made it to the table. He was so charming and  
so friendly, it was amazing. I learned there and then that Gryphon King  
is the best title for him. My books slide across the table to Misty she is  
just amazing. So warm, friendly and sweet.

The next book signing I brought the rest of my collection and my  
saddlecloth. Larry did the most lovely Gryphon on it. It was simply  
beautiful. Finally, I met many fans that I would have never had know  
were in Perth. Over the 4-day con, 2 book signings and a dinner, we all  
have to know each other and it was amazing!

Misty let us hear a beautiful new song, "learning", and it brought tears to  
my eyes. They both were an absolute laugh. We heard about their birds,  
got pictures, a few a bit strange and funny and I was "picked" on, but it  
was all in good humour. A new catch phrase running around thanks to  
Misty: "You are MY my little pony now."

The Woo game spread through the con and simply could not get old.

My pony Amalithia is winging away with Misty as she was a part custom  
that I made for her. My ponies brought much entertainment... the prime  
example in the "Space muffin" panel video.

As for heralds there, well we had a few full heralds, some trainees (those  
part way through their personas), and we have a small army of new  
members thanks to this con.

I am finding it very hard to put into words what I am feeling and  
everything I saw (combination of very little sleep and sheer amazement).

It was a whirlwind of people and costumes and laughs. For those who have not been to a con ... find the nearest one and go! Seriously, it will be something you will never forget. If you see Misty or Larry on the list ... GO! I promise it will be something that will stay with you forever!

Many pictures and videos of the con are to be found here:  
<http://animehouseforum.proboards76.com/index.cgi>



## **Ren. Faires:**

Here are the Faires we know about for April. 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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com).

### **Alabama**

**ARDMORE ANNUAL RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** E-mail: [ardchamber@ardmore.net](mailto:ardchamber@ardmore.net). Website: <http://www.ardmorechamberofcommerce.com/index.html>. Address: PO Box 845, Ardmore, TN 38449. Site Address: Alabama Town Park, Main Street, Ardmore. Dates: 4/22/06-4/23/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Arizona**

**ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AND ARTISAN MARKETPLACE.** E-mail: [arizonarenfest@royalfaires.com](mailto:arizonarenfest@royalfaires.com). Website: <http://www.royalfaires.com/arizona>. Address: 12601 East Highway 60, Apache Junction, AZ 85219. Site Address: 12601 East Highway 60, Apache Junction. Dates: 2/11/06-4/2/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### **California**

**THE ESCONDIDO RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK—SPRING.** E-mail: [goldcoastprod@msn.com](mailto:goldcoastprod@msn.com). Website: <http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com>. Address: 2219 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard, #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: Felicita Park, Escondido. Dates: 4/1/06-4/9/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**KORONABURG OLD WORLD RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [prince@renaissanceinfo.com](mailto:prince@renaissanceinfo.com). Website: <http://www.renaissanceinfo.com>. Address: PO Box 1959, Corona, CA 92878. Site Address: Crossroads Riverview Park, Corona. Dates: 4/29/06-6/11/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE—SPRING.** Website: <http://www.renfair.com>. Address: PO Box 1550, Irwindale, CA 91706. Site Address: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, 15501 East Arrow Highway, Irwindale. Dates: 4/8/06-5/21/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**TULARE COUNTY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [siredweasel@cs.com](mailto:siredweasel@cs.com). Website: <http://www.stmortimer.org>. Address: 711 West Myrtle Avenue, Visalia, CA 93277. Site Address: Plaza Park, Visalia. Dates: 4/29/06-4/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

## Colorado

**HOLISTIC RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [the2002icequeen@yahoo.com](mailto:the2002icequeen@yahoo.com). Address: PO Box 566, Divide, CO 80814. Site Address: Ute Pass Cultural Center, 210 East Midland Avenue, Woodland Park. Dates: 4/29/06-4/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

## Florida

**BAY AREA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AT MOSI.** E-mail: [renaissancegraphics@comcast.net](mailto:renaissancegraphics@comcast.net). Website: <http://www.renaissancefest.com/bay-area.htm>. Address: 11315 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa, FL 33617. Site Address: Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI), 11315 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa. Dates: 2/25/06-4/9/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Georgia

**GEORGIA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [info@garenfest.com](mailto:info@garenfest.com). Website: <http://www.georgiarenaissancefestival.com>. Address: PO Box 986, Fairburn, GA 30213. Site Address: Exit 61 off I-85. Dates: 4/15/06-6/4/06. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

## Louisiana

**THE ACADIANA MEDEIVAL FAIRE.** E-mail: [info@acadianafaire.org](mailto:info@acadianafaire.org).  
Website: <http://www.acadianafaire.org>. Site Address: Roy Road, Grand  
Coteou. Dates: 4/1/06-4/3/06. Open/Close: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## **Maryland**

**CELTIC FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GATHERING.** E-mail:  
[festival@cssm.org](mailto:festival@cssm.org). Website: <http://www.cssm.org>. Address: PO Box  
209, Prince Frederick, MD 20678. Site Address: Jefferson Patterson Park  
and Museum, St. Leonard. Dates: 4/29/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6  
p.m.

## **Nebraska**

**NEBRASKA CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [mhaf@cox.net](mailto:mhaf@cox.net).  
Website: <http://groups.drew.edu/medfest>. Address: 5101 Timberridge  
Drive, Papillion, NE, 68133 Site Address: Nebraska City. Dates:  
4/29/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

## **New Jersey**

**THAT MEDIEVAL THING'S SPRING FESTIVAL.** E-mail:  
[medfest@drew.edu](mailto:medfest@drew.edu). Website: <http://groups.drew.edu/medfest>. Site  
Address: Drew University, Madison. Dates: 4/15/06. Open/Close: 11  
a.m. – 4 p.m.

## **North Carolina**

**NORTH CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** E-mail:  
[donna@ncrenfaire.com](mailto:donna@ncrenfaire.com). Website: <http://www.ncrenfaire.com>. Address:  
PO Box 61280, Raleigh, NC 27661. Site Address: North Carolina State  
Fairgrounds, Heritage Village, Raleigh, NC. Dates: 4/1/06-4/9/06.  
Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## **Ohio**

**ASHVILLE MEDIEVAL AND VIKING FESTIVAL.** E-mail:  
[vikingfestival@gmail.com](mailto:vikingfestival@gmail.com). Website: <http://www.ashvillevikingfest.com>.  
Address: 79 Scioto Street, Ashville, OH 43103. Site Address: Ashville  
Village Park, Walnut Street, Ashville. Dates: 4/29/06-4/30/06.  
Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Oklahoma

**NORMAN MEDIEVAL FAIRE.** E-mail: [llinn@ou.edu](mailto:llinn@ou.edu). Website: <http://www.medievalfair.occe.ou.edu>. Address: University of Oklahoma, Medieval Faire, 1700 Asp., Norman, OK 73072. Site Address: Reaves Park, Norman. Dates: 3/31/06-4/2/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## Pennsylvania

**KUTZTOWN RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** E-mail: [medieval@kutztown.edu](mailto:medieval@kutztown.edu). Website: <http://www.geocities.com/kumrc2000>. Address: University of Oklahoma, Medieval Faire, 1700 Asp., Norman, OK 73072. Site Address: Reaves Park, Norman. Dates: 3/31/06-4/2/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## Texas

**EXCALIBUR FANTASY FAIRE.** E-mail: [info@excaliburfaire.com](mailto:info@excaliburfaire.com). Website: <http://www.excaliburfaire.com>. Address: 1007 Main Street, Bastrop, TX 78602. Site Address: Rocky Hill Ranch, Highway 153, Smithville (two miles north of Highway 71). Dates: 3/4/06-4/2/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Sun till 6 p.m.).

**FOUR WINDS RENAISSANCE FAIRE.** E-mail: [fourwindsfaire1@yahoo.com](mailto:fourwindsfaire1@yahoo.com). Website: <http://www.fourwindsfaire.com>. Address: PO Box 1467, Whitehouse, TX 75791. Site Address: Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI), 11315 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Tampa. Dates: 3/4/06-4/16/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**SCARBOROUGH FAIRE, THE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [office@scarboroughrenfest.com](mailto:office@scarboroughrenfest.com). Website: <http://www.scarboroughrenfest.com>. Address: PO Box 538, Waxahachie, TX 75168. Site Address: 2511 FM66, Waxahachie. Dates: 4/8/06-5/29/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

## Great Britain

**MORPETH NORTHUMBRIAN GATHERING.** E-mail: [enquiries@northumbria.ndo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@northumbria.ndo.co.uk). Website: <http://www.northumbria.org.uk/gathering>. Site Address: Morpeth, 14 miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne. Dates: 4/21/06-4/23/06. Open/Close: 9 a.m. – 8 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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com).

### **Nebraska**

**WILLYCON.** Website: <http://www.willycon.com>. Site Address: Wayne State University, 1111 Main Street, Wayne. Dates: 3/31/06 – 4/2/06.

### **Ohio**

**VULKON CLEVELAND.** E-mail: [vulkon@aol.com](mailto:vulkon@aol.com). Website: <http://vulkon.com/clevelandscifi2006>. Site Address: Holiday Inn Independence, Independence. Dates: 4/7/06 – 4/9/06.

### **Wisconsin**

**CONCINNITY.** Website: <http://concinnity.magegaming.org>. Site Address: Milwaukee School of Engineering's Campus Center. Dates: 4/1/06 – 4/2/06.

### **Australia**

**FIRST CONTACT CONVENTIONS.** E-mail: [info@firstcontactconventions.com.au](mailto:info@firstcontactconventions.com.au). Website: <http://www.firstcontactconventions.com.au>. Site Address: State Library of Victoria. Dates: 4/8/06.

### **Croatia**

**SFERAKON.** E-mail: [sferakon-info@sfera.hr](mailto:sferakon-info@sfera.hr). Website: <http://sferakon.hr>. Site Address: Zagreb HR. Dates: 4/21/06 – 4/23/06.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Sunny@heartstone.de) or [Shae@heartstone.de](mailto: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://www.dragonlordsnet.com/danyagg.htm>. E-mail: [evillurking@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com).
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto: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](mailto: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: [lady\\_naruto@hotmail.com](mailto:lady_naruto@hotmail.com). We are searching for members. Come all herald, trainees, Shin'a'in, mages, come one and all (including at least one village idiot lol)! Come support us in the Most Isolated part of the world. Till we actually have a few more members, we can't get our magazine off the ground. **Misty Will Be Making an Appearance here in Perth WA soon! See the listing in the Convention section above.** We have all kinds of interesting

things. We have a costume designer, a seamstress, horse experts, metal craftsmen and even THE ANIME HOUSE, to whom this chapter has been sponsored by. Please e-mail Equitation Instructor Herald Lily at [lady\\_naruto@hotmail.com](mailto:lady_naruto@hotmail.com).

- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: [Herald\\_Bastian@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

- **Golden Grove:** Editor: Aurora Nelson. E-mail: [evillurking@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net). Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at

[luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nineabove@egroups.com).
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, [Legend@malcor.com](mailto: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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) and [healermoon@gmail.com](mailto:healermoon@gmail.com).

- ❖ Welcome **Herald Kitain Brightwood**, Chosen by Talin and Gifted with Mindspeech and Farsight. *Deonne Barger* wrote a story about Kitain and her family and friends, learned to ride and wrote an essay about the care and feeding of horses.

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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) and tell her that your persona is in "Deep Storage." She will pull it out for you and reactivate your submission.

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](mailto: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](mailto:sazimarc@mindspring.com))
- Bard Valiena ([laughsong@aol.com](mailto:laughsong@aol.com))
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran ([Timmeu@scubadiving.com](mailto:Timmeu@scubadiving.com))
- Guardsman Vena LaRue ([eflynt@starrtech.net](mailto:eflynt@starrtech.net))
- Herald Aini Halfstock ([irishanam21@cs.com](mailto:irishanam21@cs.com))
- Herald Alia Melyngar ([aliameyngar@aol.com](mailto:aliameyngar@aol.com))
- Herald Areolyn T-rel ([chucky@localaccess.com](mailto:chucky@localaccess.com))
- Herald Artavash Keletal ([tmschneiderman@attbi.com](mailto:tmschneiderman@attbi.com))
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf ([bobkat98@shaw.ca](mailto:bobkat98@shaw.ca))
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- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira ([skydancekshira@hotmail.com](mailto:skydancekshira@hotmail.com))
- Tayledras Scout Skyfire k'Chona ([logroth@hotmail.com](mailto:logroth@hotmail.com))
- Tayledras Healer Adept Winterfire k'Tayle ([garou@netspeed.com.au](mailto:garou@netspeed.com.au))
- White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver ([cimeshadow@aol.com](mailto:cimeshadow@aol.com))

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

### **From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:**

Heyla, everyone!

My April will be starting off with a visit to the Magic Castle: <http://www.magiccastle.com/>. It's a really cool private club for magicians, and my college has managed to get a group of us in for April 1<sup>st</sup>. My eldest son, who is a budding magician in his own right, will be my "date" <g>. (He can't officially join until he's 12.) I keep thinking about becoming a member; perhaps some day . . . It is a really, really special place.

My kids have staggered Spring Breaks, which means I won't be getting much work done for two of the four weeks in April. (I can't wait until they are all at the same school—or at least in the same school district!)

April 20-23, I'll be at UC Berkeley. I'm copresenting with C. Scott Littleton on Friday April 21, 2006, 10-11:30 AM, Dwinelle 3335, on the "Themes in Scandinavian Folklore" panel. Our paper is "The Germanic Sword in the Tree: Parallel Development or Diffusion?" I'd love to see you, if anyone can pop by.

I'll be visiting the Pasadena Showcase House of Design on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to this event every year. I get lots of ideas for

describing settings in my stories, and I usually pick up some fabulous soup mixes and jellies at the craft fair. Plus it supports the LA Philharmonic Orchestra and music programs for kids. If you've never been to something like this, I highly recommend it:

<http://www.pasadenashowcase.org/>.

Meanwhile, my eldest son is creating a planet (yes, it's science fiction, and it's an actual school assignment—complete with a huge Styrofoam model) and doing a science fair project on Pepper's Ghost (Look it up; it's really fun.). My two littles have an Open House at their preschool. I'm volunteering in the computer lab at my eldest son's school, helping kids learn to write stories. Also, I'm getting ready for the Magic Library, which will be part of a literacy night event at my eldest son's school in May. We're using Haunted House-style special effects to bring four books to life: *The Magic Tree House: Mummies in the Morning*, Harry Potter (sort of a montage of the first two books), *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It's a lot of work, but we're having a blast.

It looks as if I will be in Italy, Croatia and Ossetia this July. If you'll be in that area of the world and want to say "Heyla", let me know. My book, *From Scythia to Camelot*, is going into Italian and Russian translation, plus I'm doing a bit of research for four other books I'm writing.

Oh, and there's that two-foot high stack of books on my nightstand that's calling me. I might get through them faster if I could find the time to get a new prescription for my reading glasses . . . <g>.

Remind me again why this is called "Spring Break" . . . <G>.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



## Personals:

- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:DeathrockCliffy@aol.com).

- ❖ **From Jennifer M. Mackay-Galicia (Herald Mallea D'Lar):** I have a new email address: [mackayjenn@yahoo.com](mailto: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!)
  
- ❖ **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](mailto: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](mailto:Legend@malcor.com)? (We've been pulling some information from *The Valdemar Companion*, and we're getting quite a nice little list!) Thanks!



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The featured artist for the online version of the newsletter is still being recruited <g>. If you would like your art to be featured in the online version of the QO newsletter, send .gifs or .jpgs to [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com) or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.

**Fanmail Note:** Mercedes Lackey does not receive mail at the Queen's Own address. Fanmail to Mercedes Lackey and releases for fan fiction should be sent to:

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