

Queen's Own

The Official Mercedes Lackey Fan Club
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Valdemar Crest

By

Larry Dixon

SPECIAL NOTE: QO has permanently closed its PO Box and is now an exclusively online fan club!

Heyla, Misty fans!

I am sure you have noticed we lost November and are now into December, and somehow your newsletter hasn't ended up in your hands yet. I have had a bit of a roller coaster couple months. The first weekend of November I spent two days with 40,000 of my best friends at Blizzcon. I was able to meet Darien DePaul (the voice of Reinhart!!). He was super sweet and told me I made his afternoon. I was also able to meet several other voice actors for various games, saw Lindsey Sterling in concert, and I am still catching up on the panels I missed via recordings available on Blizzcon virtual ticket.

The following weekend, we had an unexpected loss in our family as our Scottie, Hamish, crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He was in a lot of pain, and the vet said it would be a long shot whether current medical technology would save him. He was 11 ½ years old, and I really miss him. Our other dog, Jem, turns 11 in February, and we are working hard to make sure she stays healthy.

Mid-month November, my team had all our remote employees visiting, and I had plans to spend the day at Disneyland with them. Though I felt a bit guilty for having a good time spending the day with new friends, it was beautiful seeing the park all decked out for the holidays.

The end of the month was filled with Thanksgiving, which we thought would be easier to go to Boston Market, rather than cooking...this resulted in two hours in line at the restaurant, but the food was great and the clean up was minimal.

The end of November brought me to a Spinal Stimulator Trial. This was successful for me, and we are waiting for the date when I will have this implanted permanently. For those of you who are not sure what a Spinal Stimulator is, just imagine an internal stim machine.

<https://mayfieldclinic.com/pe-stim.htm>

All of which contributed to this newsletter being a bit late. On the good side, I am going to announce our first winner of our contest in our next newsletter!! I hope the winner takes a selfie with their winnings, and we are able to post the picture in a future newsletter, and shamelessly plug the next round contest on Facebook and future newsletters.

Hugs,

Moonstar



Cat and Fairy

By

Angela K. Scott



Story Prompts:

November Story Prompt:

The magic had gone wrong. The dead were rising and coming after the mages who had raised them.

December Story Prompt:

Kaleb and I had a secret. I wasn't exactly sure what it was, since he was only four and sometimes hard to understand when he spoke, but I thought it had

something to do with what he was making to share with the family for Midwinter feast. Now if only I could figure out where he was hiding, I could help him with the secret.

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!]



Contest Announcement – First Winner to be announced in January Newsletter!

Reminder: We are now accepting submissions for the ongoing Queen's Own Contests. We will do a drawing every time we have 10 submissions or within January Newsletters (whichever comes first), the winner of the contest will receive one of the randomly selected items below. You can only submit one submission per contest. Each submission must be Valdemar related. Submission includes, Artwork, Stories, Poetry, Articles, Book Reviews, Monthly RPs and Cosplays. If it is Valdemar related it will count for a submission. All submissions will be shared in future newsletters, in the case of stories they will be sent on to the zines which are needing submissions. Winner to be determined by the roll of a 10-sided die, which will cause the winner to be determined randomly as we do not want to be in the business of trying to determine better between apples and oranges. The Prize of the drawing will also be determined randomly by die roll. Please send in your submissions via email to me (healermoon@gmail.com) or Danya (shashtah@gmail.com). Good Luck my friends!



Publication News:

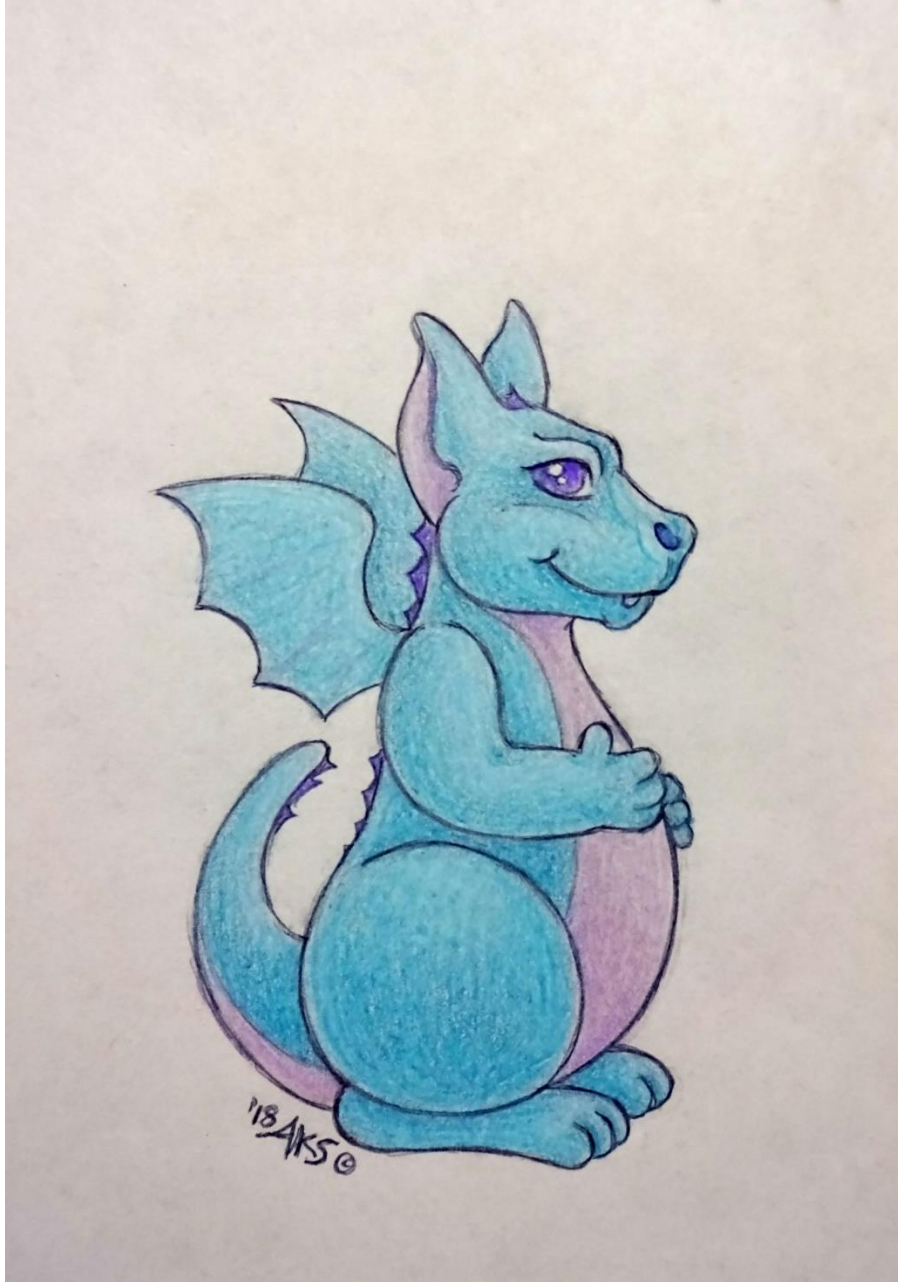
The next installation in the Elemental Masters series, *A Scandal at Battersea*, is out October 2, 2018. (Misty tries her hand at Sherlock Holmes this time. I can't wait!) *The Battered Brides*, released October 16, 2018.

The Valdemar anthology *Choices* (paperback) has a release date of November 27, 2018 and is available for preorder.

Eye Spy (*Valdemar: Family Spies*, book 2), further Adventures of Mag's children, Releases July 9, 2019, and is available for preorder.

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





Dragon Blue

By

Angela K. Scott



E-Resources:

Amazon has a Mercedes Lackey page:

http://www.amazon.com/Mercedes-Lackey/e/B000APZNR0/ref=sr_tc_2_0?qid=1459664793&sr=8-2-ent

Barnes and Noble has a page for Misty here:

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/contributor/mercedes-lackey/_/N-2khg

Misty's official page:

<http://www.mercedeslackey.com/>

The Queen's Own website is at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qo.htm> (I do need to update it, but a lot of good information is available there and some is actually current!)

The Queen's Own Facebook page is here:

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

The Queen's Own Facebook group is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607409292715707/>

Misty's Facebook page is here: <https://www.facebook.com/MercedesLackey/>

The Mercedes Lackey Fanclub group on Facebook is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2205058863/>

The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:

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

If you know of any other e-resources, please let us know!



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>

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/>

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





Puppy Angel

By

Angela K Scott

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 AZ" 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 picts 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:

Fanfiction can now be published long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

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. 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** Volume 3, Issue 4 is now available! Golden Grove is a digital publication and is sent out via e-mail. Contact me if you'd like a copy. 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.



Rainbow Unicorn
By
Angela K Scott

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.
- Linda A. Malcor: **Dragonlords of Dumnonia:** <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com>, Shashtah@gmail.com. Book 3, *Dragon Voices*, has joined *Dragon Heart* and *Dragon Sun!* You can purchase them through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble's website, and other online merchants. Both Kindle and paperback formats are available. Illustrations by our very own Laura Cameron! Check out the Dragonlords Facebook page for sneak peaks of some of Laura's new illustrations!
- "No one has ever escaped Hell, or so Lucifer thought. Now he's getting phone calls with tormenting music and finding people he knows murdered. Messages written in an ancient language bring him once more the doorstep of an old friend and lover. Can she help him figure out who is behind this before the killer turns his attention to Chloe?" Book 3 in the Lilith series
<https://archiveofourown.org/works/13940829/chapters/32092425>
<https://www.fanfiction.net/s/12860316/1/Triple-Dipped-in-Psycho>
- 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.



Feline Phoenix

By

Angela K Scott

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>.

All personae materials should be submitted by e-mail to Shashtah@gmail.com and healermoon@gmail.com.

- WELCOME to Returning Member: **Herald Jessa Darr Shanlay**, Chosen by Keysa and gifted with Mindspeech, Fetching, and Empathy. *Cindy West* sent background information on Jessa and her family, three poems, two maps, a story, a drawing of Keysa, the blue ribbon she won on her project horse, and a report of her volunteer work.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours 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.

Special Perk! If you have a Facebook account you can join the Secret Room to RP with your persona and to attend the QO RP events. The next QO RP is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd at 5:30 PM PST. You are cordially invited to celebrate Midwinter at Elderwood Manor! White attire is requested. People in non-white uniforms because they are on duty are exempted – but remember that you will make great targets in all that snow! Participation will also get you an entry into our contest!



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:

Almost finished decorating for the Holidays. Just have to remember to put up the outside lights when it is light enough for me to put them up!

Up to my ears in writing assignments. I hope to have *Dragon Dreams* out to beta readers shortly after the first of the year. *The Roman King Arthur*, co-authored with John Matthews, is hunting for a home in the UK; hopefully Thames and Hudson will pick it up. *Artorius*, which I translated into English from Italian, by Pierluigi Curcio was up on Amazon, then had to come down because of a formatting glitch. It should be back up on December 15th. I got my reviews done. *The Sword in the Stone* is underway. My novel about Lucius Artorius Castus is making progress. Another novel about a historical Jesus crawled out of my research about the Jezreel Valley in Roman times. And then everything slammed into a piece of fanfiction about my Valdemar trio – Danya, Kaylan and Yarik -which will hopefully be finished soon so you will all know what you are getting into for our next RP!

Who says being a writer is dull?

Zhai'helleva,

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 Voices* 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 UnicornAlora@gmail.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.



Queen's Own is the official Mercedes Lackey Appreciation Society. Our purpose is to share our enjoyment of Misty's worlds. We are a fan-run not-for-profit organization, not a business. Our address of publication is no longer physical. We are online at <http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/go.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

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

Zhai'helleva,

Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn