

Queen's Own
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Heyla, Misty fans!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I'm sorry it's a bit late, but April was more than a little hectic, what with Easter, two Spring Breaks for my kids that did not coincide, and my conference at UC Berkeley. I was hoping that things would calm down a bit in May, but, glancing at my calendar, I don't think I'm going to be that lucky <g>. Oh, well. At least life's never boring these days!

Please note that there has been a change of address for High Flight. Misty asks that we send our releases for fan fiction to:

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16525 E 470 Rd.
Claremore OK 74017

The two High Flight addresses on the website do not work anymore, and I haven't been able to update them yet because of all the trouble we're having with our service provider.

Speaking of trouble, yes, the website has been down more often than not during the last month. (And it's still up and down and up and down and up and . . . ::sigh::) Yes, the lists are back working. No, I haven't been able to update the content of the website since roughly December. Yes, I'm very annoyed with our provider, but I can't move the service because the domain name is pointed to our provider instead of to me. ::sigh:: Working on it . . . Hopefully everything will get sorted out in the next month or so.

This year the club's ranks have reached 587 people with approved Queen's Own personae: 476 Heralds, 9 Herald-Mages, 30 Bards, 1 Blue,

3 Guards, 22 Healers, 3 Mercenaries, 11 Shin'a'in, 4 Sorceresses, 34 Tayledras and 2 "other" folks (bear in mind that the numbers don't entirely add up because of some crossover characters: Our 6 Shin'a'in Heralds, 1 Herald-Sorceress and 1 Shin'a'in-Mercenary. Also, we can't forget about our 30 NPC's: 16 Heralds, 4 Bards, 4 Healers, 1 Shin'a'in-Herald, 1 Kal-enedral and 4 Tayledras characters. We have 122 active members, 16 of whom are on the QO chatlist for announcements between newsletters ... so sign up if you're not on the list already, to be the first to hear about Misty sightings, RPGs and other club goings-on. There are currently 65 people working on personae, and 8 in the process of getting personae approved (2 Bards, 3 Heralds, and 3 Tayledras). We have 11 active QO Chapters, including 2 online chapters; the Vanyel Fan Club topping off the list with 105 members. There are still chapters up for adoption if you're interested.

Publication News:

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, *Bedlam's Bard* will be released in paperback on June 30, followed by the final book in Misty's Obsidian Mountain collaboration with James Mallory, *When Darkness Falls*, which will be available July 25.

Three new fall release dates have been announced: Look for the latest in Misty's Joust series, *Aerie*, in hardback and the fourth Elemental Masters installment, *The Wizard of London*, in paperback on October 3. Plus, on Halloween, a new paperback release of the Diana Tregarde tale, *Jinx High*, will hit shelves in time for you to celebrate.

Around the corner on November 7, *Ill Met By Moonlight*, Misty's collaboration with Roberta Gellis, hits shelves in paperback.

Chapter News:

Golden Grove's first newsletter is out, and it looks great! For membership information, see their ad below. Please help support this chapter as it gets back on its feet!

Since no one was able to submit anything to the VFC Tylenel drawing contest, Herald Bastian has decided to rerun the event. This time you'll have the whole summer to come up with something, so, artists, please,

send us submissions! There's a \$20 Amazon.com gift certificate up for grabs. The new deadline will be September 30, 2006. Submissions can be made to Herald Bastian at herald_bastian@yahoo.com or to me at Legend@malcor.com.

Our special feature this month is Anne Morgan's review of Misty's *One Good Knight*.

Hope all you moms out there have a terrific Mother's Day!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



One Good Knight by Mercedes Lackey (Luna, 2006). Review by Anne Morgan.

I've just finished one of Misty's newest books, *One Good Knight*, and it is really wonderful! Some of you may have been a little suspicious about it as it is a Luna publication and so is designated as Romance Fantasy. I was a little at first. But not to worry: It is in the fine tradition of the Elemental books, and you'll love every minute of it.

One Good Knight is a novel of the Five Hundred Kingdoms and is actually the second book in the series, the first being *The Fairy Godmother*. While two characters from this book do make a guest appearance, you don't have to have read the first book to read the second one (although you should read it, too; it answers the age old question of what the Godmothers do when they're not popping in to help fairy tale happy endings). The premise in the Five Hundred Kingdoms is that fairy tales do happen, both the happy Disney kind and the Grimm kind, thanks to something called the Tradition. The Tradition pushes certain things to happen to create the fairy tales and Godmothers can either use this and help Traditions create happy endings or try to alter the Tradition and prevent the Grimm versions from happening to good people.

None of this has ever touched the happy little Kingdom of Acadia, however. Many people don't even believe in the Tradition, and those who do figure it's just ignoring them. Among those is the Princess Andromeda, daughter of Queen Cassiopeia. "Andie", as she prefers to be called, enjoys reading and exploring, visiting her friends in the Guards and generally doing everything that is considered "improper" for a young lady--especially for a Princess! Her mother rarely pays her any attention

except to point out her deficiencies (She's hardly beautiful, especially when compared to her mother, which makes her a constant disappointment to Cassiopeia). But just when Andie is finding her place in the royal court, the Tradition comes to pay a visit.

What would be more traditional for a small, innocent kingdom than to have a dragon come and ravage the countryside? No one knows how to get rid of the beast until Andie finds the Traditional answer--virgin sacrifices--while waiting for a Champion to come and slay the dragon. One of the things I admired most was the emotional impact Misty gave this idea. In myths and fairy tales the sacrifices get staked out for dinner, and everybody leaves seeming to not care at all. But Andie cares and feels responsible for sending the girls to their deaths. The people are all serious and sympathetic when the procession passes by to deliver the victim, and even those putting the girl out are sympathetic enough to offer her a drug that will put her in her own little painless world so she will be less afraid when the dragon comes.

While this may be all Andie thinks is happening, of course more is going on in the background. Cassiopeia and her advisor/magician Solon are causing troubles to get treasure that somehow never makes it to the official records. When people begin to grumble against Cassiopeia, it is their daughters who are chosen "at random" to go to the dragon. And when Andie begins to wonder about these little coincidences, the jealous Cassiopeia decides the answer to her problems with Andie as well as the people who are noticing the pattern of sacrifices is quite simple: Andromeda will be the next one "randomly" chosen by lottery to go to the dragon. And while Andie spends most of the book in some form of denial that her mother would actually *choose* to have her daughter eaten by a dragon, give her credit: She's not so naive when it comes to getting away! With help from her friends she goes to the stake well prepared to free herself and run away once the people have left, and it's just her and the dragon. There is the small problem of getting herself untied before the dragon grabs her, but, in Traditional fashion, the Champion arrives just in time and fights the dragon while Andie takes care of freeing herself and hiding for her life.

I absolutely refuse to spoil any of the surprises from here on out. This was a fun and fast read but full of all the little details Misty specializes in to make you feel like you're right there with the characters. Andie is a weaker Rose from *The Fire Rose* but still manages to break away from that model on occasion. As for the love story? It's a lovely subtle type that until the last minute you're not entirely sure is going to work (or even get acknowledged!). But that's what Godmothers are for.



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for May. 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

MAY IN THE MEADOWS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: <http://www.mayinthemeadows.com>. Address: 1955 South Stapley Drive, PMB #174, Mesa, AZ 85204. Site Address: Prescott Valley Civic Center, 7501 East Civic Circle, Prescott Valley. Dates: 5/6/06-5/7/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Arkansas

MAYFAIRE 2006. E-mail: herbladyherbhome@yahoo.com. Website: <http://herbhome.tripod.com/may>. Site Address: Erbie, AR. Dates: 5/5/06-5/7/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. -- 10 p.m.

California

CEDAR SPRINGS RENAISSANCE MAYFAIRE. E-mail: mayfaire@cedarspringsonline.com. Website: <http://www.cedarspringsonline.com>. Address: 6029 Gold Meadows Drive, Placerville, CA 95664. Site Address: Placerville Fairgrounds. Dates: 5/14/06-5/15/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

OJAI RENAISSANCE AND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL. E-mail: goldcoastprod@msn.com. Website: <http://www.goldcoastfestivals.com>. Site Address: Lake Casitas, Ojai. Dates: 5/13/06-5/14/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

QUEEN BESS AND THE PIRATES. E-mail: jroberts@ccdof.org. Address: 4413 East Ashcroft, Fresno, CA 93726. Site Address: Kern

County Fairgrounds, Bakersfield. Dates: 5/6/06-5/7/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Georgia

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

Idaho

MOSCOW RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: publicity@moscowrenfair.org. Website: <http://www.moscowrenfair.org>. Address: PO Box 8848, Moscow, ID 83843. Site Address: East City Park, Moscow. Dates: 5/6/06-5/7/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sat. till dark).

Iowa

IOWA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL & GATHERING O' CELTS. E-mail: gregfest@netins.net. Website: <http://www.iowarenfest.com>. Address: 508 Fourth Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA 50428. Site Address: Middle Amana Park, Amana Colonies, Iowa City. Dates: 5/5/06-5/7/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sat. till dark).

NEW WORLD FESTIVALS. Website: <http://www.newworldfestivals.com>. Address: PO Box 2, Merrill, WI 54452. Site Address: Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines. Dates: 5/27/06-5/29/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Mon. till 5 p.m.).

Maryland

THE MARYLAND FAIRY FEST. E-mail: vivienne_colquhoun@msn.com. Website: <http://www.marylandfaeriefestival.org>. Site Address: PG County Patuxent, River Park. Dates: 5/20/06 - 5/21/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Massachusetts

MEDIEVAL GERMAN FESTIVAL. E-mail: info@phoenixswords.com.
Website: <http://www.phoenixfaire.com>. Site Address: Turnverein
Fairgrounds, Agawam. Dates: 5/21/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Michigan

MAYFAIRE. E-mail: mayfaireren@yahoo.com. Website:
<http://www.mayfaireren.com>. Address: PO Box 2566, Portage, MI. Site
Address: Calhoun County Fairgrounds, 720 Fair Street, Marshall. Dates:
5/22/06-5/29/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Mississippi

OCEAN SPRINGS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. E-mail:
stjohns@datasync.com. Website: [http://www.oceansprings-
ms.com/faire.htm](http://www.oceansprings-
ms.com/faire.htm). Address: 705 Rayburn Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS
39564. Site Address: Gulf Hills Resort, Ocean Springs. Dates: 5/5/06 -
5/7/06. Open/Close: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Sun. till 4 p.m.).

Missouri

GREATER ST. LOUIS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail:
info@stlrenfaire.com. Website: <http://www.stlrenfaire.com>. Address:
425 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376. Site Address: Rotary Park,
Wentzville. Dates: 5/20/06-6/11/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. -- 6 p.m.
(Sun. till 4 p.m.).

Nevada

PEMBROOKE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail:
pembrokefaire@sbcglobal.net. Website: [http://www.emerald-rose-
fencing.com](http://www.emerald-rose-
fencing.com). Site Address: Carson City, NV. Dates: 5/20/06 - 5/21/06.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Nebraska

NEBRASKA RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND MEDEIVAL PAGEANT. E-mail:
gregfest@netins.net. Website: <http://www.nebfaire.com>. Address: 508
Fourth Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA 50428. Site Address: Giles Castle,
17272 Giles Road, Omaha. Dates: 5/27/06 - 5/29/06. Open/Close: 11
a.m. – 6 p.m.

New Jersey

MYSTIC REALMS FANTASY FESTIVAL. E-mail: fantasy.faire@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.mysticrealms.com>. Address: PO Box 267, Pitman, NJ 08071. Site Address: BSA Camp Pine Hill. Dates: 5/13/06-5/14/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. -- 5:30 p.m.

WEST WINDSOR LIONS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: <http://www.eastkingdom.org>. Address: PO Box 295, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550. Site Address: Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Dates: 5/20/06-5/21/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. -- 4 p.m. (Sun. till 5 p.m.)

Ohio

BLACK RIVER MEDIEVAL FANTASY FAIRE. E-mail: shawn@dragon-rose.com. Website: <http://www.dragon-rose.com>. Address: 1001 Tower Boulevard, Lorain, OH 44052. Site Address: Black River Landing, Lorain. Dates: 5/27/06 - 5/29/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Mon. till 6 p.m.)

MEDIEVAL MAY FAIRE. E-mail: ravenwood@hocking.net. Website: <http://www.ravenwoodcastle.com>. Address: 65666 Bethel Road, New Plymouth, OH 45654. Site Address: Ravenwood Castle, 65666 Bethel Road, New Plymouth. Dates: 5/20/06 - 5/21/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE FAIRE AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. E-mail: llinn@ou.edu. Website: <http://www.medievalfaire.occe.ou.edu>. Address: PO Box 3614, Columbus, OH 43210. Site Address: South Oval, Ohio State University. Dates: 5/6/06. Open/Close: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA RENAISSANCE FAIRE AT THE CASTLE AT MUSKOGEE. E-mail: thecastle@thecastle.org. Website: <http://www.okcastle.com>. Address: The Castle, 3400 Fern Mountain Road, Muskogee, OK 74401. Site Address: The Castle, 3400 Fern Mountain Road, Muskogee. Dates: 5/6/06 - 5/28/06. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania

KUTZTOWN RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: medieval@kutztown.edu. Website: <http://www.geocities.com/kumrc2000>. Address: University of Oklahoma, Medieval Faire, 1700 Asp., Norman, OK 73072. Site Address:

Reaves Park, Norman. Dates: 3/31/06 - 4/2/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MAY DAY FAIRIE FESTIVAL. E-mail: posie@posiefairy.com. Website: <http://www.fairiefestival.net>. Address: 727 North Pitt Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. Site Address: 4255 Pierceville Road, Glen Rock. Dates: 5/5/06 - 5/7/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tennessee

TENNESSEE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: <http://www.tnrenfest.com>. Address: 2124 New Castle Road, Arrington, TN 37014. Site Address: Gwyn Castle near Triune (30 miles south of Nashville). Dates: 5/6/06 - 5/29/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 6 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.).

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

Utah

UTAH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL AND FANTASY FAIRE. E-mail: itsbodily@aol.com. Website: <http://www.utahrenfest.com>. Site Address: West Haven Park, Ogden. Dates: 5/4/06 - 5/6/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Virginia

VIRGINIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. E-mail: fairchair@staffordshire-events.com. Website: <http://www.varf.org>. Address: 5436 Lomax Way, Woodbridge, VA 22193. Site Address: Green Hill Park, Salem. Dates: 5/20/06-6/18/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. -- 6 p.m.

Washington

COTSWOLD RENAISSANCE FAIRE-SPRING. E-mail: cotswoldrenfaire@aol.com. Website: <http://www.cotswoldrenfaire.org>. Address: 6157 North Sheridan Road, 23L, Chicago, IL. Site Address: 1015 Bloomfield Road, Lake Geneva. Dates: 5/14/06 - 5/22/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Great Britain

BATTLE MEDIAEVAL FAIR. E-mail: chpsmith@lineone.net. Address: 39 High Street, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 0EE, UK. Site Address: Battle Abbey Green, High Street, Battle, East Sussex. Dates: 5/29/06 - 5/30/06. Open/Close: 10 a.m. - 5 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

MOBICON 9. Website: <http://www.mobicon.org>. Site Address: Ashbury Hotel & Suites, 600 South Beltline Highway, Mobile. Dates: 5/19/06 – 5/21/06.

Montana

MISCON 20. Website: <http://www.miscon.org>. Site Address: Ruby's Inn & Convention Center, 4825 North Reserve Street, Missoula. Dates: 5/26/06 – 5/29/06.

Ohio

MARCON 41: RODDENBERRY'S UNIVERSE. Website: <http://www.marcon.org>. Site Address: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus. Dates: 5/26/06 – 5/28/06.

Utah

CONDUIT 16: WIZARDS OF CONDUIT. Website: <http://conduit.sfcon.org>. Site Address: Sheraton City Center Hotel, 151 West 500 South, Salt Lake City. Dates: 5/26/06 – 5/28/06.

Australia

A TREK TO REMEMBER. E-mail: fanclub@austrek.org. Website: <http://www.austrek.org>. Site Address: State Library of Victoria. Dates: 5/7/06.

France

CONSTELLATION 5: ORION. E-mail: info@constellation-conventions.com. Website: <http://www.constellation-conventions.com/rub>. Site Address: Hotel Hyatt Regency, 351 avenue du bois de la pie. Dates: 5/6/06 – 5/7/06.

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.

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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.

- **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)*
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 - *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.

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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- Bard Valiena (laughsong@aol.com)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Herald Aini Halfstock (irishanam21@cs.com)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliamelyngar@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)
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- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf (kscarpat@altavista.com)
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- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona
(Sttawylime@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira
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(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, folks!

I'm up to my proverbial ears in science projects, STAR testing, Open Houses and all the other stuff that happens in May when you have school-aged children <g>. The good part about waiting for my daughter at ballet and my eldest son at baseball was that I actually finished reading *Crossroads and Other Tales of Valdemar* last month. I hope to get a book review written for the next QO newsletter.

My paper went well at Berkeley. Now I'm trying to rework it as a chapter for the book on the Sword in the Stone that I'm writing with C. Scott Littleton. We're also in the final stages of paperwork to authorize the Russian translation of *From Scythia to Camelot*. The Italian translation is also in the negotiation process. (The German translation is temporarily on the back burner until we get the other deals straightened out.) In other words, my writing career is definitely in overdrive <g>.

If you are in Southern California and would be interested, I'm trying to restart the offline version of Scriptorium 101, my writing group. Contact me at Legend@malcor.com for more information.

I'm hard at work on my paper for the conference in Italy that will be held in July. I'm very excited about returning to Europe and about the possibility of seeing Castus's tomb for myself. I'm hoping to pick up my fieldwork where I left off and possibly get to Pompeii this time. (I just finished reading the novel, which my husband kept pointing out took place in many of the spots I visited on my last trip to Italy. I would have liked it better if the author had had a clue about Roman naming conventions in the first century C.E. The descriptions of the sites, though, are rather accurate.)

Hope you are all doing well as the school year winds down. Until June!

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

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

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c/o Paul Fisher
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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.

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn