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The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club
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Heyla, Misty fans!

Well, that was a roller coaster of a year! We're still hanging in there, and we hope the rest of you are, too.

Heads up, editors! We have permission to send out our zines via e-mail! Although some sites have been given permission to post online, there are restrictions, and we really don't have the time to police it. But if you would like to send out chapter newsletters and zines containing fanfiction, you may do so to your members. One caveat: Misty has requested that all material distributed in this fashion be kept to PG-13. Other ratings are permitted, but they must not be sent to or put anywhere minors can get at them. Other than that, have fun! (And please put me on your list, Legend@malcor.com, so I can see all the good stuff you are turning out.)

We're doing our yearly house-cleaning of our files. Please check the Lost list below to see if you or anyone you know is on it. I may simply have not updated an e-mail address correctly. If you do not get your newsletter somewhere near the beginning of the month, please message me at Legend@malcor.com. I may be swamped, or your address might be one of the ones that bounced. Editors, please review your ads and send me any updates. The same goes for Chapter Presidents and anyone who is running a personal ad in the newsletter. Thanks!

Here is a holiday greeting from Moonstar:

"Happy Holidays 2009!

"I am so glad to be sharing 'Holiday Wishes' with my Queen's Own family once again. This has been a great year, moving back to Orange County--

closer to friends and family--and away from my personal nemesis of cold and snow. For everyone who likes weather, I am happy for you and will enjoy it from here through your pictures ☺. I was inspired to see the personas we had waiting for approval and hope to see many more in 2010! For those of you that are artists, I am looking for new artwork to put on the covers of the Children of Velgarth, which I will be putting together next year; it looks as if we have enough submissions for a few editions, so please submit. Artwork that isn't used for the covers will likely be seen in our online editions of our newsletter, which we hope to get back to posting in the next year. I hope everyone is more successful, thankful, and happy in 2010 and that your holidays are filled with kindness and generosity!

“~Moonstar”

Do write when you can! We love to hear from you. We are especially looking for book, movie, faire and con reviews. Also if you hear anything about upcoming appearances by Misty, please let us know so we can alert the fans!

Publication News:

Just in time for Christmas, a paperback version of *Changing the World: All-New Tales of Valdemar* will be available in time for the holidays on December 1. Keep your eyes peeled on May 15, 2010, for *Much Fall of Blood*, a collaboration between Misty, Eric Flint and Dave Freer. Also on May 15, *Elvenbane* and *Elvenblood*, Misty's Half-Blood Chronicles works with Andre Norton, will be released on audio CD.

And on July 6, a collaboration between Misty and Rosemary Edghill, *Shadow Grail #1: Legacies*, will be released.

Our review this month is of *Bedlam's Edge*. Add it to your holiday gift list!

Happy Holidays to one and all!

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



Bedlam's Edge. Edited by Mercedes Lackey and Rosemary Edghill. 292 Pages.

This is a wonderful collection of short stories set in the same universe as *Bedlam's Bard*. Offerings include works by India Edghill (Rosemary's daughter), Michael Longcor, Diana L. Paxson, Ashley McConnell, Barb Caffrey (with Michael B. Caffrey), Roberta Gellis, Dave Freer and Eric Flint, Sarah A. Hoyt, Jenn Saint-John, and Ellen Guon as well as two stories by Misty, one by Rosemary Edghill, the anonymous ballad "Tom O' Bedlam's Song" and a delightful essay by Misty about how she created the Mall Elves.

The majority of the pieces are extremely thought-provoking, and they are set in a variety of historical periods as well as locations. The plots are as varied as the settings. (A couple are probably a bit too racy to be suitable for younger readers.) There's comedy, tragedy, mystery . . . a bit of something for everyone. My absolute favorite detail, though, is the series of mini essays about each of the authors. These are delightfully witty, and they provided me with a great deal of insight not only into these short stories but also into the body of work for each author who contributed to the collection.

Make sure you pick this one up, and grab an extra copy for a friend! It is an excellent read.



Ren. Faires:

Here are the Faires we know about for December. 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.

California

DICKENS CHRISTMAS FAIR IN SAN FRANCISCO. Website: www.dickensfair.com. E-mail: office@themeevents.com. Address: PO Box 1768, Novato, CA 94948. Site Address: Cow Palace, San Francisco. Dates: 11/27/09 to 12/20/09. Open/Close: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

VISTA PIRATE FAIRE. Website: www.goldcoastfestivals.com. E-mail: goldcoastfestivals@gmail.com. Address: 2219 East Thousand Oaks Boulevard, #303, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. Site Address: 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue, San Diego. Dates: 12/6/09 to 12/7/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Florida

PIRATES IN PARADISE FESTIVAL. Website: www.piratesinparadise.com. E-mail: info@piratesinparadise.com. Address: PO Box 1153, Key West, FL 33041. Site Address: Historic Seaport, Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum and Key West Museum of Art & History at the Custom House, Key West. Dates: 11/27/09 to 12/6/09. Open/Close: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hawaii

THE DRAGON'S LAIR. Website: www.freewebs.com/dragonslairhawaii. E-mail: msthunderfoot@yahoo.com. Address: PO Box 840, Volcano, HI 96785. Site Address: Fern Forest Hawaii, Jungle King Road. Dates: year-round. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to close.

Louisiana

LOUISIANA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Website: www.fairiecon.com. E-mail: info@faerieworlds.com. Address: PO Box 220, Robert, LA 70455. Site Address: 46468 River Road, Hammond, LA. Dates: 11/7/09 to 12/13/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nevada

DARKWELL'S 12TH NIGHT AND YULE RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL. Address: 826 13th Street, Sparks, NV 89431. Site Address: New Holiday Inn, 55 East Nugget Avenue, Sparks. Dates: 12/12/09 to 12/14/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

North Carolina

A CAMELOT CHRISTMAS: PRESENTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website: www.ncrenfaire.com/index.php. E-mail: donna@ncrenfaire.com. Address: PO Box 61280, Raleigh, NC 27661. Site Address: Wake Forest. Dates: 12/5/09 to 12/6/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Texas

DICKENS ON THE STRAND. Website: www.dickensonthestrand.org.
E-mail: janpuckett@galvestonhistory.org. Address: 502 20th Street,
Galveston, TX 77550. Site Address: Galveston. Dates: 12/5/09 to
12/6/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ENCHANTED RENAISSANCE FAIRE. Website:
www.renfaireingleside.com. E-mail: ingchamber1@cableone.net.
Address: PO Box 686, Ingleside, TX 78362. Site Address: Live Oak Park
off South FM 1069, on Port Avenue and Sherry. Dates: 12/12/09 to
12/13/09. Open/Close: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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



Conventions:

We do not have any information on conventions for December.

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 kValdemar. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/falcon2/heartlandarrows>. E-mail: thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS! CALLING ALL VALDEMAR FANS!

Heartland Arrows IS BACK!!!! If you live in or around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, or Illinois and want to be a part of this great chapter of Queen's Own, please contact Earthshower k'Valdemar at thewrathofyourmom@hotmail.com.

- **Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club):** Are you on Facebook? Looking for cool groups to join to discuss Mercedes Lackey's Valdemar works? Join the Queen's Own Chapter on Facebook. We are always looking for new members and have several discussion boards including one to help members create their personas for Formal Queen's Own approval. Our link is: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2202088363> feel free to contact Officer Healer Adept Moonstar with any additional questions at healermoon@gmail.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 dodgey 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, aka Healer Adept Moonstar, 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. 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>.
- **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've actually managed to read about half a dozen of my backlog. I now have to find the time to type the responses back to the people who submitted the personae. Progress is being made . . . slowly, but progress none the less.)

There are no new members to announce this month, but several applications are being processed. We look forward to having more folk join us soon!

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. I do not have any new personae to announce this month (though a couple of rewrites are sitting in the stack on my desk). Hopefully we'll have some next month.

If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome

message, contact Danya at Legend@malcor.com, and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

Lost . . .

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

- Bard Revelin Tionne (sazimarc@mindspring.com)
- Bard Valiena (laughsong@aol.com)
- Blue Devyn Aeryn (devin@greendragonpress.net)
- Guardsman Faolan Ixran (Timmeu@scubadiving.com)
- Guardsman Vena LaRue (eflynt@starrtech.net)
- Herald Alia Melyngar (aliameyngar@aol.com)
- Herald Ariya Nightsun (erynf@cats.ucsc.edu)
- Herald Kiren Sendar (ice-blink@msn.com)
- Herald Areolyn T-rel (chucky@localaccess.com)
- Herald Artavash Keletal (tmschneiderman@attbi.com)
- Herald Bastian Brennan (herald_bastian@yahoo.com)
- Herald Charna (sprncer@pacifier.com)
- Herald Chonni Brightwolf (bobkat98@shaw.ca)
- Herald Crystona Devanth Shekrevalas (crys@stny.rr.com)
- Healer Darnellon Gaither (mdprier@aol.com)
- Herald Darvith (goddess@universalmail.com)
- Herald Deborah (sjupiterdebi@home.com)
- Herald Fiona L'Aren (jaime@divagypsy.com)
- Herald Gwendolyn Katran (ladykent@wildmail.com)
- Herald Ian Hawkwood (ianhawke1@aol.com)
- Herald Jolee Alsierra (tinkrbel@spiritone.com)
- Herald-Mage Apprentice Kadia Linder (Kadia@aol.com)
- Herald Kaki (knotes93@simons-rock.edu)
- Herald Kandellessa Revwyn Sevron (del_ashke@hotmail.com)
- Herald Kendryl Shadowwolf (kscarpat@altavista.com)
- Herald Keri Starfire/Mountainheart (WaltherM@imefdf.usmc.mil)
- Herald Kesha Trishaya Layven (em290@cam.ac.uk)
- Herald Khrystal Thee'Ledan (sophia_patagonia@yahoo.com)
- Herald Kiana Wynter (saffyre@hotmail.com)
- Herald Laliea Shathgran (mcquilkt@bellsouth.net)
- Herald Lisbeth Maye (wizardshome@hotmail.com)
- Herald Liselle Aravon (rusalka@nac.net)
- Herald Maia Cinhil Morgan (lorilua@iname.com)
- Herald Meshel Willowlark (chell_cornett@knology.net)
- Herald Miracle Oceanfire (rhyme_reason@hotmail.com)
- Herald Paf (jaro@attbi.com)

- Herald Rhea Windsong (psistriker@worldnet.att.net)
- Herald Riana Malkor (iko_san@hotmail.com)
- Herald Robihane (Tevye@speakintosilence.com)
- Herald Taeryn (transamom@aol.com)
- Herald Tobias Mider (coy.stout@verizon.net)
- Herald Wynn Silverflame (vordesa@hotmail.com)
- Healer Brandyn Pendar (brandegore@insightbb.com)
- Healer Tamesin na Coille (brindle@bellsouth.net)
- Shin'a'in Leshya'edrin shena Pretera'sedrin
(gwenaelle_98@yahoo.com)
- Tayledras Mage Autumnwynd k'Vaia (autumnwynd@aol.com)
- Tayledras Blackwolf k'Vala (HRHIce@aol.com)
- Tayledras Scout Brightshadow k'Vala (clueless_guy2@yahoo.com)
- Tayledras Adept Oceanlaughter k'Shira (littlestweetchef@aol.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Sierra k'Treva (katsanders@buffymail.com)
- Tayledras Mage Silentheart k'Chona (michelle@lovesickchick.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Skydance k'Chona
(Sttawylime@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Master Skydance k'Shira (skydancekshira@hotmail.com)
Tayledras Scout Skyfire k'Chona (logroth@hotmail.com)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Winterfire k'Tayle (garou@netspeed.com.au)
- Tayledras Healer Adept Willowstar k'Vala (minna@adelphia.net)
- 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 did try to get a season's greetings message for you all from Larry and Misty, but apparently my request didn't go through. Perhaps they are too busy writing, which is, after all, what we'd probably have them doing <g>. Perhaps next year.

Be that as it all may, you do have my heartiest greetings for the holidays and best wishes for the coming year! Thank you all for your support of QO. Now that Moonstar is local again, perhaps we'll get more activities off the ground.

I'm still intensely busy with my three young children, and my own editors are wondering why it takes me over five years to write a book these days when I used to do it in three months! I am guest editing an

edition of *The Heroic Age*, the anniversary edition, no. 15, which will feature articles about the Arthurian tradition. With any luck Scott Littleton and I will finish our second book sometime next year, which means it should be available for purchase sometime in 2011 or 2012. (I'm sure you all have a clue how hard the publishing industry has been hit by the recession, though, so don't be surprised if something delays our effort.)

I'm starting casting for "101 Dalmatians" at our elementary school, so that will be eating up a great deal of my already non-existent time. It should be fun, though.

My Girl Scout troop is crazy busy, but we're having fun. We've already earned several badges/IPs this year, and we're planning on a lot more for next year. We've hosted the Fourth of July Parade and Songfest (a Victorian caroling event), and we're about to do a Science Workshop at Santa Ana College. With luck, we hope to camp out at the Wild Animal Park in San Diego some time next year, with a trip to Sea World to follow soon after that.

My eldest son is continuing to do well with his drumming and singing efforts. He's been cast in another play, and even the H1N1 virus didn't slow him down for long when it hit our family. He's hoping to travel to Sacramento with me in April/May for the State PTA convention. I doubt we're going to make it to Oregon for the Western States Folklore Society Annual meeting in 2010, but I'll let you know if plans change. Do let me know if you are ever in Southern California or one of the regions where I'm traveling. I'd love to say "Heyla" in person!

My daughter is still busily raising money for Animal Ark in Reno, Nevada. She's even gotten her whole class involved now. Check out their website to see what has her so excited. She'd not interested in Misty's works yet, but she's devouring Erin Hunter's Warrior Cats series (or whatever the plural is supposed to be) as fast as anyone publishes them, so I'm suspecting that she'll come around to Misty some day.

My youngest son is keeping me hopping as well. He had a blast with all of the arts and crafts activities at Songfest. He gave Santa a really tall order today (a plush, white Pikmin 2 . . . He thinks it looks like a snowman.). Jolly Old St. Nick seems to be his match, though . . . at least for a few more years.

My collie is still having health issues (as if that's a surprise to anyone). At least he's doing better than he was six months ago.

Wish me luck with the Science Workshop next weekend! Perhaps I'll find time to trim a tree or two in there between next weekend and Christmas. At least my house lights are finally up—before the rains. (If you see major mudslides in California in the next few days, rest assured that I'm unlikely to be in their path, although I do have cousins who may be in the way. I'll keep you posted.)

Have a fantastic holiday season and a marvelous New Year!

Zhai'helleva,

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Personals:

- ❖ **From Ellen Million:** From Ellen Million: Ellen Million Graphics -- <http://ellenmilliongraphics.com> - is going through considerable restructure and that means sales! All pre-2010 calendars are buy one get one free, and all remaining products are on clearance. Be sure to check out <http://portraitadoption.com> - we've got more than 800 portraits by more than a hundred artists ready for instant adoption exclusively as your character. Visit <http://EMG-Zine.com> for monthly articles and columns, as well as a gallery of art and selection of fiction. Are you an artist or writer interested in an exciting new shared world project? <http://tornworld.net> is now seeking contributors! Taking the Starving out of Artists since 1993.
- ❖ **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 creations and the vast realm of Fantasy in general... ANGELA K. SCOTT CREATIONS has moved and is yes, still alive and kicking! You may recall my humble business from past QO (snail mailed) newsletters. I sell fantasy and M. Lackey-related stationery and bookmarks; Heralds, Shin'a'in, faeries, unicorns, dragons, myths, magic and more! I offer card packs with 22 fantasy and sci-fi designs to choose from, as well as as a special line of cat angel cards I call my "Furry Angel Series". I offer gift certificates and I do commissioned artwork/designs (specific stationery, cards, pet-portraits, illustrations, etc. even tattoo designs). Please contact me for further details! Unfortunately I do not have an online version of my business and I know "snail mail" may be a foreign concept to some, though I know I enjoy receiving things other than bills and junk mail in my mailbox! If you would like to receive my 6+ page merchandise booklet please contact me at : **Angela K. Scott-Cox, 216 Dingo Rd. Apt. D, Spring Lake, NC 28390.** ***Please enclose SASE**, which is a self-addressed stamped envelope. I also would appreciate any feedback and/or ideas from people. Thanks to all my past, current, and potential customers, and I hope to hear from you soon! (*Please check out some of my artworks at *www.Elfordwood.com under Angela K. Scott...*)

- ❖ **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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