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Dreamer

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Sorry we missed the February newsletter! Life happened.

Thanks to everyone who is sending in news about upcoming appearances by Misty. We could really use some book reviews if anyone has the time to write one. Anyone have anything they'd like to advertise in the Personals section? Any of our chapters and/or zines have anything to report? I know the Valdemar Fan Club QO chapter list on Facebook has been really busy. We have a main QO Facebook page as well. Feel free to pop on by and chat awhile.

We started a project several years ago, noting down things that the Heralds and others in Valdemar ate and coming up with recipes for them. Anyone interested in trying to pick that up again? It might be fun to put out a cookbook for fans. What do you think?

Zhai'helleva,

Danya



March story prompt:

It was a fine warm day, the first in some time, perfect for working outside in the garden. The birds seemed to agree, sending up a cacophony to rival the children playing in the street. All that was needed was to claim the tool from the shed at the bottom of the garden.

As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

- Herald Nalei Rayskeline

[If any other fanzine editors would like to send us story prompts, we'd be happy to publish them!]



Publication News:

Please send us reviews of any of Misty's works, old or new. We love to hear from you!

Remember, Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page at http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent



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

If you are able to attend any of these (or others we don't know about), please let us know about all the fun you had!



Conventions:

<http://fancons.com/events/>
<http://www.upcomingcons.com/comic-conventions>
<http://www.popculthq.com/2016/11/09/the-2017-list-of-cosplay-conventions-is-here/>

Wonder*Con is in Anaheim, California, March 31-April 2. Healer Adept Moonstar will be attending this one. Anyone else going? Misty is on three panels (“Sisterhood of the Self-Sufficient,” Fantasy Not Always Fantastic”—with Larry Dixon and “Spotlight on Mercedes Lackey and Larry Dixon.”)

Our very own Laura Cameron will have a display panel at Norwest Con. If you attend, stop by and say “Heyla!” She hopes to have some of the art

from my next novel, Dragon Voices.

<http://www.norwescon.org/con/exhibitors/art-show/>

Labyrinth Masquerade is in Los Angeles this year! August 25 & 26. You can find more details here: <http://www.labyrinthmasquerade.com>.

Please let us know if you find out about any other appearances Misty will be making this year.



Masquerade

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Member News:

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

Local chapters:

The Canada Chapter is starting back up! I hope to have their updated information in the next newsletter. Who else 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!



- ❑ **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/> (This is one of our more active chapters at the moment. Let us know if you see any posts from Misty. "Like" Misty's Facebook page while your at it!)
- **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:

Here are the QO fanzines and newsletters that we know about. Is anyone else still publishing?

- **Children of Velgarth:** Editor: Kendra Hosseini, aka Healer Adept Moonstar; 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 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. We have the first 6 vols. available!
- **Golden Grove** is still an active fanzine. I just need stuff to print. I've got two new issues for anyone who wants to read them, but to keep up with a quarterly schedule I need submissions. I'll take any genera, pics, whatever you like if it falls within legal guidelines for other authors universes. Original stuff is always welcome. Golden Grove is now a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. For new submissions and subscriptions to Golden Grove please e-mail sn.keeper@yahoo.com. To submit stories, you have written from the story prompt given above, send them to Golden Grove sn.keeper@yahoo.com with Golden Grove in the subject line.

If anyone has old issues of Golden Grove and can get them to me you can contact me at the email above. If you can scan them and get me digital copies that would be great, if not and you are willing to part with your copies, I'm willing to pay postage.

- **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.



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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. Book 1 of the series, *Dragon Heart* is out! You can purchase it through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble's website, and other online merchants. It is available in both Kindle and paperback formats. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron! The second novel in the series, *Dragon Sun*, will be out soon. Check out the Dragonlords Facebook page for sneak peaks of some of Laura's new illustrations!
- 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.





Untitled

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Collegium News:

We hope to have some new personae to announce soon! Watch this space for welcome notices.

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.

The address that appeared at this point in previous newsletters no longer works. Message me at shashtah@gmail.com when you get to the point of submitting a release form, and I'll see what I can find out in the way of new instructions. (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!

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.)

(We will start generating this list again as I see e-mails start bouncing.)



From Herald Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

When people dream of becoming a full-time writer, they tend to skip the part about how little time you actually have to write. There's this whole aspect to the career called "marketing" that no one ever warns you about. It requires a completely different personality type than the one that

enables you to sit in front of your paper transfer words from your head onto a screen in something that vaguely resembles a coherent text.

After composing the initial text you have to get absolutely brutal with yourself as you rewrite and rewrite and rewrite.

Then you pass the text off to beta readers, editors, proofreaders and so forth who leave you wanting to crawl into bed and pull a blanket over your head.

There is a brief moment of euphoria when the finished text finally arrives in the mail and you can hold it in your hands and take selfies with it.

Then you have to market what you wrote.

Suddenly you have to become a business person: jolly, outgoing, persuasive. Writing in social media is where many writers start, but eventually, if you are going to make a living at this, you have to talk with reviewers and reporters, hold book tours and signings, sit on panels at cons, interact with fans (Be really, really nice to your fans! You live and die by them!), and do a thousand other things that the person who starts out sitting in front of that computer screen is usually disinclined to do.

The best writers, like our beloved Misty, find a way to be both people, even if they have to develop something that resembles a split personality in order to do it. The really good full-time writers I know are at their best in small groups, so if you get a chance to engage with such writers in an intimate setting, jump at it. Don't mob writers, though. They're usually a bit skittish and tend to flee like deer or snap shut like clams when mobbed! And always, always, always be polite. Remember that there's one of them and dozens if not hundreds or thousands of you. It's quite literally impossible for them to talk to everyone on an individual basis.

If you want better access to writers, volunteer to assist at their events. You'll get more personal time with them as well as make them very happy with you.

Oh, and buy their books ☺.

Zhaihelleva,

Danya



Personals:

- Ellen Million Graphics is releasing a new collection of fantasy coloring books for (so-called) grown-ups: Mermaids, dragons, angels, and fantasy horses, oh my! Find these and more at <http://www.ellenmilliongraphics.com/coloringbooks.php>
- Northwest Visions Studio--Art by Laura Cameron. Mixed Media Paintings & Drawings, Fine Art Prints, Commissions, Illustration. Visit her website at: <http://www.lauracameron.net/>
- *Dragon Sun* by Linda A. Malcor is out in paperback and ebook! Art by Laura Cameron. You can find it on Amazon and Barnes and Noble as well as at other online outlets. (Some Barnes and Noble brick-and-mortar stores are also carrying it.) Get updates on the series at <https://www.facebook.com/malcor.dragonlords/>
- From Angela K. Scott/ Herald Alora Vadel (Angela Rip Scott-Cox--as formatted on Facebook): I continue to sell off everything I own & make, many misc. items (including Misty related) on Ebay, as I am in crisis & this is my only source of any inadequate income & truly in desperate need!
http://www.ebay.com/usr/affliktedangel?_trksid=p2047675.12559
Things under my business name "AKS Creations" -card packs, stationery, bookmarks, art prints, jewelry & etc.! Also, I'm still available for commission work. You can contact me at UnicornAlora2@aol.com.
- From Marianne D-B: My sister, who died a couple years ago, was a huge Mercedes Lackey fan. I used to read the books with her, and we loved discussing them. She has a number of prints of Larry Dixon's that I imagine some fan would like to have. I'm happy to sell them reasonably. They are all framed prints, each about 9 1/4" x 12" (framed size). Here's what I have:

Darkwind & Vree, 1991

Firesong, 1991

Darkwind & Elspeth, 1991

Starblade & Hyllar, 1991

Tre'valen & Dawnfire, 1991

Silverfox & The Returned Tribe, 1991

Elspeth & Gwena, 1991

Iceshadow, 1991

You can contact me at duddyburkem@aol.com.



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Fanmail Note: If you send fanmail to Misty at this address, please include stamps for forwarding. We no longer charge dues, so we do not have the funds to pay for your postage.

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