

NA MELE O NA HOKU  
(The Songs of the Stars)  
Newsletter of the Hawaii Filksinging Society  
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NA MELE O NA HOKU will become a part of the filk archives at the Popular Culture Library at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio! Yes, that's right -- our own, modest little zine from the islands will become a permanent part of that library's effort to establish a history and written record of filk music in the making. Students from Bowling Green University and other interested researchers will be able to browse through our back issues and get a notion of what has been happening on our side of the Big Pond, thanks to the efforts and concern of Sally Childs-Helton and Brenda McCallum. Aloha and Mahalo to you both!

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CONGRATULATIONS to Firebird's own Leslie Fish, whose songs "Desolation Valley" and "Heart Like an Axle" from the FIRESTORM tape have been playing on KDEO Radio, here in Honolulu. Leslie's co-singer Mike Pondsmith is also very pleased with the reception "Desolation Valley" has been having. Keep up the good work, folks!

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QUICKSILVER FANTASIES is helping to raise money for the Convention Committee of the ill-fated "MisCon IV." The con-com had worked long hard hours for a year to bring in guests of honor, hucksters, SF/Fantasy art, and all the other goodies that delight the fans. But the hotel host shut down the whole con at midnight, Friday! They had booked another convention on top of "Miscon," did not have enough room, and made several errors in the contracted arrangements. A song was written about the convention called "The Can't Miscon," and the sheet music is available from Q.F. for only \$1.00. 50% of all proceeds will go to help the con-com get back on its feet and plan for next year. Quicksilver's address can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Straight donations will be welcomed, too.

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Fans and concerned friends are helping to raise money for author Robert Adams, creator of the "Horsec clans" series. Bob is fighting a battle against lymphatic cancer, and the medical bills are placing a strain on him and his wife Pamela Crippen Adams. Donations, made payable to Robert or Pamela Adams, should be forwarded to Michael Banks, P. O. Box 312, Milford, OH 45150. Whatever you can afford to give will be greatly appreciated.

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Barry and Sally Childs-Helton of SPACE OPERA HOUSE (address to be found elsewhere in this newsletter) are working on a new tape entitled "Paradox," which should be released in time for OVFF this fall. Their first tape and songbook, both entitled "Escape from Mundania," were highly successful. You can get copies of the "Mundania" tape for \$9.00 plus \$1.00 shipping. The songbook is \$6.00 plus \$1.00 shipping. "Paradox" will probably sell for either \$9.00 or \$10.00 plus shipping. More word on that later. One song from "Escape from Mundania" entitled "Going Down the Cosmic Drain" has been played on the ever-popular Doctor Demento show in California.

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THE QUEEN'S OWN is a national fanclub dedicated to the writings of Mercedes Lackey. They have an informative monthly newsletter, and at present charge no dues (though they do welcome gifts of cash or stamps to help offset expenses). For information, send an S.A.S.E. to Judith Louvis and Sally Paduch, The Queen's Own, P. O. Box 43143, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043.

WHAT'S COMING from Misty? We all enjoyed reading BURNING WATER, Misty's first horror novel from TOR. The psychic detective Diana Tregarde will appear yet again in CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT, a prequel to BURNING WATER. Fast on this book's heels will be JINX HIGH, a 3rd Tregarde novel. From DAW Books, the 3 Vanyel books are winging their way to us. MAGIC'S PAWN has been released, and it's a must read! Can't wait for the rest of the series! It's also available from Firebird. MAGIC'S PROMISE and MAGIC'S PRICE are the 2nd and 3rd books in this trilogy. Misty is collaborating on an urban fantasy with Ellen Guon entitled KNIGHT OF GHOSTS AND SHADOWS. This is the premier book of a new series. It is set in L.A. and involves magic, elves, rock'n'roll, and the Southern Renaissance Faire site. We know you're going to like this one! Just released is the latest volume of Elfquest stories: THE BLOOD OF TEN CHIEFS, VOL. 3, WINDS OF CHANGE, and Misty has 2 stories in this book. "A Friend in Need" is the first story, and the other story, written with Richard Pini, is "The Phantom of the Berry Patch." More on her other projects later.

FILKZINES

HARPINGS

c/o Margaret Middleton  
34 Barbara Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204  
(501) 666-8466  
Currently available to Filk  
Foundation members. Write  
for more information.

LOOSE NOTES

c/o Susan Landerman  
3327 West Luke Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85017  
Write for details.

METAFILK (bi-monthly)

c/o Charles Asbjornsen  
2026 East 55th Street  
New York, NY 11234  
\$5.00/year dues

XENOFILKIA (bi-monthly)

c/o Lee Gold  
3965 Alla Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90066  
(213) 306-7456  
Write for info.

QUEEN'S OWN

Unofficial fan club for  
Mercedes Lackey fans. No dues.  
Newsletter. Send S.A.S.E to:

"Queen's Own," P. O. Box 43143, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

FANTASY GIFT CATALOGUES

THE ANDRE NORTON COLLECTION, Andre Norton, Ltd., P. O. Box 747, Winter Park, Florida 32789, (Beautiful fantasy jewelry and gift items, mostly based on Andre Norton's Witch World series -- a definite must!) Write for a free catalogue.

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ANCESTRAL JEWELS, P. O. Box 8305, Durango, CO 81301. A variety of antique-look jewelry, designs based on actual photographs and heirlooms. Write for free catalogue.

FILK FAX

c/o Truffan Enterprises  
P. O. Box 690694  
Tulsa, OK 74169-0694  
Marie Garrett, Editor  
\$18.00/year dues

THE FILKING TIMES

c/o Rick Weiss  
13261 Donegal Drive  
Garden Grove, CA 92644-2304  
\$5.00/year dues; also the new official  
newsletter of the ConChord Convention.

PHILLY PHILK PHLASH (quarterly)

c/o Carol Kabakjian  
17 Lewis Avenue, #3  
East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050-2614  
\$10.00/year dues

NEWS! Eric Gerds of DAG Publications has a new BBS, the DAG Electronic Bulletin Board System. You can find it at 213/546-1861 at 1200 BAUD, Tuesday thru Sunday, 24 hrs daily. Callers can post & receive messages on the several boards available, including general & e-mail, books & comics, media, games (FRP), filking, costuming, and the "Garbage Chute."

DANCING DRAGON DESIGNS, 1881 Fieldbrook Road, Arcata, CA 95521. A variety of jewelry and gift items, many of them based on the theme of dragons. If you're a dragon person, as I am, you'll love their products! Write for their free catalogue.

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MCNAMARA'S GREEN, P. O. Box 15822, Seattle, WA 98115-0822. Large, 30-page catalogue of a great variety of fantasy and celtic-influenced gift items, including jewelry. Many lovely items, most of them reasonably priced. Send \$2.00 for their catalogue.

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T. K. GRAPHICS, P. O. Box 1951, Baltimore, MD 21203. Large, outrageous selection of stickers, decals, bumper stickers, stationery, everything the serious SF/F fan could possibly want -- and then some! Their periodic flyers are free and something you don't want to miss!

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Subscribe to STAR\*LINE, the newsletter of Science Fiction and Fantasy poetry! The \$8.00 annual dues give you a subscription to the newsletter, a copy of "The Rhysling Anthology," which is an annual publication, and membership in the Science Fiction Poetry Association. Members also vote to award the annual Rhysling Award, for excellence in the poetry of the genre. Write to SFPA/Star\*Line, c/o Chuck & Susan Noe Rothman, 2012 Pyle Road, Schenectady, NY 12303. (Note: the newsletter contains a lot of interesting information about the SF poetry market in general.)

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#### UPCOMING FILK (AND OTHER) CONVENTIONS

CON-CHORD V, October 6-8, 1989, Quality Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, 5249 West Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, Rooms \$50.00 for the convention, call (213) 645-2200. Attending Membership rate \$20.00 until September 10, 1989, and supporting memberships \$8.00. Guests of Honor will be Bill Roper and Carol Poore. Write to: Con Chord V, c/o 1810 14th St., #102, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

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OHIO VALLEY FILK FEST V, October, 1989, write to P. O. Box 211101, Columbus, Ohio 43221. Annual Midwest Filkcon.

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THE WORLD FANTASY CONVENTION, last weekend in October, 1989; Seattle Sheraton Hotel & Towers. Guests of Honor: Ursula K. Le Guin, S. P. Somtow, Robert R. McCammon, Avram Davidson. Currently memberships are: \$70 attending, \$30 supporting, but they are due to go up in May or June. For info, write The World Fantasy Convention, Box 31815, Seattle, WA 98103.

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CREATION CONVENTION, January 20-21, 1990, Ilikai Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. Guests of Honor unknown at present. For more information, write to Creation, 145 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, New York 11501.

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CONSONANCE 1990, March 2-4, 1990, San Jose Airport Radisson Hotel (Rates: \$52 single/double; \$62 triple/quad). Guests of Honor Barry and Sally Childs-Helton, Toastmaster Chris Weber. Memberships \$20.00 through October 9, 1989; \$25.00 through February 2, 1990. Write to Wail Songs, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604, (415) 763-6415.

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WESTERCON 43, July 5-8, 1990, hotel to be advised. Guests of Honor Ursula K. LeGuin, Vonda N. McIntyre, Kate Wilhelm. Attending Memberships \$25.00 until July 4, 1989; later prices to be announced. Supporting Memberships \$15.00; Children 5 and under-Free; Children 6-12 accompanied by an adult-Half Price. Write: Westercon 43, P. O. Box 5794, Portland, OR 97228, (503) 283-0802.

ORDER FILK TAPE CATALOGUES FROM

FIREBIRD ARTS AND MUSIC INC., P. O. Box 453, El Cerrito, CA 94530, (large selection of studio and convention filk tapes, song books, maps, books, artwork, and other items.) Write for their catalogue. Firebird is now offering a special Club Discount on orders of \$250 or more. If your order totals this amount, then Firebird will give a 20% discount on all items produced by Firebird/OCI/OCP. This is an incentive for clubs and other groups to save money on bulk orders. Contact them for more information.

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QUICKSILVER FANTASIES, P. O. Box 1660, Post Falls, ID 83854. Large catalogue of filk and folk music, a variety of gift items for the SF/F fan. Definitely worth your while to get a free copy of this catalogue. Quite a bit of "period" folk music and Native American music.

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SPACE OPERA HOUSE, c/o Barry & Sally Childs-Helton, 541 Norwaldo Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Write for information on Barry & Sally's filk music, and watch for their new tape, due out this fall, called "Paradox."

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DAG PRODUCTIONS, 1810 14th St., #102, Santa Monica CA 90404, (specializes in convention filk tapes.)

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WAIL SONGS, P. O. Box 29888, Oakland, CA 94604, (large catalogue of convention and studio filk tapes from a variety of sources and lots of folk music.) Write for the catalogue.

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PEGASUS MUSIC, P. O. Box 150471, Arlington, TX 76015-6471, (retails large selection of filk tapes, and many hard to find folk records, tapes and song books). Pegasus also carries many items of interest to SCA members.

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THOR RECORDS, P. O. Box 40312, Downey, CA 90241, (deals in filk tapes and some "crossover" or mainstream material.) Write for a price list.

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NEXT HAWAIIAN FILK SONG MEET: Saturday, July 29, 12:00 Noon till Whenever, Thomas Square by Blaisdell Center. If you're traveling by bus, transfer to the #1 or #2 bus downtown and get out by Blaisdell Center. There is a McDonald's and a Burger King nearby if you want snacks or cold drinks. August meet tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 12:00N, same location.

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you work!

It's a filk-y business, but somebody's got to do it!

LESLIE FISH

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Biography



I was born to a dull, conventional family, raised in a dull, conventional suburban town, and went to dull, conventional schools in dull, conventional New Jersey, -- after which I swore I'd lead an adventurous, unconventional life or die trying!

Well, I succeeded! I've been an organizer for the anti-war movement, newspaper editor for the Industrial Workers of the World, Anarchist folksinger, street fighter, gun runner, Trekker, filker, fanzine illustrator, and science fiction writer. I've sure come a long way from New Jersey!

I'd been going to science fiction and Star Trek conventions for a couple years, singing my Trek and Kipling songs at parties, had even made a couple of privately-printed records with my pals from The Dehorn Crew -- the I. W. W. Union band -- when my first big break came. Teri Lee was organizing BayFilk #1, the first filk music convention, out on the west coast; she'd heard one of my Trek filksong records, and invited me to come be Guest of Honor at the convention. Well, the con was a howling success (literally!), and Teri asked me to stay for a couple more weeks and record my Kipling songs. After I did that, she asked me: "Why don't you move out here and record full time?" I said: "Give me time to go home and pack." So, a couple months later, I moved out to San Francisco Bay, and I've been here -- singin' and playin' -- ever since. I now have songs on dozens of tapes on the Firebird label, and the money just keeps on rolling in as fame spreads.

My second big break started at another science fiction convention, at a late-night filksing. One of the newcomers, a nice, terribly shy lady, was trying to sing a long spacer ballad in a soft little voice, and not many of the other fans bothered to listen. I bothered to listen, found it to be quite a good song, and suggested to the shy fan that she send a copy of it to Teri Lee. Well, she did. In fact, she sent several songs -- and a query about making a tape of songs set in her "Merchanter's Space" universe. Yep, that was C. J. Cherryh. She liked my

songs, too. Later I sent her a story manuscript; she sent back a critique and an invitation to write for her "Merovingen Nights" series. Of course, I said, "Yes!" The series is now up to book #6, with no end in sight. C. J. also invited me in on the "Sword of Knowledge" trilogy, and the first book, A DIRGE FOR SABIS, is on the stands right now. I'm currently working on two more stories, several more tapes, a movie script and a projected novel. Oh, yes, science fiction's been good to me!

Hee-hee! And my old acquaintances back in New Jersey don't know what to make of it!

Leslie Fish

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Leslie's short stories can currently be found in C. J. Cherryh's "Merovingen Nights" series.

Her first novel, A DIRGE FOR SABIS, has just been released by Baen Books.

The following tapes and records, science fiction and fantasy music, Rudyard Kipling set to music, and some general folk music, is available from Firebird Arts & Music, P. O. Box 453, El Cerrito, CA 94530, (415) 528-3172.

1. Solar Sailors, the record, originally recorded in 1977.
2. Solar Sailors, the tape.
3. Skybound, tape.
4. Chickasaw Mountain, tape.
5. Leslie Fish ... Live!, tape.
6. Firestorm, Songs of the Third World War, tape.
7. Cold Iron, tape (Kipling songs)
8. Cold Iron Songbook
9. The Undertaker's Horse, tape (Kipling songs)
10. It's Sister Jenny's Turn to Throw the Bomb, tape.
11. Carmen Miranda's Ghost, tape.
12. Tapeworm I (with Heather Alexander), tape.
13. Tapeworm II (with Frank Hayes), tape.
14. Tapeworm III (with Cecelia Eng), tape.