

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

Life finally calmed down enough that I can start posting again! Let me know which parts of the website still need to be updated, and I will put them on my "To Do" list.

We have the first four volumes of Children of Velgarth (see below) ready to send out electronically with more volumes to follow soon!

We now have a Facebook page at

https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Yes, we are once more looking for art for the newsletters. Book reviews and any other sort of text would also be welcome.

We have a lot of catching up to do!

Mercedes Lackey FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey>



Publication News:

I am in the process of updating the list of Misty's publications on the QO website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/bkfanml.htm>

Does anyone know if the Amazon.com Associates program has straightened itself out? They canceled us several years ago because we were based in California and there was a problem with taxes over the Internet. That's where the money to run the club was coming from, so I'd like to get back into that again if we can.

Editors of fanzines, please read your ads below and send me updates. Same for chapters. I'm pretty certain most things are out of date.



Ren. Faires:

<http://piratefestivals.com/>

<http://www.renfaire.com/Sites/>

<http://www.renaissancemagazine.com/fairelist.html>

<http://www.therenlist.com/fairs>

http://www.renaissancefairefestival.com/renaissance_faire_festival_information_list.htm

<http://www.festivaltrek.com/festivals-category/renaissance-heritage/>

<http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/renaissance-festivals.html>



Conventions:

I saw a note from Misty that she was cancelling engagements in Indiana until the gay rights issues get themselves sorted out. Does anyone know if that situation has changed? Does anyone have a list of her upcoming appearances?

May 22-25 (Misty Appearance)

Good news: We will be in Houston for Comicpalooza on Memorial Day weekend. <http://www.comicpalooza.com/>

<http://www.eventsforgamers.com/events/conventions/>

<http://gameconventioncentral.com/>

<http://www.upcomingcons.com/gaming-conventions>

<http://www.sjgames.com/con/>



Member News:

Editors and Chapter Presidents, please send us updated information if you have it.

Local chapters:

Who is still active and who is not?

- **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!
- **Golden Grove** has had a change in editor and formatting. We are now a digital publication, which will drastically cut down on costs. Golden Grove will now be published as a .pdf file and sent out in e-mail. This will allow those of you with e-readers to read our files that way and for the rest of us there's still the computer. For new subscriptions and

submissions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com with "Please subscribe me" in the subject line. See our submission instructions for submissions.



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower k'Valdemar. 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 k'Valdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.
- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Here's the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2202088363/>
- **Sapphire and White:** Contact: Ronald Glaser. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. We accept members from all over the United States, but we technically cover the Great Lakes region, including South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Heyla there, everyone! Sapphire and White is looking for people who are interested in Mercedes Lackey and her works such as the Valdemar series and the many other books that she has written. We accept both members and non-members of QO. You can contact me for more info at luckystar@abe.midco.net. I hope to have a chat list and maybe a fanzine going soon, but I am looking for submissions for that when it gets up and running.
- **Valdemar Estate Waystation:** Contact: Herald Lily. Website: <http://valdemarwaystation.iwarp.com/index.html>. E-mail: kalendral_tarma@hotmail.com. Valdemar Estate Waystation has expanded. Due to low numbers of anything in Perth, it is also now the largest cosplay club in perth We have cosdays every month and Ramen Nite is the first Thursday of the month. We now cover 3 sections. Valdemar, Horses, Costuming/anime. Online forum is open to all! (come on, we even have a member from Golden Grove...:hugs to you:) Find us at <http://vewaystation.proboards100.com/index.cgi>. There are recent pics of Misty and Larry and some dodgy fun so don't be shy . . . your mothers weren't, and pay us a visit!
- **The Vanyel Fan Club:** Contact: Herald Bastian. Website: <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/vfcindex.htm>. E-mail: Herald_Bastian@hotmail.com. The *Vanyel Fan Club* is a chapter of

QO that started out as an independent fan organization. The chapter is devoted to fans of Herald-Mage Vanyel Ashkevron from The Last Herald-Mage Trilogy by Mercedes Lackey.

Zines and Newsletters:

Children of Velgarth is in production. Are any of the other zines still publishing?

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. Yes, this zine still exists. Yes, several volumes are finished. Yes, more will be coming out. 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. Zines will be available by e-mail only, and completely free. The zines will be in PDF format, which use adobe reader available for free from the Adobe website. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! For the contents list for issues 1 - 4 and additional information, visit <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qozine.htm>.
- ***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:

Please let me know if this information needs to be updated:

- 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.
- 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>, Shashtah@gmail.com. The first book, *Dragon Heart*, is scheduled to be released this summer.
- 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>.

Here is the old information: 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.

I think Misty now has her fanfiction licensed under Creative Commons. Can someone check that out?

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to Shashtah@gmail.com and healermoon@gmail.com.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours is one of them, let us know! We hope we can start announcing again in the June newsletter.

If I have welcomed you twice, ah, forgive my advancing age <g>. Let me know, and we will use the date of your first welcome for our records. I

am absolutely certain that I have forgotten welcome back notices for some of our returnees. If you are one of them, let me know, and I'll try to get you in the next newsletter. Also, if I am missing any information from your character listing, please let me know that as well. (Some of the older newsletters were incomplete.)

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 Shashtah@gmail.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>. If you are activated on the Persona List and still listed as "missing" below, let me know. I just forgot to delete the "missing" reference in the newsletter. We are missing current e-mail addresses for just about everyone at this point. If you need your email address updated somewhere on the QO site or for the mailing list, let me know. (Legend@malcor.com still works, but I am switching to Shashtah@gmail.com.)



From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla!

I hope everything is going well with all of you. If you are still in touch with any QO members, please tell them to contact me if they wish to begin receiving the newsletter again.

Does anyone have a good snail mail address for Misty? I'm getting quite the stack of fan mail letters on my desk, and I have nowhere to forward them to. We haven't had a working snail mail address for her in several years. So if you can catch her on Facebook or see her at a con or something, could you please get her to scribble down an address for us and pass it on to me? Thanks!

I am looking for volunteers to help bring our records up to date. I have gone through a couple of computers, and I've switched from Eudora to Outlook. Unfortunately, our mailing list disappeared in the process. We are trying to reconstruct from a list that was current in 2001, but I know that's changed!

Time has flown, and my children are now old enough that I should be corrupting them with Misty's tales of Valdemar and other worlds ☺. My daughter adores hawks, and I have been trying to get her to read the Tayledras stories for over two years. Has anyone had success with introducing others to the Misty-created worlds we love?

My novel, Dragon Heart, should be out sometime this summer. Laura Cameron is doing the art. (Ah, a great team back together again! Thank you, Queen's Own!)

Hope to hear from you all soon and/or see you on Facebook!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- Northwest Visions Studio—Art by Laura Cameron. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox) has art and items for sale at http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559



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Healer Adept Moonstar, co-President (Kendra Hosseini, healermoon@gmail.com)

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 Shashtah@gmail.com or hardcopy to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652.

Fanmail Note: If you send fanmail to Misty at this address, please include stamps for forwarding.

The online version of this newsletter will be available with artwork at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm> within a few days.

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Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn