



The Official Mercedes Lackey &

Larry Dixon Fan Club

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Heyla, Misty fans!

Sorry we missed the Spring and Summer newsletters. Real Life intervened.

There's a new interview out with Misty and a Half-Blood Chronicles edition you can back. See <https://www.backerkit.com/c/projects/arc-manor/mercedes-lackey-s-deluxe-halfblood-chronicles/updates/51197>

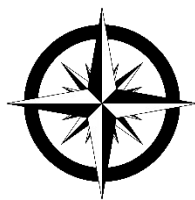
We lost our old domains, so one of our new members, Tayledras Artisan/Craftsman Skysong k'Treva, has been busily recovering the sites. I'll send out the link for RP instructions soon. I've been bankrolling QO for 26 years (we used to charge dues.), but I'm no longer in a position where I can do that. Does anyone have a bright idea how we can raise money to pay for our websites?

Another new member, Herald Cerys, is hard at work switching us from the ever unreliable Facebook secret room to a new private room on Discord. I'll also be sending out that link as soon as I can.

Real life is still not cooperating (see my letter below), but hopefully we will have things back on track soon.

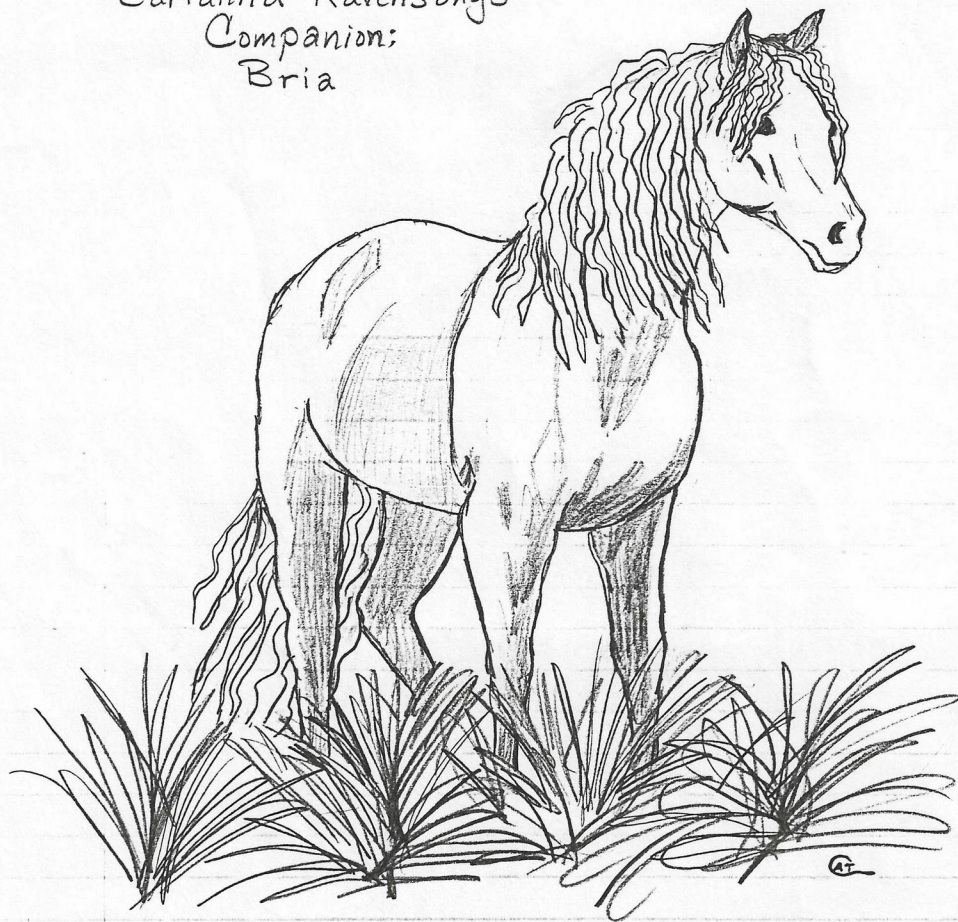
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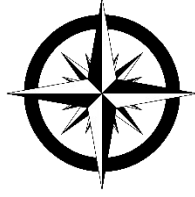
Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn



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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 Herald Kit at rynok@yahoo.com.

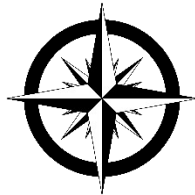
- Congratulations to **Master Scholar James Archer!** *Jim Gilbert* has worked in the very noble Real Life profession of school teacher (teaching science in elementary schools).
- Welcome **Herald Cerys! Chosen by Adryana**, she has Triple Mindspeach. *Amanda Lavoie* sent in background on Cerys and her family, wrote a poem, and is a regular blood donor.
- Welcome **Tayledras Artisan/Craftsman Skysong k'Treva and his Bondbird Tika!** *Ben Overmyer* sent in background on Skysong and his family, wrote a poem about the Earth, and wrote a story.

We have some personae who have not been formally announced yet. Is yours one of them? Let us know!

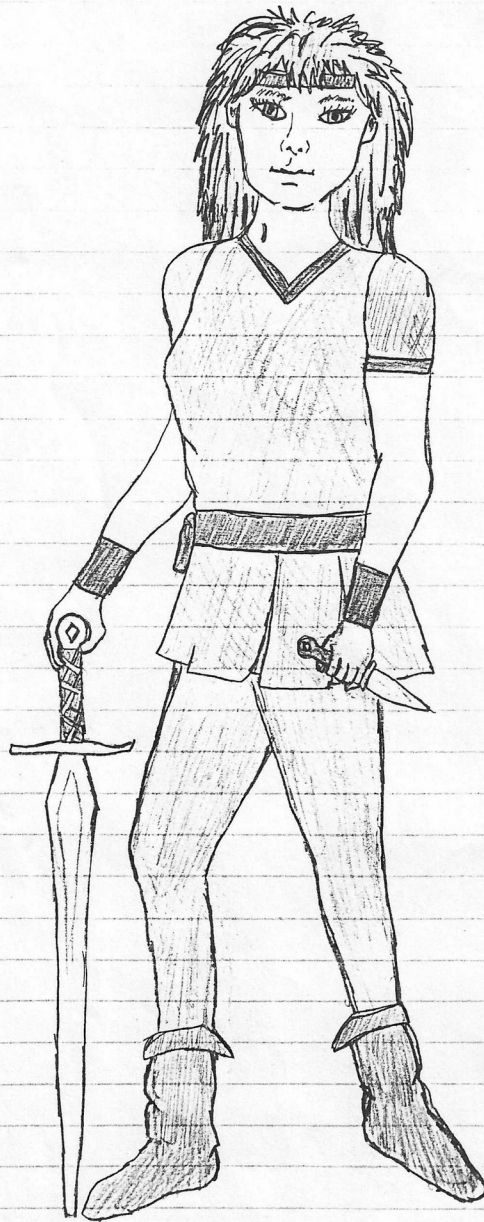
If you are a returning member who has recently activated your membership in Queen's Own and we have forgotten to list your welcome message, contact Danya at Shashtah@gmail.com, and she'll make sure you are greeted in the next newsletter.

Special Perk! If you have an approved persona, you can join the Secret Room to RP on Discord. **The GO RPs are scheduled for the 4th**

Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM PDT. (Please note we do **NOT** meet in November or December due to the holidays. **Danya is willing to pop onto the new Discord server for an unofficial session if you ask nicely and she has the time.**). You are cordially invited! If another time and date would work better, please let me know at shashtah@gmail.com. Attendance has been a bit sparse.

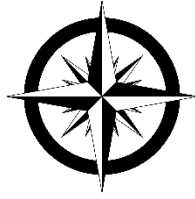


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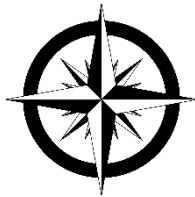


Request for Submissions:

This is an idea to get you started on a piece of fanfiction. As always, if you would like any story published you can submit it to Herald Nalei Rayskeline for Golden Grove: DV.hand@pm.me with Golden Grove in the subject line.

Please make note of the new email address. Also I'm trying something new for this issue and I did an export to PDF, which will hopefully make this issue more accessible. I'm still working on getting the alt text for images and other things as I learn more about accessibility features.

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



Book Reviews

Smoke and Mirrors (Valdemar Anthologies); 432 pages; DAW; published November 25, 2025.

This 19th anthology of short stories set in the beloved Valdemar high fantasy universe features tales by debut and established authors and a brand-new short story from Mercedes Lackey herself.

The Heralds of Valdemar are the kingdom's ancient order of protectors. They are drawn from all across the land, from all walks of life, and at all ages—and all are Gifted with abilities beyond those of normal men and women. They are Mindspeakers, FarSeers, Empaths, ForeSeers, Firestarters, FarSpeakers, and more. These inborn talents—combined with training as emissaries, spies, judges, diplomats, scouts, counselors, warriors, and more—make them indispensable to their monarch and realm.

Sought and Chosen by mysterious horse-like Companions, they are bonded for life to these telepathic, enigmatic creatures. The Heralds of Valdemar and their Companions ride circuit throughout the kingdom, protecting the peace and, when necessary, defending their land and monarch.

Join a variety of authors as they ride with Mercedes Lackey to the beloved land of Valdemar and experience the many facets of this storied high fantasy realm.

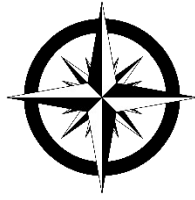
The Cinnamon Bun Book Story by Laurie Gilmore—A delightful entry in the Dream Harbor series. Both Noah and Hazel have confidence issues and cannot believe that either is in love with the other especially since the summer adventure that started as a quest for Hazel to be adventurous before her 30th birthday was supposed to be a casual fling. The happily ever after formula definitely wins in the end but that doesn't stop this from being a warm and fun read for any season.

Hotel Magnifique by Emily J. Taylor—Full of wonder, magic and plenty of danger Hotel Magnifique keeps you guessing right up until the end. Part mystery, fantasy and romance with plenty of character development a must read for anyone looking for just the right amount of mystery and romance infused into a fantasy setting.

Colin Gets Promoted and Dooms the World by Mark Waddell—A fun and fast paced dive into the high stakes corporate world where it's literally perform, be popular or die. And there is just enough romance to give hope to the main character. This is also a wonderfully found family story with quirky characters. Recommended for anyone who likes their fantasy to be on the snarky and dark side.

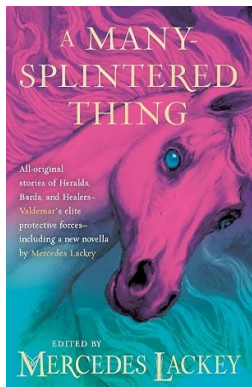
The Relict by Cody Blotter—An absolute gem of a thriller. Well thought out and researched with a tough as nails Paleontologist who is forced to come to grips with the pain of betrayal when she comes face to face with her former

fiancé in the midst of a discovery that changes everything we think we know about dinosaurs and the stories told by our ancestors. Desperately wishing that this was going to be the start of a series.

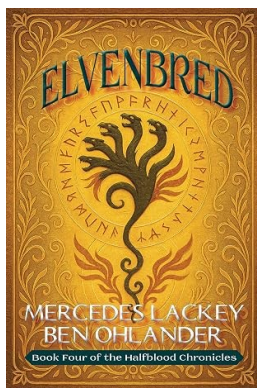


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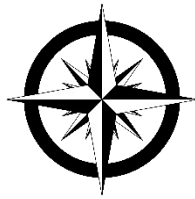
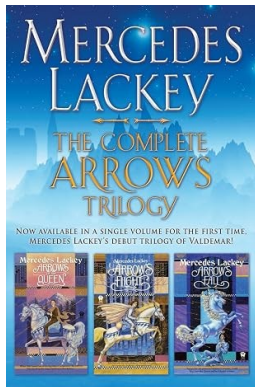
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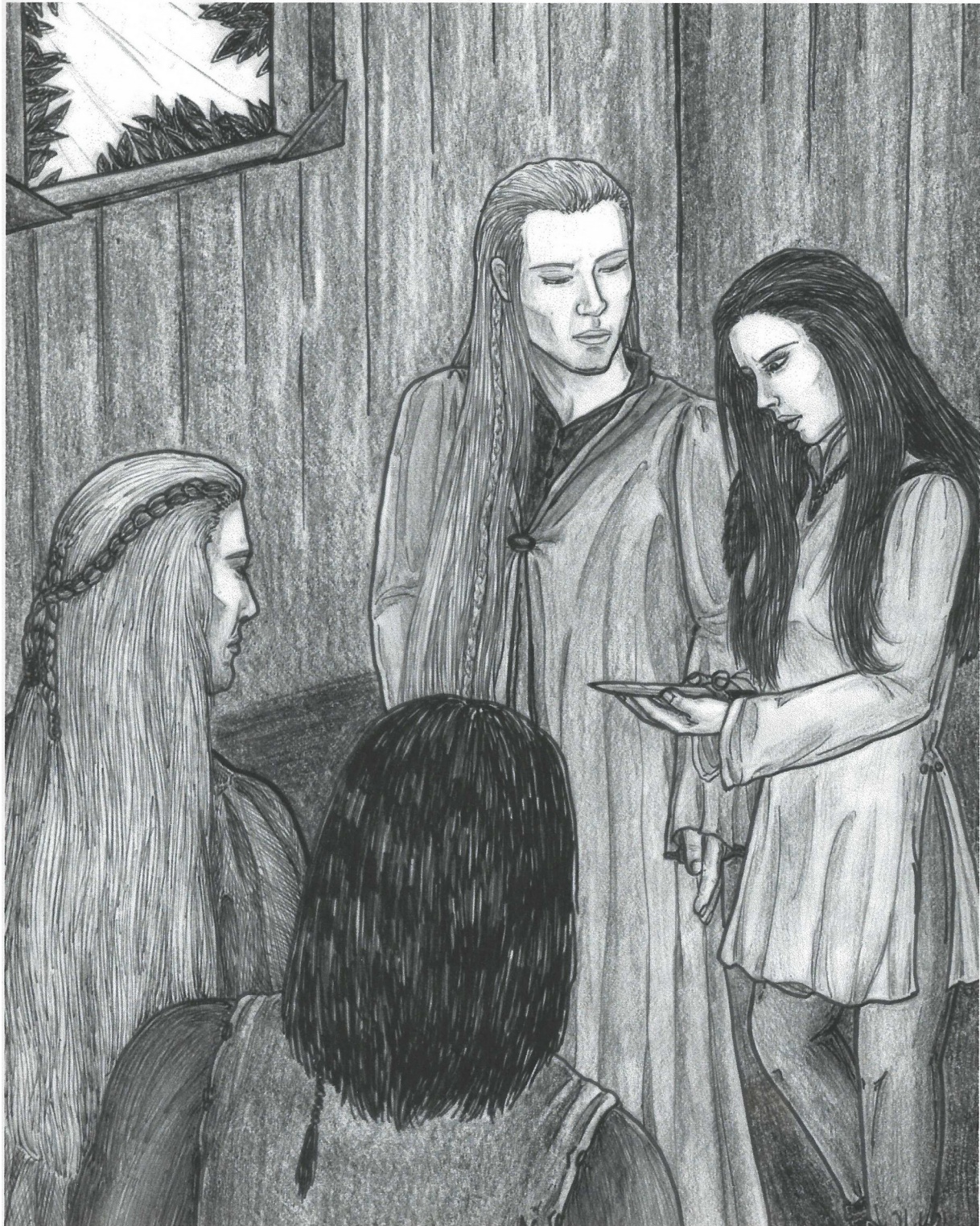


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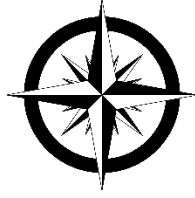


Together for the first time!





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From Herald-Mage Adept Danya Winterborn:

Heyla, Misty fans!

*The good news is that my latest book, *The Sword in the Stone, A 4,000-Year-Old Mystery*, which I wrote with John Matthews, is out in both the UK and the US! In the US you can find it here on Amazon: [The Sword in the Stone: A Four-thousand-year-old Mystery , Matthews, John, Malcor, Linda A. - Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07XJZJZJZ). I'm not sure what the Amazon link is for the UK. Here's a YouTube interview I did about the book: Here is the link to buy it from my press: <https://www.amberley-books.com/author-community-main-page/m/linda-malcor/the-sword-in-the-stone.html/> Also, here is an interview with me on YouTube: [\[226\] The Sword in the Stone | A 4000-Year-Old Mystery | Dr Linda Malcor traces the origin of the legend. - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=226TheSwordInTheStone).*

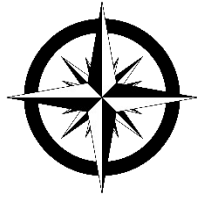
The bad news is that I landed in the hospital in August with one of my seizures and went Code Blue. They got me back, then had me wear a heart monitor to figure out why my pulse stopped. No diagnosis so far. So they stuck me in another hospital to see what kind of seizures I have. Four days and thousands of dollars later, they diagnosed me with what I told them I had when I walked in the door: Generalized Seizure Status Epilepticus, what they insisted I didn't have until they saw it on the video EEG on the third day. So they put me on the meds I was already on and are going to see me again in two months. (Did I mention that I hate our medical system?)

In other news, a friend in the UK is trying to help me publish my book (dissertation) on the Holy Grail: *The Chalice at the Cross: A Study of the Holy Grail Motif in Medieval Europe*. I'm still trying to make a commercial for my novel *Dragon Heart*. (There have been hopes of getting it made into a movie for Netflix or something like that since 2015. These things take forever.)

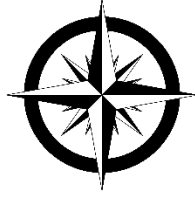
If you got a message from me asking for a recommendation, don't open it. I was hacked. I'm still trying to get that sorted. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Zhai'helleva,

Danya







E-Resources:

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/>

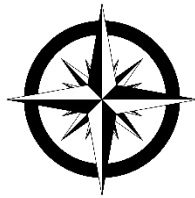
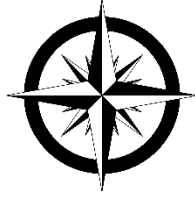
The Queen's Own (Valdemar Fan Club) Facebook group is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/queensownfanclub/>

Mercedes Lackey Discord Server (over 5k followers)
<https://discord.gg/bookclub>

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

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



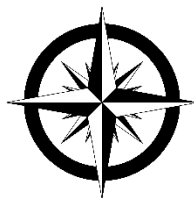
Chapters & Zines:

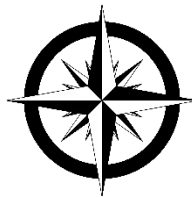
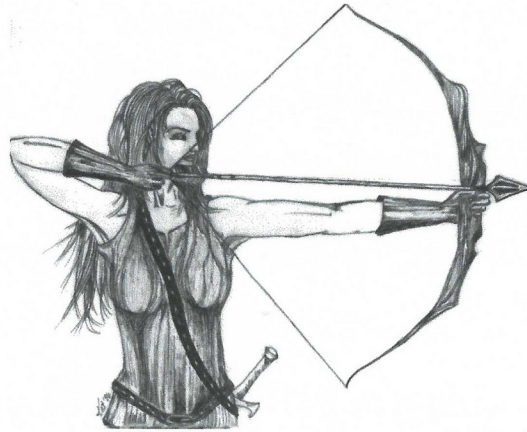
Fanfiction can now be published as long as you designate that you are doing so under a Creative Commons license. You may not make any money off your fiction, and you may NOT write a Valdemar novel.

- ***Children of Velgarth:*** FOR ADOPTION BY THE NEW CO-PRESIDENT. 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 online 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 now being published on a quarterly basis. For new subscriptions and to submit stories, poetry, personae requirements or other works-based Misty's stories please e-mail them to DV.hand@pm.me with Golden Grove in the subject line. I am more than happy to help with any editing or beta reading. 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.
- **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 you're at it!)
- **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. (The chapter has migrated to Facebook where it is a group of the same name: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2778672842379061>)





Personals:

- **Cookbook Project!** The collection of data is almost complete! Now we're down to trying to figure out if some of the ingredients are real or something that Misty made up. We're also trying to figure out the format (e.g., by course, by book, by time period). Watch for discussions on the Queen's Own Facebook list. Please send suggestions to Herald Mage Danya (shashtah@gmail.com).
- **Waystation abroad!** Traveling abroad and looking for a bunk to sleep on without having to fumigate your waystation first...? I have a small single guest room and a fold-out couch on offer as well as floor space,

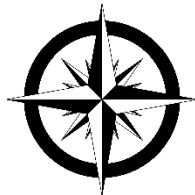
all available to wandering Bards, Heralds on Circuit or Hawkbrothers in search of an *ekele*. So, if you're in the neighborhood (Leeuwarden area, The Netherlands, ± 2 hours north of Amsterdam by train – less by car) just contact me. Hanna B. Email: hannabruin@gmail.com, Phone: +31(0)58 2665915 / +31 (0)6 25422809.

- **Ilen Million Graphics** Long-time Queen's Own member Ellen Million is writing shifter paranormal romance as Elva Birch! Check out her series The Royal Dragons of Alaska with the first book, [The Dragon Prince of Alaska](#). Reluctant royalty, relentless enemies...plus dogs, camping, romance, and magic in an alternate world where dragon shifters rule a collection of Small Kingdoms and a magical compact dictates succession! Ready for a buckle-your-belt binge-read? She also wrote Shifting Sands Resort under the name of Zoe Chant. Thrilling tropical adventure and hot romance wait at a mysterious island resort in this complete 10-book series with two bonus collections of short stories. Start with [Tropical Tiger Spy](#), or save money with the first [three-book box set](#). Don't miss a release! Sign up for her [newsletter](#) and get a free collection of flash fiction!
- **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 Visions** 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. 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.l2559 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 few 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 and Larry Dixon 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/qo.htm>. We also have a Facebook page and Group chat list.

This newsletter is published solely to inform and entertain the club's membership; no infringement of anyone's copyrights is intended.

Newsletters are published on (or near) the first of each season.

Thanks to Larry Dixon for the drawing of the Shield of Valdemar.

Thanks to Herald Alora for contributing the borders for this newsletter.

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The featured artist for this newsletter is Larry Dixon and cannot be used or downloaded without his permission. If you would like your art to be featured in the QO newsletter, send .jpgs to shashtah@gmail.com.

The newsletter will be available online after approximately one week at:
<http://www.dragonlordsnet.com/qonews.htm>