

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

Well, I'm officially two years behind on my coding for the newsletters on the website. Sorry! At least the newsletter itself is still coming out on time (mostly <g>), thanks to the heroic efforts of Herald Auryn. I couldn't be keeping up with this without her.

BTW, for all of you who have offered to help, I do have a job I'd like to give to someone. Is anyone interested in making me a list of Misty's books that are missing from the bookstore portion of the QO website? (I'm pretty sure I'm missing some other important ones, such as the seventh Harry Potter book, but the Misty material is critical.) Message me at Legend@malcor.com if you can scan the site, compare it to our "Publication News" columns, and let me know what I need to add.

We're developing quite a lengthy "missing" list below. Please take a moment, and see if you know any of these folks. We'd like to get back in touch with them!

Publication News:

October is a good month for Misty fans: The paperback version of *Aerie*, Book 4 in Misty's Dragon Jousts series, is due out on October 2, and on October 30, look for *Reserved for the Cat*, the fifth book in the Elemental Masters series.

In December, a collaboration with James Mallory, *The Phoenix Unchained: Book One of the Enduring Flame* is scheduled for release in Audiobook on the 1st.

Next year, *Firebird* will be released in paperback January 8, and *Fortune's Fool* will be released in paperback on February 1. Two of Misty's collaborations with Roberta Gellis will be available next year: The paperback version of *By Slanderous Tongues* on February 26, and the brand-new hardback of *And Less Than Kind* on April 1.

Do remember that you can order your copy of any of these fine books through the Dragonlord's Bookstore at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>. A portion of all sales through this site goes to QO. This is how we keep our memberships free, so we really appreciate your support!

Our book review for this month is supplied by Tayledras Adept Starfeather K'Valdemar. Thanks a million! If you would like to submit a review of a book, short story, film, con or Ren. Faire to the QO newsletter, send it to me at Legend@malcor.com. Also, artists, when I do get back to coding, I will be in desperate need of art. Please send anything you have!

Happy Harvest!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Poison Study

By Maria V. Snyder

Luna

ISBN #0-373-80257-9

Paperback \$6.99

I'm not usually a fan of books written in the first person, but from the opening lines, this volume swept me into the world and simply wouldn't let me go. The story is about a woman condemned to death for murder, who receives a reprieve: She can become the food taster and risk daily death or be executed. Of course, our heroine takes the risk, and it's good she does.

Poison Study is the author's first novel, and although there are a few minor things along the way, it was a smooth read from cover to cover. This page-turner keeps things moving with an intricate, but fast-paced, plot, a likeable heroine, and high stakes. We're introduced to a rich world where magical powers are shunned as much as they're coveted, and there's traffic in humans and drugs that parallels many of the ills of our

own society. I loved the way our heroine took charge of her life and the way she makes friends and allies along the way. This book is more than about staying alive, though that does consume a large portion of it. It's about life and love.

An excellent read and well recommended.



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for October. 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.

Alabama

ALABAMA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.alarenfaire.org. E-mail: bwarren@fcs.k12.al.us. Address: PO Box 431, Florenca, AL 35631. Site Address: Wilson Park, Downtown Florence. Dates: 10/27/07 to 10/28/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday noon to 6 p.m.)

GATALOP. Website: www.dauphinisland.org. E-mail: gainsfort@msn.com. Address: 109 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island, AL 36528. Site Address: 51 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island. Dates: 10/27/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arkansas

NWA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.comp.uark.edu/~dupton/NWA_Festival. E-mail: dupton@uark.edu. Address: 1332 Mount Comfort Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703. Site Address: Pauline Whitaker Equine Pavilion, Fayetteville. Dates: 10/28/07 to 10/29/07. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

California

CALIFORNIA CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.calcityrenfair.org. E-mail: parksandrec@ccis.com. Address: 21000 Hacienda, California City, CA 93505. Site Address: 10560 Hether Avenue, California City. Dates: 10/20/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

THE ESCONDIDO RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK: FALL. Website: www.goldcoastfestivals.com. E-mail: goldcoastprod@msn.com. Address: 2219 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: Felicita Park, Escondido. Dates: 10/27/07 to 11/4/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

FOLSOM RENAISSANCE FAIRE AND TOURNAMENT. Website: www.folsomfaire.com. E-mail: strobee@folsom.ca.us. Address: 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Site Address: Folsom City Lions Park, Folsom. Dates: 10/20/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.norcalrenfaire.com. E-mail: info@norcalrenfaire.com. Address: 201-A McCray, PMB247, Hollister, CA 95023. Site Address: Casa de Fruta, 10031 Pacheco Pass Highway, Hollister. Dates: 9/8/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SHASTA HIGHLANDS CELTIC AND RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.shastafaire.com. E-mail: marti@sffaire.com. Site Address: Anderson. Dates: 10/6/07 to 10/7/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

Connecticut

CONNECTICUT RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.ctfaire.com. E-mail: feedback@ctfaire.com. Address: PO Box 537, Putnam, CT 06260. Site Address: Hebron Lions Fairgrounds, Route 85, Hebron. Dates: 9/29/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Florida

TROPICAL FAIRY FESTIVAL. Website: www.tropicalfairy.com. E-mail: info@tropicalfairy.com. Address: 3109 Grand Avenue 195, Miami, FL 33133. Site Address: Coral Castle, Homestead. Dates: 10/12/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Friday 6 to 8 p.m.)

Georgia

TYBEE ISLAND PIRATE FEST. Website: www.tybeefest.com. E-mail: info@tybeefest.com. Site Address: Tybee Island. Dates: 10/5/07 to 10/6/07. Open/Close: 6 to 10 p.m.

Illinois

LINCOLNSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.festint.com/lincolnshire/index.shtml. E-mail: greg@festint.com. Address: 508 Fourth Avenue North, Clear Lake, IA 50428. Site Address: Decature Conference Center and Hotel Pond Park, I-72 and Highway 36. Dates: 10/12/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

STRONGHOLD'S OLDE ENGLISH FAIRE. Website: www.strongholdcenter.org/englishfaire.html. E-mail: info@strongholdcenter.org. Address: PO Box 199, Oregon, IL 61061. Site Address: Stronghold Conference Center, Illinois Route Two North, Oregon. Dates: 10/6/07 to 10/7/07. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indiana

FISHERS RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.fishersrenfaire.com. E-mail: fishersrenfaire@insightbb.com. Address: 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. Site Address: Conner Prairie, Fishers, I-69 and 116th Street, Northeast side of Indianapolis. Dates: 10/6/07 to 10/7/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Iowa

KINGDOM OF RIVERSSANCE. Website: www.rivercade.com/riverssance.cfm. E-mail: pclaeys@dybb.com. Address: 5600 Harbor Drive, Sioux City, IA 51111. Site Address: Riverside Park, Sioux City. Dates: 10/6/07 to 10/7/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Sunday till 4 p.m.)

Kansas

KANSAS CITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.kcrenfest.com. E-mail: renfest@kcrenfest.com. Address: 628 North 126th Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012. Site Address: 628 North 126th Street, Bonner Springs. Dates: 9/1/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Maryland

THE MARYLAND RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.rennfest.com. E-mail: cspedden@erols.com. Address: PO Box

315, Crownsville, MD 21032. Site Address: Crownsville Road, Crownsville. Dates: 8/25/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Massachusetts

KING RICHARD'S FAIRE. Website: www.kingrichardsfaire.net. E-mail: info@kingrichardsfaire.net. Address: 140 Gideon's Point Road, Tonka Bay, MN 55331. Site Address: Route 58, South Carver. Dates: 9/1/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Michigan

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.cis.gvsu.edu/~haskinb/gvren. E-mail: gvren_rep@yahoo.com. Address: 008 Kirkhof Center, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401. Site Address: Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI. Dates: 10/13/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to dusk.

Nevada

AGE OF CHIVALRY RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.lvrenfair.com. E-mail: salibab@co.clark.nv.us. Address: Clark County Park & Rec, 2601 East Sunset Road, Las Vegas, NV 89120. Site Address: Sunset Regional Park, Las Vegas. Dates: 10/12/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

New Hampshire

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.nhrenfaire.com. E-mail: admin@nhrenfaire.com. Address: Gypsy-Rose, 20 Gray Avenue, Farmington, NH 03835. Site Address: Shire of the Three Maples, Kingston. Dates: 10/27/07 to 10/28/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Mexico

FARMINGTON RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.farmingtonmuseum.org/renaissancefaire.htm. E-mail: rwelch@fmtn.org. Address: Farmington Museum, 3041 East Main Street, Farmington, NM 87402. Site Address: Rocky Reach Landing, off

Browning Parkway in Farmington. Dates: 10/20/07 to 10/21/07.
Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Sunday till 5 p.m.)

North Carolina

CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.royalfaires.com/carolina/default.asp?page=1. E-mail: carolinarenfest@royalfaires.com. Address: PO Box 165, Davidson, NC 28036. Site Address: Huntersville. Dates: 10/6/07 to 11/18/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ELIZABETHAN TYMES: A COUNTRY FAIRE. Website: www.roanokeisland.com. E-mail: rifp.information@ncmail.net. Address: One Festival Park, Manteo, NC 27954. Site Address: Roanoke Island Festival Park, Manteo. Dates: 10/6/07 to 10/7/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ohio

OHIO RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.renfestival.com. E-mail: info@renvestival.com. Address: PO Box 68, Harveysburg, OH 45032. Site Address: State Route 73, Harveysburg, between Interstates 71 and 75. Dates: 9/1/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pennsylvania

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

WILD ROSE RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.wildroserenfaire.com. E-mail: wildroserenfaire@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 380, Columbus, PA 16405. Site Address: RR 1, Box #51, Route 957, Columbus. Dates: 9/29/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Texas

MIDDLEFAIRE. Website: www.middlefaire.net. E-mail: middlefaire@yahoo.com. Address: Middlefaire Company Inc., PO Box

961, Hillsboro, TX 76645. Site Address: Hillsboro. Dates: 10/6/07 to 10/14/07. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Sunday till 8 p.m.)

TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.texrenfest.com. E-mail: producer@texrenfest.com. Address: 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX 77363. Site Address: Plantersville. Dates: 10/6/07 to 11/25/07. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to dusk.

Virginia

ANNUAL HARVEST FAIRE. Website: www.paganet.org/harvest_faire/default.php. E-mail: jade@paganet.org. Site Address: Newport News. Dates: 10/20/07 to 10/21/07. Open/Close: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Conventions:

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

Illinois

STAR TREK — STAR WARS — BATTLESTAR CON. Website: www.creationent.com. Site Address: Wyndham O'Hare Hotel, 6810 North Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Dates: 10/5/07 to 10/7/07.

Pennsylvania

FAERIECON: THE INTERNATIONAL FAERIE CONVENTION. Website: www.fairiecon.com. Site Address: Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia. Dates: 10/12/07 to 10/14/07.

For additional Convention information, visit Convention Outpost by Jenga at <http://www.geocities.com/jengacons/> or the Sci-Fi Guide at <http://scifi.about.com/blcon.htm>.



Member News:

For definitions of our fannish jargon, read the 12-page booklet "Pros & Cons: An Introduction to Fandom" written by Elizabeth Barrette. Send \$1.00 and a \$0.37 stamp (or \$1.00 and 2 IRCs) to Queen's Own, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA, 92652. Make checks payable to "Linda Malcor" in US funds only.

Local chapters:

- **Arrows OnLine:** Contact: Adept Grayfeather k'Varis (Kristi Reed). E-mail: DragonMamaK@aol.com. Arrows OnLine is the AOL chapter of QO. Chats will be held the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 8-10 PM ET. Topics will be posted prior to chat, hopefully as soon as a month in advance for book discussions. Although we have the scheduled chat, the Companion's Grove is open 24/7, and anyone can come in for informal chat. As far as instructions on how to get there . . . there are lots of hoops to jump through now. Go to the books community, find the message board link, then find the "Author A-Z" message board, and find your way to the Mercedes Lackey boards from there. She's no longer a keyword, but hopefully with more traffic in the future that will change. If you don't want to jump through hoops, you can e-mail me directly, and I'll give you the links. The links to the chatroom will be on my "signature" on the boards.
- **Friends of the Pelagirls:** Contact: Morghan Savistr'i. Website: <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm>. E-mail: elfchilde@gmail.com. Under new care! Friends of the Pelagirls, the Mid Atlantic Chapter of Queens Own, is looking for new members, co-moderators for Lists and Subgroups, as well as those who would like to attend Writers groups in their area! Please e-mail Morghan Savistr'i at elfchilde@gmail.com or visit our new site <http://www.freewebs.com/unchainedatlantic/index.htm> for more information! We look forward to growing with you!
- **German Heartstone:** Website: <http://www.heartstone.de>. E-mail: Sunny@heartstone.de or Shae@heartstone.de. A new chapter of Queen's Qwn started in Germany for all German-speaking people within a brand new Misty-Fanpage on <http://www.heartstone.de>!
- **Golden Grove:** Website: <http://reawildfire.com>. E-mail: evillurking@gmail.com. Snail mail: 5774 Mareta Lane, Loomis, CA

95650. Golden Grove is back! For those not in the know, GG is the California chapter of QO, which I (Aurora Nelson) ran for a couple of years back in 2000. If you missed out back then, now's your chance to be a part of this great chapter. Dues are \$5 a year to cover mailing fees, and we desperately need submissions. Artwork, poetry, stories, book reviews, crossword puzzles, recipes . . . Heck, if you think it's interesting, I probably will to, so send it in. If you send in a lot of stuff you get free issues of the newsletter! You can contact me at evillurking@gmail.com (put GG in the subject line please). Feel free to ask for a copy of the guidelines--it might give you an idea! Don't delay, write today!



- **Heartland Arrows:** Contact: Earthshower 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.

- **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:*** Editor: Kendra Renaud, P.O. Box 749, Laguna Beach, CA 92652. E-mail: healermoon@gmail.com. I publish new and old personae, even previously published persona if asked by members in this new, official QO zine. I will only accept what was sent in for your persona to Queen's Own to be recognized. Any fan fiction written later should be sent to one of the other zines who really need it to keep their zines going. This fanzine will be published periodically when it reaches 80 pages or so to keep costs at \$5.00 payable in U.S. funds or 12 IRCs. Make checks payable to "Kendra Renaud". The fee covers the cost of printing and mailing; you may share (but not duplicate!) copies of the fanzine. Watch the Queen's Own newsletter for release dates. Issues 4, 5 and 6 are currently in the editing stages! Each zine will have about 10 personas for a total of 30 personas that have been accepted in the last couple of years. For the contents list for issues 1,2, and 3 and additional information, visit <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qozine.htm>.
- ***Companions' Grove*** still needs stories, and artists to illustrate stories! (Remember, all contributors get a free copy of the zine in which their work appears.) Volume Eight is full, and awaiting the illustrations and final layout. **** If you contributed a story or promised me artwork for Volume Eight and have not heard from me recently, please get in touch with me, as I had to reformat my hard drive and lost my zine correspondence and address book earlier this year. If I don't hear from you by September 2003, I will have to drop your contribution from the zine. **** Volume Nine is open to submissions. Current prices (not including shipping) are:
 - *Companions' Grove Volume One* - \$4.75 (40 pages, color cover)
 - *Companions' Grove Volume Two* - \$6.35 (56 pages, color cover)

- *Companions' Grove Volume Three* - \$5.95 (51 pages, color cover)
- *Companions' Grove Volume Four* - \$4.95 (42 pages, color cover)
- *Companions' Grove Volume Five* - \$7.75 (69 pages, color cover)
- *Companions' Grove Volume Six* - \$6.55 (57 pages, color cover)
- *Companions' Grove Volume Seven* - \$5.95 (52 pages, color cover)
- *The Danya Winterborn Saga* - \$5.20 (52 pages, b/w front and back covers)
- *Endgame* - \$3.85(36 pages, b/w cover)
- *Fire Eyes* - \$4.40 (43 pages, b/w cover)
- *Shards of Autumn* – out of print, see note below
- *The Sum of Duty* - \$5.80 (57 pages, b/w cover)
- *Do or Dye: A Guide to Companion Camouflage* - \$1.25 (20 pages, digest size, b/w cover, saddle stapled)
- *Cat's Cradle* - \$7.60 (76 pages, monochrome green cover)

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

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

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

Note regarding *Shards of Autumn*: While this zine is officially out of print and no longer available on the website, a few copies are left

over from convention appearances. Any remaining copies from MediaWest will be available at that con until they sell out; the others are being returned to me and will be auctioned off at <http://www.auctionfen.com> until they are gone. I also occasionally auction off zines which returned from cons a bit shopworn, so it's a good site to check periodically.

- **Golden Grove:** Editor: Aurora Nelson. E-mail: evillurking@gmail.com. Snail mail: 5774 Mareta Lane, Loomis, CA 95650. *Golden Grove* needs your submissions! I'm taking stories (Velgarth and otherwise), poetry, crosswords, recipes, artwork, editorials, personas, reviews (books, movies), and whatever you can think of that you find interesting! Guidelines are available for those who wish to request them, as are release forms. Send your submissions to evillurking@gmail.com. Subscriptions are \$5 a year, with your first issue free. Publication starts in March, so don't delay! We accept members from every state and country (Other countries, please write for subscription info.)!
- **Herald's Companion:** Editor: Karen Bertke, 5694 Scarborough Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238. If anyone has friends stationed overseas for the war, let us know and we'll send them a feezil mascot (to make anything feezilable). E-mail: submission instructions:
 - 1) Subject line must read "For Karen." (Anything else will be erased as a potential virus hazard.)
 - 2) Do not use strange fonts, which my computer will not recognize.
 - 3) E-mail: it to gbertke@fuse.net. (This is my father's e-mail address. Use it for submissions for Herald's Companion only.)
- **Sapphire and White:** Editor: Ronald Glaser, 1202 S. 2nd St., Aberdeen, SD, 57401. E-mail: luckystar@abe.midco.net. Sapphire and White's fanzine is accepting submissions at luckystar@abe.midco.net. All forms of material can be submitted; format-wise if you use Word Perfect please use Notepad. Fan fiction, book reviews and movie reviews are greatly appreciated.

Other Fandoms:

- Lois Bujold: Lois Bujold can be reached at lois@dendarii.com. "The Bujold Nexus" is at <http://www.dendarii.com>. You can receive information about their newsletter, the *Dendarii Dispatch* by contacting Lyn Belzer, Editor, 25-16 18th St., #2 Long Island City, NY 11102.
- CrossGen Comics: Exciting New Fantasy Comic Books. Follow Prince Ethan's adventures the third Wednesday of each month as he gains the powerful sigil and accidentally puts his world on the brink of war. Meridian, on sale the fourth Wednesday of each month, is the fantastic saga of a teenage girl and her plight to save her floating island home. Go to <http://www.crossgen.com>, or call 1-888-COMICBOOK for details on a retail location near you.
- Tanya Huff: **Nine Above!** is a list for fans of author Tanya Huff. This list provides announcements about Tanya's latest work, publication dates, and personal appearances. NA! also provides a forum for Tanya's fans to communicate with each other, and will have discussion as well as announcements. Lurking is fine, but participation is encouraged. When you join, we'd love for you to send a "hello" to the group at large, telling us who you are! To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send e-mail to nineabove@egroups.com.
- L.A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** L.A. Malcor, <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Legend@malcor.com.
- Adrian Paul of Highlander: <http://www.adrianpaul.net>.
- Michael Praed: *Michael Praed Network Newsletter*, <http://fanfare.michael-praed.com>.
- Melanie Rawn: **Pandemonium** - The official Melanie Rawn club invites you to join their ranks. SASE for more information: Irena Pereira, P.O. Box 18A146 , Los Angeles, CA 90018.
- **N3F** is one of the oldest general interest SF/F clubs, started in 1941. Members meet by snail mail and E-mail:to discuss SF, Fantasy, and Horror genres. (Some gather at cons, too.) We have plenty to offer the hungry SF/F/H fan! Members receive *Tightbeam*, the club's quarterly zine, and *The National Fantasy Fan*, our bi-monthly zine. For inquiries, please snail mail me at N3F Secretary, Dennis Davis, 25549 Byron Street, San Bernadino, CA, 92404-6403. Check out our website at <http://www.simegen.com/fandom/n3f>.

- Doctor Who and other Media: **The Prydonians of Prynceton**, P.O. Box 3194, Princeton, NJ 08543-3194.



Collegium News:

We have individual handouts for aspiring Heralds, Healers, Bards, Blues, Mercenaries, Tayledras, Shin'a'in, and White Winds Sorcerers/Sorceresses and instructions on how to work for Herald-Mage status if you are already a Herald or for a Kal'enedral if you are already a Shin'a'in. You can find these handouts online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qohandouts.htm>.

You need a release form (online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qomlrel2.htm>) if you write a story set in Misty's worlds or using any of her characters. You do not need a release for a character sketch, poem or filk. All Misty wants to do is protect her characters and her worlds. Send the release form (you do NOT need to include the story) to Misty c/o Paul Fisher, 16525 E 470 Rd., Claremore OK 74017. Do NOT include the release form with your persona material; send it to Misty. Send a *copy* to us.

All personae materials should be sent to the QO address or submitted by e-mail to Legend@malcor.com and healermoon@gmail.com. We have no new personae to announce at this time, but several submissions are being reviewed. (I apologize profusely to everyone who is patiently waiting for me to have enough time to review the submissions! I will get to them as soon as I can.)

If you were working on a persona who is no longer listed at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qochat.htm> that means we have not heard from you in over a year. To revive your persona, simply message Danya at Legend@malcor.com and tell her that your persona is in "Deep Storage." She will pull it out for you and reactivate your submission.

If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at Legend@malcor.com, and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

Lost . . .

One of the challenges running an online club is that people don't always leave a forwarding address when they move <g>. We are missing current e-mail addresses for the following members:

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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!

Wow! Talk about a busy end to summer! Since the last newsletter I've been to Italy and returned. The lectures went well, and there are already plans in the works for another meeting, this time in Florence. I stayed at Baia, a bit west of Naples. I got to bathe in the Stufe di Nerone, Roman baths that date back to the second century C.E. I climbed Mount Vesuvius, and I got a cell phone signal at the summit (so I called my husband, who was a bit bemused at being awakened at 4 AM <G>)! I spent a little time at Pompeii, though it wasn't enough. I hope to get back there some day. (I was on a tour for that part of the trip, and I couldn't really see everything I needed to see.) I saw the surgical tools in

the Archaeological Museum of Naples, which I think belonged to M. Artorius Asclepiades, the ancestor of L. Artorius Castus, the soldier I think was the historical King Arthur. Several days were spent with Ivano Marescotti, who played Bishop Germanus in *King Arthur* (He's quite delightful.). I saw a play about the Ghost of Agrippina aboard a boat on the Bay of Naples. I climbed to the ruins of the temple of Jupiter and into the Sybil's cave at Cuma. I visited the temple of Apollo at Lake Lucrino, and I stood on the floor of the arena where Spartacus fought at Capua. In all it was quite the exciting business trip (I love my job <G>!).

Back home I'm getting off to a late but fun start as a PTA president and Girl Scout leader. My troop has tons of plans to do things this fall (apparently they missed their adventures over the summer <g>). I hope I can get everything scheduled and leave time for all of the family parties I wind up giving this time of year. Fortunately my eldest son decided to have his birthday at Medieval Times this year, so that was a lot easier! My daughter wants a Sponge Bob party, and my youngest son plans to have a Curious George party. Meanwhile, it looks as if I'll be having Davy Jones, Violet (from *The Incredibles*) and Captain Hook visiting me on Halloween.

We went to the LA Fair the other day. It was a blast! If you are ever in California in September, do make an effort to go. It's well worth it.

I keep telling myself that everything is going to calm down in a few weeks . . . Then I remember last year, when things didn't really slow down at all. Oh, well. At least I got four books read while I was waiting for dinner in Italy (I'd call my husband at 1:30 AM my time and say, "Yeah, I just got back from dinner." The Italians keep a bit different schedule from a California Mom of three <g>.).

Have a great Fall!

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



Personals:

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** *EMG-Zine.com* is in its seventeenth month as a fantastic resource for fantasy and science fiction writers and artists! Every month there are features on the business of art, tips and tutorials, an art gallery, fiction, and reviews related to the

genre or creative pursuits. Some of our columnists include Ursula Vernon, Janet Chui, Annie Rodrigue and Marina Bonomi. If you are an artist or writer, please see our guidelines for submission information! Find it all at <http://www.emg-zine.com> and enjoy!

- ❖ **From Aurora Nelson:** Heyla! Rea Wildfire (aka Aurora Nelson) is looking to contact her penpals old and new. If you remember her or would like to say, "hi," please contact her at Evillurking@gmail.com.
- ❖ **From Cliff Hunter:** I'm looking for a penpal I used to know through QO. Her name is Dara Murphy. Anyone with information about how I can contact her, please e-mail me at DeathrockCliffy@aol.com.
- ❖ **From Jennifer M. Mackay-Galicia (Herald Mallea D'Lar):** I have a new email address: mackayjenn@yahoo.com! SNAIL MAIL: PO BOX 66408, Portland, OR 97290. If you like to read, I'm your girl. Just give me a book and a quiet nook--I'm happy! Misty, Tad Williams, J.R.R. Tolkien, Mindy Klasky (Glasswright series), DragonLance (the M. Weiss/T. Hickman original books and new), SF Classics like H.G. Wells, George Orwell, ect., ect. I'm about to sink my teeth into David Eddings on my sister's recommendations. I just finished watching SEVEN seasons of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. That was fun! I've gone through all NINE years of The X-Files. I'm a huge X-Files fanatic. (Did I forget to mention my love affair with box sets on DVD?) I'm a fan of every Star Trek show made, Star Wars, Battlestar Galactica (got my box set), Babylon 5, Quantum Leap, and just about anything else that grabs my attention. If you wish you could take a trip to the moon, or just get out of Mundania for awhile, please feel free to drop me a line!
- ❖ **TO EVERYONE who enjoys Misty's world and the vast realm of fantasy in general . . .** ANGELA K. SCOTT CREATIONS is still around! You may remember my humble business from past QO (snail-mailed) newsletters. I sell fantasy & M. Lackey-related stationery and bookmarks; Heralds, Shin'a'in, faeries, unicorns, magic, and more! I now offer cards (in packs) with 22 fantasy & scifi designs to choose from, as well a special line of cat-angel cards I call my "Furry Angel Series". I do commissioned artwork as well- please contact me for further details. Gift Certificates are available as well! I am still relatively new to owning a computer & setting up a system (need a scanner!), so I do not have an online version of my 'business'. I'm working on having my merchandise booklet up on my homepage or some way to view merchandise &

order info, etc. I know “snail-mail” is a foreign concept to some people, though I still enjoy communicating this way, BUT if you'd like to receive my 6+ page merchandise booklet please contact me: Angela K. Scott-Gosnell, 217 Spear Drive, Fort Bragg, NC 28307. ***PLEASE enclose SASE**, which is a stamped envelope with your address on it. I will get the requested booklet mailed back to you ASAP! Thanks to all of my past and current customers, and hope to hear from you!

❖ **From White Winds Sorceress Cime Shadow Weaver. To All.**

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

❖ **From Herald-Mage Danya. To: All. Re: Cookbook.** Our version of a Misty-related cookbook is still in progress. We are compiling a cookbook based on meals that Misty describes in the Velgarth series. If anyone is currently reading the books, could you note the book and page any food items are mentioned on and send them to me at Legend@malcor.com? (We've been pulling some information from *The Valdemar Companion*, and we're getting quite a nice little list!) Thanks!



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

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

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