

# **Queen's Own**

## **The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club**

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Hope you all are having a great New Year! We have lots of fun stuff coming up for QO members this month, so keep reading!

Our very own Court Musician Marsaya will be playing principal cello in the upcoming Mission City Opera production of *Carmen* (Visit <http://www.missioncityopera.org/pages/3/index.htm> for more information.). The performances are February 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25 at 8:00 PM with one matinee on February 19 at 2:30 PM at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts located at 3250 Monroe Street, Santa Clara, CA, 95051. Tickets for those performances are \$45 each or \$35 each for students/seniors. She can get a couple comp. tickets for the final Dress Rehearsal, February 16<sup>th</sup> (Basically, it's going to be just like a performance the night before Opening Night), so if anybody is in the Santa Clara area, and wants to attend, let her know at [elidavis@beamrider.com](mailto:elidavis@beamrider.com).

### **Chapter News:**

I'm delighted to announce the return of Golden Grove, the California Chapter of Queen's Own! White Winds Sorceress Rea Wildfire (Aurora Nelson) is once again at the helm. She's looking for former members as well as people who would like to join for the first time. See below for information about how to join. The first newsletter is due out this month, and Aurora tells me it will be free!

This is a reminder that the deadline for the VFC Tylendel contest is February 28th. Send us your pictures/paintings/whatever soon! You may e-mail images to either Herald Bastian at [herald\\_bastian@yahoo.com](mailto:herald_bastian@yahoo.com) or Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com). The finalists will be chosen by Herald Bastian and

Herald-Mage Adept Danya and myself and posted on the VFC website for your voting pleasure. The winner receives a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com.

The Valdemar Estate Waystation sends the following report: "Thank you to all who made it to the photo shoot this weekend 😊. For those who did not make it, the next shoot will be in March to show off your Swancon/Ghengis con outfits, etc., and we hope to see you there 😊. Pictures are up on <http://animehouseforum.proboards76.com/>. There will be more up as they come in 😊."

Sapphire and White requests that you send submissions to their e-zine at [luckystar@abe.midco.net](mailto:luckystar@abe.midco.net) (The old address is no longer working.) See their ad below for more details.

### **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.

And a publication date change . . . the new book about the Five Hundred Kingdoms, *One Good Knight*, will hit shelves in hardcover March 1 instead of in January.

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.

You can purchase these and other titles through the Dragonlords' Bookstore, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkstore.htm>. Part of every sale goes to support Queen's Own. This is how we keep our memberships free, so we greatly appreciate your patronage.

**RP ALERT:** I've had several requests for a QO RP, so we're going to give this another try. Date: Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (for most of the world <g>; a few of you will be on Sunday). Time: 7 PM PST (If you can't figure out when that is for your time zone, message me at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com), and I'll help you figure it out.). The role playing instructions are at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qorpg.htm>. You'll need to register

before you'll be able to enter the chatroom. (You'll probably want to give the new software a try before the actual chat, but, please, do not RP unless I am present.) Let me know if there is a problem with the new software (I haven't had time to test it yet.).

This month we have the treat of another book review from Adept Starfeather k'Valdemar (Mary K. Wilson). Enjoy!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



*Phoenix and Ashes* by Mercedes Lackey  
Review by Adept Starfeather K'Valdemar

The most recent book in Mercedes Lackey's Elemental Mage series, *Phoenix and Ashes*, delivers on its fairy tale origins, those of Cinderella. Eleanor Robinson has her sights set on Oxford. Then, WWI breaks out, her father is killed, and her new stepmother binds her to the hearth and turns this bright, intelligent young woman into a scullery maid. Reginald Fenyx awes the young lads with his airplane, and, when war breaks out, he becomes an airman, taking the battle to the skies. Felled by a rogue Air Master, he's brought back to Longacre, his family's lands, shell-shocked, and devoid of magic. Can these two people overcome their situation to stop the great evil in their midst?

I found the story to be utterly engrossing, with well-drawn characters and very real peril. Because the book takes place in the years of WWI, the references to historical events provides a unique and entertaining background for the events in the story. Although I felt that "not much" was happening during parts of the book, I saw how it all was coming together, and the climactic end to the book had me turning pages well into the night.

A very good read, and a wonderful addition to a series I hope Ms. Lackey continues. Although I'm a huge fan of Valdemar, with its absence, I'm finding the Elemental Mages an acceptable substitute. A well-written book.



**Ren Faires:**

Here are the Faires we know about for February. 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).

## 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.

## 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.

### **FLORIDA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL.** E-mail: [info@ren-fest.com](mailto:info@ren-fest.com).

Website: <http://www.ren-fest.com>. Address: 800 Northwest 57<sup>th</sup> Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Site Address: Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach. Dates: 2/11/06-3/12/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - sunset.

### **HOGGETOWNE MEDIEVAL FAIRE.** E-mail:

[piperlr@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:piperlr@cityofgainesville.org). Website: <http://gvlculturalaffairs.org>. Address: P.O. Box 490, Station 30, Gainesville, FL 32602. Site Address: Alachua County Fairgrounds, 2900 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gainesville. Dates: 1/28/06-2/5/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 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/render.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).

## Utah

**LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING.** E-mail: [ltue@byu.edu](mailto:ltue@byu.edu).  
Website: <http://ltue.byu.edu>. Site Address: Third floor of the Wilkinson Student Center, Brigham Young University, Provo. Dates: 2/16/06 – 2/18/06.

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:** 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 Own 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). 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:** Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. 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:** Editor 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:** Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. Contact:

Herald Lily. E-mail: 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 next Year.** 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:** Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. Contact: Herald Bastian. 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). *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. 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 ([aliamelyngar@aol.com](mailto:aliamelyngar@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))
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas ([crys@stny.rr.com](mailto:crys@stny.rr.com))
- Healer Darnellon Gaither ([mdprier@aol.com](mailto:mdprier@aol.com))
- Herald Darvith ([goddess@universalmail.com](mailto:goddess@universalmail.com))
- Herald Deborah ([sjupiterdebi@home.com](mailto:sjupiterdebi@home.com))
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- Herald Kaki ([knotes93@simons-rock.edu](mailto:knotes93@simons-rock.edu))
- Herald Kandellessa Revwyn Sevron ([del\\_ashke@hotmail.com](mailto:del_ashke@hotmail.com))
- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf ([kscarpot@altavista.com](mailto:kscarpot@altavista.com))
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountainheart  
([WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil](mailto:WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil))
- Herald Kesha Trishaya Layven ([em290@cam.ac.uk](mailto:em290@cam.ac.uk))
- Herald Kiana Wynter ([saffyrek@hotmail.com](mailto:saffyrek@hotmail.com))
- Herald Laliea Shathgran ([mcquilk@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcquilk@bellsouth.net))
- Herald Lisbeth Maye ([wizardshome@hotmail.com](mailto:wizardshome@hotmail.com))
- Herald Liselle Aravon ([rusalka@nac.net](mailto:rusalka@nac.net))
- Herald Maia Cinhil Morgan ([lorilua@iname.com](mailto:lorilua@iname.com))
- Herald Miracle Oceanfire ([rhyme\\_reason@hotmail.com](mailto:rhyme_reason@hotmail.com))

- Herald Paf ([jaro@attbi.com](mailto:jaro@attbi.com))
- Herald Rhea Windsong ([psistriker@worldnet.att.net](mailto:psistriker@worldnet.att.net))
- Herald Robihane ([Tevye@speakintosilence.com](mailto:Tevye@speakintosilence.com))
- Healer Brandyn Pendar ([brandegore@insightbb.com](mailto:brandegore@insightbb.com))
- Healer Tamesin na Coille ([brindle@bellsouth.net](mailto:brindle@bellsouth.net))
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- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala ([HRHIce@aol.com](mailto:HRHIce@aol.com))
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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!

The New Year is off to a hectic start in our household. I finally managed to get my collie, Dux, in an AKC certified training class that is held at a time I can actually attend <G>. (Way too early on Saturday mornings, when the hubby and kids are still asleep—although I am waking up my eldest son and taking him with me so at least two of us in the household will know what commands the dog *should* be obeying.) Dux is being plagued by something that has caused his right eyelids to swell and the hair to fall out around the eye, and so far he has four vets stumped: It's not bacterial, viral, parasitic or fungal. A couple of collie specialists have recommended treating for an allergy (They gave me a name of a disease and a medicine.), so I think that's likely to be our next step. I just wish we could help him. He doesn't seem to be bothered by whatever's wrong, but it looks awful.

My copies of *From Scythia to Camelot* in Hungarian translation arrived, and they're gorgeous! I'm going to have to spill onto a new shelf for my publications soon—which is kind of neat <g>.

I'll be giving a paper at UC Berkeley on either April 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. I should be arriving on April 20<sup>th</sup> and leaving sometime April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you're in the area and want to get together for coffee or just to say "Heyla", let me know at [Legend@malcor.com](mailto:Legend@malcor.com), and I'll try to arrange a meeting with you.

It's still looking as if I'll be giving a lecture in Puetoli, Italy sometime in July. Let me know if you'll be in the area and want to get together. I should be in Europe about a week or so, but I'm not sure of my itinerary yet.

The kids' vacation schedules continue to be offset, which is resulting in me not having a lot of time to get my own work done. The plus side is that I'm getting a lot of use out of our Disneyland passes and spending a great deal of time in the Magic Kingdom. If any of you make a Disneyland run, that's a great place for me to meet you as well.

Have a great Mardi Gras (Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>) and enjoy all the other assorted holidays in February as well. I'll see you in March—if not before!

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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