

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

Hope you all had a great February! Things have really been hopping around QO.

We've been having a bit of trouble with our service provider this month. The mailing lists aren't working at the moment, and I haven't been able to update the website recently. Hopefully the technical difficulties will be sorted out soon.

For all of you Tarma and Kethry fans, if you haven't noticed yet, there is a new story about these enterprising women in *Crossroads and Other Tales of Valedmar*. I have a link at the bottom of the Heralds of Valdemar series page at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkmlvs.htm>. (Sorry it's not aligned correctly and doesn't have the final cover up. I haven't been able to FTP corrections to the site due to the abovementioned technical difficulties. With luck I'll be able to fix that in the near future.)

Appearance Alert:

Misty and Larry Dixon will be at Swancon 2006 (See the ad below.). The Valdemar Estate Waystation chapter of QO has helped put together a panel for this event. All Australian Misty fans, do your best to show up and support our favorite author and this dynamic chapter of QO! Make sure you take lots of pictures, folks, so you can share them with us. I'm also hoping for a convention report from the chapter president (hint, hint <g>).

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.

The new book about the Five Hundred Kingdoms, *One Good Knight*, will hit shelves in hardcover March 1.

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 News:

The February 18th event was well attended. Thanks to everyone who showed up! Since the third Saturday of the month seems to be a good night for several people, we're going to try to make this a regular event. We'll keep the time at 7 PST for now; the time slot seemed to work fairly well for most of our members around the world. Hope to see even more of you at the next event, which will be March 18th!

Chapter News:

The VFC reports that it now has 101 members! Way to go, Vanyel fans! Also, the deadline for the Tylendel drawing contest came and went, and I didn't see any submissions. Did the end of February sneak up on our artists the way it surprised me? There's a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com available for the winner. I'm willing to extend the deadline a bit—at least until I hear from Herald Bastian. Let me know at Legend@malcor.com if you're finishing something up and will be sending it soon.

Golden Grove has a new address:

Aurora Nelson
5774 Mareta Lane

Loomis, CA 95650

Editors and Chapter Presidents please review your ads and make sure they are up to date.

Typical Editor Plea:

Please send movie reviews, book reviews, convention and Ren. Faire reports, and, most of all, art! I love to hear from you.

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for March. 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.

Arizona

ARIZONA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AND ARTISAN MARKETPLACE.

E-mail: 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

AGOURA RENAISSANCE PLEASURE FAIRE REUNION. E-mail:

paramountfriends@hotmail.com. Website: <http://www.dragondance.com>. Address: 2116 Loma Vista Place, Los Angeles, CA 90039. Site Address: Paramount Ranch, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Dates: 3/21/06. Open/Close: 8 a.m. - sunset.

CALAVERAS CELTIC FESTIVAL. E-mail: silvertiger@mlode.com. Website: <http://www.calaverascelticfaire.com>. Address: P.O. Box 1381, Columbia, CA 95310. Site Address: Calaveras County Fairgrounds,

Highway 49, one mile from Angels Camp. Dates: 3/11/06-3/12/06.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Sun. til 5 p.m.).

FRESNO CITY COLLEGE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: mrviii@aol.com. Address: P.O. Box 5621, Fresno, CA 93755. Site Address: 1101 East University Avenue, west lawn of Fresno City College campus, Fresno. Dates: 3/11/06-3/12/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

PALM SPRING OLD WORLD RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: prince@renaissanceinfo.com. Website: <http://www.renaissanceinfo.com>. Address: P.O. Box 1959, Corona, CA 92878. Site Address: Frances Stevens Park, Palm Springs. Dates: 3/24/06-3/26/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (12 p.m. – 9 p.m. Saturday).

Florida

BAY AREA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AT MOSI. E-mail: renaissancegraphics@comcast.net. Website: <http://www.renaissancefest.com/bay-area.htm>. Address: 11315 North 46th Street, Tampa, FL 33617. Site Address: Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI), 11315 North 46th 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. Website: <http://www.ren-fest.com>. Address: 800 Northwest 57th 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.

GULF COAST RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail: gcrenfaire@aol.com. Website: <http://www.gcrf.org> or <http://www.mzrf.net>. Address: 3603 Mobile Highway, Pensacola, FL 32505. Site Address: Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, Pensacola. Dates: 3/4/06-3/5/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Oklahoma

NORMAN MEDIEVAL FAIRE. E-mail: linn@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.

Texas

EXCALIBUR FANTASY FAIRE. E-mail: 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. Website: <http://www.fourwindsfaire.com>.
Address: P.O. Box 1467, Whitehouse, TX 75791. Site Address: Museum
of Science & Industry (MOSI), 11315 North 46th Street, Tampa. Dates:
3/4/06-4/16/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 7 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.

Alabama

STARFLEET REGION 2. Website: <http://www.region2.org>. E-mail:
pdmohney@aol.com. Site Address: Birmingham Holiday Inn Airport.
Dates: 3/3/06 – 3/5/06.

California

CREATIONCON GLAND SLAM. E-mail: sponsors@creationent.com.
Website: <http://www.creationent.com/cal/stgs.htm>. Site Address:
Pasadena Convention Center, 300 East Green Street, Pasadena. Dates:
3/10/06 – 3/12/06.

Nebraska

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

Minnesota

MARSCON 2006. E-mail: info06m@marscon.org. Website: <http://www.marscon.org>. Site Address: Holiday Inn Select, 3 Appletree Square, Bloomington. Dates: 3/3/06 – 3/5/06.

Ohio

MILLENNICON 20. Website: <http://www.millennicon.org>. Site Address: The Clarion Hotel and Suites, Cincinnati, Ohio. Dates: 3/12/06 – 3/19/06.

Australia

SWANCON 2006. Website: <http://www.swancon.com/>. Site Address: Acacia Hotel Northbridge, Perth. Dates: 3/3/06 – 3/6/06. **Note: Mercedes Lackey and Larry Dixon are Guests of Honor. The Valdemar Estate Waystation Chapter of QO has helped put together a panel at this event.**

Canada

CREATION STARGATE SG-1 CON. E-mail: sponsors@creationent.com. Website: <http://creationent.com/cal/sgvan.htm>. Site Address: Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, 6083 McKay Ave., Burnaby, British Columbia. Dates: 3/24/06 – 3/26/06.

WEATHERTOP 2006. E-mail: thickets@uniserve.com. Website: <http://www.vancouvergamingguild.com>. Site Address: Days Inn Surrey, 9850 King George Highway, Surrey, British Columbia. Dates: 3/3/06 – 3/5/06.

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. 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://www.dragonlordsnet.com/danyagg.htm>. 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: 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.

- **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 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 and 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 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:

- Bard Revelin Tionne (sazimarc@mindspring.com)
- Bard Valiena (laughtsong@aol.com)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Herald Aini Halfstock (irishanam21@cs.com)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliameylngar@aol.com)
- Herald Areolyn T-rel (chucky@localaccess.com)
- Herald Artavash Keletal (tmschneiderman@attbi.com)
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf (bobkat98@shaw.ca)
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas (crys@stny.rr.com)
- Healer Darnellon Gaither (mdprier@aol.com)
- Herald Darvith (goddess@universalmail.com)
- Herald Deborah (sjupiterdebi@home.com)
- Herald Ian Hawkwood (ianhawke1@aol.com)
- Herald Jolee Alsierra (tinkrbel@spiritone.com)
- Herald-Mage Apprentice Kadia Linder (Kadia@aol.com)
- Herald Kaki (knotes93@simons-rock.edu)
- Herald Kandellessa Revwyn Sevron (del_ashke@hotmail.com)
- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf (kscarpata@altavista.com)
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountainheart
(WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil)
- Herald Kesha Trishaya Layven (em290@cam.ac.uk)
- Herald Kiana Wynter (saffyrek@hotmail.com)
- Herald Laliea Shathgran (mcquilt@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Lisbeth Maye (wizardshome@hotmail.com)
- Herald Liselle Aravon (rusalka@nac.net)
- Herald Maia Cinhil Morgan (lorilua@iname.com)
- Herald Meshel Willowlark (chell_cornett@knology.net)
- Herald Miracle Oceanfire (rhyme_reason@hotmail.com)
- Herald Paf (jaro@attbi.com)
- Herald Rhea Windsong (psistriker@worldnet.att.net)
- Herald Robihane (Tevye@speakintosilence.com)
- Healer Brandyn Pendar (brandegore@insightbb.com)
- Healer Tamesin na Coille (brindle@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Tobias Mider (coy.stout@verizon.net)
- Tayledras Mage Autumnwynd k'Vaia
(autumnwynd@aol.com)
- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala (HRHIce@aol.com)
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira
(littlesweetchef@aol.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Sierra k'Treva
(katsanders@buffymail.com)

- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona (Sttawylime@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira (skydancekshira@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Scout Skyfire k'Chona (logroth@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Winterfire k'Tayle (garou@netspeed.com.au)
- White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver (cimeshadow@aol.com)

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

From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla, everyone!

March? How did we get to March already?! I actually had a Mardi Gras party this year (a few days early), which was a lot of fun, and now I'm gearing up for the Academy Awards and St. Patrick's Day. Doesn't seem possible . . .

My collie, Epic's Dux Artorius ("Dux" for short), is finally in a formal obedience class. He's supposed to have his first AKC trial in a couple of weeks. I'm not expecting a lot since the dear boy is something of a complete featherhead when he gets around other dogs, but maybe he'll surprise me <g>. Distance work is proving to be the most challenging because he seems to think I'm going to desert him whenever I walk away from him. He pops up, glues his head to my left knee and whines as if to say "You're not leaving me, are you?" every time I try to walk away. It's really funny when the instructor takes him for the "Example Dog." He'll be totally misbehaving for me and then act like a complete angel when the instructor touches his leash. Teenagers <G>!

My year is shaping up to be extremely busy. I'll be lecturing in Berkeley, CA in April. Then in July I'll be giving a paper in Naples, Italy. An Ossetian film company is trying to figure out how to get an interview with me for a documentary when I'm over there, possibly in Italy or maybe the Caucasus. All that means I don't know how long I'll be gone, so we might wind up postponing or canceling the QO RP for July. When I get back, my family is heading up to Lake Tahoe for a week, which will be a lot of fun. I really need a vacation! My daughter will be starting Kindergarten after that. It'll be interesting to see how she does. She's already asked her preschool teacher to give her homework so she can work on it when

her older brother is doing his work. I suspect she'll fit into grade school just fine.

My eldest son will be performing his magic act in the school Talent Show on March 10th. He's getting quite good. He's promised my daughter that she can be his assistant next year. That should be really cute . . . <g>

Have a great spring!

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.
- ❖ **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!

- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **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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