

Queen's Own
The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club
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Heyla, Misty fans!

I hope this finds you all well. The summer is flitting by far faster than I had hoped it would. (Perhaps that's because I keep having more work I hadn't planned on dumped in my virtual lap <g>.)

I'm looking for reviews of books, movies, cons and Ren. Faires (particularly of any events involving Misty and/or Larry). Send submissions to Legend@malcor.com. I'm also in need of art, when I get around to coding again.

Publication News:

Those with paperback preferences can anticipate the mass-market release of *Music to My Sorrow: Bedlam's Bard* (another collaboration with Rosemary Edghill) on August 28. October will be a good month for Misty fans: The paperback version of *Aerie*, Book 4 in Misty's Dragon Jousts series, is due out on October 2; a collaboration with James Mallory, *The Phoenix Unchained: Book One of the Enduring Flame* is scheduled for release on October 16; on October 30, look for *Reserved for the Cat*, the fifth book in the Elemental Masters series.

Next year, *Firebird* will be released in paperback January 8. And two of Misty's collaborations with Roberta Gellis will be available next year: The paperback version of *By Slanderous Tongues* and the brand-new hardback of *And Less Than Kind*.

Do remember that you can order your copy of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* 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!

I thought about doing a review of the new Harry Potter book for this issue of the newsletter, but I figured I'd give y'all a little more time to read it <g>. (Took me 12 hours!) So I'm including the review of Jasper Fforde's new book, *Thursday Next: First Among Sequels* instead.

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Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Jasper Fforde, *Thursday Next: First Among Sequels*. Viking, 2007. 379 pages. Review by Linda A. Malcor.

While I was with my eldest son at the Midnight Madness party for the new Harry Potter at Barnes and Noble, I searched through the packed Science Fiction/Fantasy section for Fforde's books to see if the new one was on the shelf yet. Curiously, I couldn't find any of his works. I knew Barnes and Noble had to have them somewhere, so I asked Customer Service for help. To my surprise, Fforde's books were shelved in the regular fiction section. So take note all of you who routinely check out the Science Fiction/Fantasy titles and by-pass regular fiction, do take a detour into mainstream fiction long enough to scan the "F" authors and find this man's books! They are an absolute "must read" for anyone who loves reading.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Fforde's Thursday Next series, the books are set in an alternate reality where Shakespeare's *Henry V* is the equivalent of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, special literary agents can jump into books and literary characters can take vacations in the "real" world. Add the Chrono Guard (time travelers) into that, and I'm not sure why Barnes and Noble doesn't consider these books to be Science Fiction/Fantasy!

As far as the new book is concerned, if you are not current on the series, I strongly suggest that you back up and read the first four books (*The Eyre Affair*, *Lost in a Good Book*, *The Well of Lost Plots*, and *Something Rotten*) before tackling this one. You'll never notice what is out of whack in this variant of the universe—so you'll understand what it is that Thursday needs to figure out and fix to prevent Time from coming to an end—unless you know what the "real" world and the Book World are supposed to look like at the end of Thursday's first four adventures.

You'll also have a very rough time keeping track of the minor characters—or having a clue who they are—unless you have at least the first book under your proverbial belt. This is definitely a sequel, and it really does require knowledge from the previous books to be able to follow along.

That said, Fforde's endless agility when it comes to turning phrase upon phrase is as fantastic as ever. He definitely has a way with words that I am hard pressed to find in any other living author. How he keeps track of all the subplots is beyond me, but I have yet to catch him in a plot glitch—not a mean feat with all the time jumping that goes on. The characters are engaging, and I found myself laughing aloud several times. The book is a very quick read and well worth the time. There is more “bang for your buck” here than in any book I've picked up in a very long time. If you need a book to finish off your summer reading, this is an excellent one to pick up.



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for August. 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.

California

BIG BEAR CITY RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.bigbearcityrenaissancefaire.com. E-mail: lynda@bigbearrenfair.com. Address: PO Box 3069, Big Bear City, CA 92314. Site Address: 42280 Moonridge Road, Big Bear Lake. Dates: 8/11/07 to 8/19/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday till 6 p.m.)

GOLDEN GATE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.sffaire.com. E-mail: info@renaissance-web.net. Address: 116 Dorado Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94112. Site Address: Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Dates: 8/25/07 to 8/27/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

PITTSBURG SCOTTISH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.angelfire.com/realm2/hrp/PSRF/home.html. E-mail: comments@ci.pittsburg.ca.us. Address: 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA

94565. Site Address: Buchana Park, Pittsburg. Dates: 8/11/07 to 8/12/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SAN DIEGO RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.sdrf.com. E-mail: office@sdrf.com. Address: 1286 University Avenue #224, San Diego, CA 92103. Site Address: Balboa Park, San Diego. Dates: 8/4/07 to 8/5/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday till 6 p.m.)

Colorado

THE RAVENSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.faires.com/ravenshire. E-mail: rennymph@hotmail.com. Address: PO Box 4938, Grand Junction, CO 81520. Site Address: Riverbend Park, Logan Avenue, Palisade. Dates: 8/24/07 to 8/26/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Friday open at noon; Sunday close at 6 p.m.).

Idaho

SUN VALLEY RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.nextage.org. E-mail: nexstage@hotmail.com. Address: PO Box 3092, Sun Valley, ID 83353. Site Address: Five Acres on Sun Valley Road. Dates: 8/18/07 to 8/19/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sunday till 4:30 p.m.)

Illinois

ILLINOIS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.illinoisrenaissancefaire.com. E-mail: illinrenfaire@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 11084, Champaign, IL 61826. Site Address: Ellsworth Park, Oakwood Drive, Danville. Dates: 8/25/07 to 8/26/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday till 6 p.m.)

THE WORLD OF FAERIES FESTIVAL. Website: www.theworldoffaeries.com. E-mail: dayglo@theworldoffaeries.com. Address: 1672C Carlemont Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Site Address: Vasa Park, 35 West 217 on Route 31, South Elgin. Dates: 8/4/07 to 8/5/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Sunday till 5 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: 8/25/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Massachusetts

THE FESTIVAL OF THE LION RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.festivalofthelion.com. E-mail: al@afairbrother.com. Address: 35 Rosemary Street, Salem, NH 03079. Site Address: Brigham Hill Road, Grafton. Dates: 8/25/07 to 8/26/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Michigan

ISHPEMING ART FAIRE AND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.ishpemingrenfest.com. E-mail: contact@ishpemingrenfest.com. Address: 610 Palms Avenue, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Site Address: Lake Bancroft Park, Ishpeming. Dates: 8/4/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.michrenfest.com. E-mail: katparker47@aol.com. Address: 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442. Site Address: Exit 106 on I-75, South on Dixie Highway, between Pontiac and Flint. Dates: 8/18/07 to 9/30/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Minnesota

MINNESOTA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.renaissancefest.com/MRF/index.html. Address: 1244 Canterbury Road South, Suite 306, Shakopee, MN 55379. Site Address: Shakopee. Dates: 8/18/07 to 9/30/07. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Montana

THE FIELD OF BLUE AND GOLD. E-mail: drnikki@frontiernet.net. Site Address: Libby. Dates: 8/11/07 to 8/12/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

New Hampshire

THE TWELFTH NIGHT RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.lunagallery.net/twelfth_night.htm. E-mail: luna@firstbridge.net. Address: 2724C White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860.

Site Address: Brass Heart Inn, Tamworth. Dates: 8/19/07 to 8/20/07.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New York

BILL JOHNSTON PIRATE DAYS. Website: www.alexbay.org/2004/default.asp. E-mail: info@alexbay.org.
Address: 7 Market Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607. Site Address: Scenic View Park, Alexandria Bay. Dates: 8/10/07 to 8/19/07.

NEW YORK RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.renfair.com/NY. E-mail: ericmichaels@renfair.com. Address: 600 Route 17A, Tuxedo, NY 10987. Site Address: Sterling Forest, Route 17A, Tuxedo. Dates: 8/4/07 to 9/23/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NORTHERN CATSKILL MOUNTAINS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.cmrf.webpage66.com/page/page/4516911.htm. E-mail: cairochamber515@verizon.net. Address: PO Box 515, Cairo, NY 12413. Site Address: Angelo Canna Park, Cairo. Dates: 8/11/07 to 8/12/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

STERLING RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.sterlingfestival.com. E-mail: office@sterlingfestival.com. Address: 15385 Farden Road, Sterling, NY 13156. Site Address: One hour Northwest of Syracuse in Sterling, near Lake Ontario. Dates: 7/7/07 to 8/19/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ohio

GREAT LAKES MEDIEVAL FAIRE. Website: www.medievalfaire.com. E-mail: contact@medievalfaire.com. Site Address: Rock Creek. Dates: 7/7/07 to 8/12/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.parenfaire.com. E-mail: tom@parenfaire.com. Address: PO Box 685, Cornwall, PA 17016. Site Address: 83 Mansion House Road, Manheim. Dates: 8/11/07 to 10/28/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PITTSBURGH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.pittsburghrenfest.com. E-mail: info@pittsburghrenfest.com. Address: 112 Renaissance Lane, West Newton, PA 15089. Site Address:

112 Renaissance Lane, West Newton. Dates: 8/25/07 to 9/30/07.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Texas

RAVEN'S LOFT RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: <http://ravens-loft-faire.tripod.com>. E-mail: raven75440@yahoo.com. Address: 891 FM 3299, Emory, TX 75440. Site Address: Emory. Dates: 8/25/07 to 9/3/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Sunday noon to 6 p.m.)

Washington

CAMLANN MEDIEVAL FAIRE. Website: www.camlann.org. Address: 10320 Kelly Road, Carnation, WA 98014. Site Address: Four miles North of Carnation. Dates: 7/21/07 to 8/26/07. Open/Close: 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WASHINGTON RENAISSANCE FANTASY FAIRE IN GIG HARBOR. Website: www.washingtonrenfaire.com. E-mail: bryonm@washingtonrenfaire.com. Address: 12016 134th Avenue KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329. Site Address: 10215 SR 302, Gig Harbor. Dates: 8/4/07 to 8/19/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wisconsin

BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.renfair.com/bristol/index.php. Address: 12550 120th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142. Site Address: 12520 120th Avenue, Kenosha. Dates: 7/7/07 to 9/3/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Australia

BALINGUP MEDIEVAL CARNIVALE. Website: www.balingupmedievalcarnivale.com.au. E-mail: pgda@bigpond.com. Address: PO Box 235, Balingup 6253 WA. Site Address: Balingup Village Green. Dates: 8/25/07 to 8/26/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

WOLLONGONG MEDIEVAL FAIR. Website: www.unitedswords.com.au. E-mail: unitedswords@unitedswords.com.au. Address: PO Box 69, BLI BLI QLD 4590 NSW. Site Address: Castle Hill Showgrounds, Castle Hill, New South Wales. Dates: 8/25/07 to 8/26/07.

Denmark

EUROPEAN MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL. Website:

www.middelalderfestival.dk. E-mail: medievalfestival@horsens.dk.

Address: Radhustorvet 4, DK-8700 Horsens, Denmark. Site Address: City of Horsens. Dates: 8/24/07 to 8/25/07. Open/Close: 5 p.m. to midnight (Saturday open at 10 a.m.)

Sweden

MEDELTIDSVECKAN PA GOTLAND. Website:

www.medeltidsveckan.com. E-mail: info@medeltidsveckan.com.

Address: Strandgatan 20, 621 56, Visby, Sweden. Site Address: Visby and hole Gotland. Dates: 8/5/07 to 8/12/07.

United Kingdom

ENGLAND'S MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL AT HERSTMONCEUX CASTLE.

Website: www.englishmedievalfestival.com. E-mail: info@mgel.com.

Address: 36 Acacia Close, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 3JR England. Site Address: Herstmonceux Castle, Herstmonceux, East Sussex. Dates: 8/25/07 to 8/27/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

HIGH SUMMER RE-CREATION OF TUDOR LIFE. Website:

www.kentwell.co.uk. Address: Kentwell Hall, Long Melford, Suffolk, England CO10 9BA. Site Address: Kentwell Hall, Long Melford. Dates: 8/24/07 to 8/27/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Conventions:

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

Illinois

CREATION STARGATE CONVENTION. Website: www.creationent.com. E-mail: creatickets@creationent.com. Site Address: Wyndham O'Hare, 6810 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Dates: 8/24/07 to 8/26/07.

Nevada

CREATION STAR TREK CONVENTION. Website: www.creatonent.com. E-mail: creatickets@creationent.com. Site Address: Las Vegas Hilton, 3000 Paradise Road, Las Vegas. Dates: 8/9/07 to 8/12/07.

Japan

WORLDCON NIPPON 2007. Website: www.nippon2007.org. Site Address: Yokohama. Dates: 8/30/07 to 9/3/07.

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 kValdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

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

- **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 picts 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, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so to keep costs at \$5.00 payable in U.S. funds or 12 IRCs. Make checks payable to "Kendra Renaud". The fee covers the cost of

printing and mailing; you may share (but not duplicate!) copies of the fanzine. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 4, 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! Each zine will have about 10 personas for a total of 30 personas that have been accepted in the last couple of years. For the contents list for issues 1,2, and 3 and additional information, visit <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qozine.htm>.

- **Companions' Grove** still needs stories, and artists to illustrate stories! (Remember, all contributors get a free copy of the zine in which their work appears.) Volume Eight is full, and awaiting the illustrations and final layout. **** If you contributed a story or promised me artwork for Volume Eight and have not heard from me recently, please get in touch with me, as I had to reformat my hard drive and lost my zine correspondence and address book earlier this year. If I don't hear from you by September 2003, I will have to drop your contribution from the zine. **** Volume Nine is open to submissions. Current prices (not including shipping) are:
 - *Companions' Grove Volume One - \$4.75 (40 pages, color cover)*
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Two - \$6.35 (56 pages, color cover)*
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Three - \$5.95 (51 pages, color cover)*
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Four - \$4.95 (42 pages, color cover)*
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Five - \$7.75 (69 pages, color cover)*
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Six - \$6.55 (57 pages, color cover)*
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Seven - \$5.95 (52 pages, color cover)*
 - *The Danya Winterborn Saga - \$5.20 (52 pages, b/w front and back covers)*
 - *Endgame - \$3.85(36 pages, b/w cover)*
 - *Fire Eyes - \$4.40 (43 pages, b/w cover)*
 - *Shards of Autumn – out of print, see note below*
 - *The Sum of Duty - \$5.80 (57 pages, b/w cover)*
 - *Do or Dye: A Guide to Companion Camouflage - \$1.25 (20 pages, digest size, b/w cover, saddle stapled)*
 - *Cat's Cradle - \$7.60 (76 pages, monochrome green cover)*

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

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

Except as noted, zines are printed on high-quality, bright white paper, comb bound, with cardstock covers. Story excerpts and cover art—as well as submission guidelines and PayPal ordering information—can be found at <http://www.greendragonpress.net/misty.htm>. To order via snail mail, send check or money order (payable to Devin Harris; US funds only) to Green Dragon Press, c/o Devin Harris, 4531 N. Kelishan St., Pahrump, NV 89060.

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

- **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 will get to them as soon as I can.)

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.

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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- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
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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!

My trip to Italy is looking fairly certain (They've purchased my airline tickets <g>). I'll be giving two lectures while I'm there, one on the Artorii and the other on Sarmatians and Caucasian Myth (I'm hoping to change the title of that last one to "legend" or "saga", since that's really more in line with what I'll be talking about.). I think the actual conference is on September 8th and 9th, though I'll be in and around Naples from the 6th through the 13th. I'm looking forward to it!

I leave for Tahoe in a couple of days with a two-night stop in San Francisco. I'd say I was looking forward to getting some rest, but my "vacations" generally involve me crawling around museums and archaeological sites when I'm not indulging my love of theater <g>. My mother will be going with us, so I'm hoping to get at least one or two "date nights" with my husband!

I'm trying to make a serious dent in the paperwork that's piled up on my desk, but I'm feeling a little like the Dursleys, trying to stop the influx of owls at the beginning of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone!* I finished up five encyclopedia articles, four articles and two reviews only to have another review and requests for two more chapters in other people's books land in my in-box. Perhaps I'll have some down time in Italy (but I doubt it, remembering what it was like when they had me the last time!). I wish I didn't feel so motion sick when I try to write on airplanes. I have a four-hour lay over in Amsterdam, and I'm terrified that I'm going to fall asleep and miss my flight to Milan. Maybe I'll be awake enough to write!

I already have speaking engagements booked through January next year. I should have two new articles appearing online in the near future, and I've rather lost track of what else is actually coming out before the year's end (just like I had totally forgotten that I had negotiated a Russian translation of my book until I received the notice that it was being

released). I'm hoping to negotiate the Italian translation of the book while I'm in Naples. I really need to get back to work on the book on the Sword in the Stone that I'm writing with C. Scott Littleton, and I have to get at least one of the three books I'm working on about L. Artorius Castus in shape to send to a publisher in the near future. So, naturally, I'm up to my eyebrows in Girl Scouts, PTA, and fun stuff like Queen's Own <g>! I think I know what a Herald on Circuit feels like. . . <G>

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

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

- ❖ **From Herald-Mage Danya. To: All. Re: Cookbook.** 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