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The Mythopoeic Society



Annual Report for the Year 2013

President's Report

by Edith Crowe, 2013 Chair

Many things were accomplished in 2013, very little due to me. As Chair of the Council of Stewards, my job description is pretty much "herding cats." The cats do most of the work.

The overarching theme of the past year was adaptation to the digital and social media world. The ongoing digitization of our publications moves along, and was the subject of much discussion during Stewards' meetings.

Perhaps the most significant change is a major turnover in the Council of Stewards. Last summer, we had a change in our Webmaster and more recently we have appointed a new Editor of *Mythprint* and Membership/Discussion Groups Steward. We still have an opening we would like to fill soon for Communications Steward (formerly Corresponding Secretary). Most of us who are leaving have served a long time and feel it's important to have some younger Stewards—to maintain the Mythopoeic Society past the generation that founded it and to use their skills and contacts to attract new members. I hope you'll step up to the plate.



In 2013, the Editor and Editorial Board of MythPress:

- Solicited, evaluated, and worked on editing articles for its two forthcoming publications described below;
- Investigated and researched options for making previous Mythpress titles available in ebook formats;
- Updated, promoted, and sold the *Mythlore Plus Index* that was first published in 2012 and continues to be of special interest to international MythSoc members.

Forthcoming in 2014

Perilous and Fair: Women and the Works of J. R. R. Tolkien,

Edited by Janet Brennan Croft and Leslie A. Donovan

The place of women in Tolkien's world is a perennially troublesome topic. On the surface, Tolkien's major works seem to ignore women or place them on unattainable pedestals, and popular criticism of Tolkien often focuses on this issue. But a closer look can be quite revealing; the deeper one delves into the legendarium and other works, the more prevalent, complex, and powerful the female characters turn out to be. Additionally, male characters often exhibit and are valued for what might be seen as feminine characteristics, and characters who balance feminine and masculine traits are held up as ideals. This collection will bring together 7 classic essays on women in Tolkien's works and life as well as 6 new articles written specifically for this publication. It will be released in time for Mythcon in Norton, Mass., and will be available in both print and most ebook formats.

Projected publication date: July 2014

Baptism of Fire: The Birth of Modern British Fantasy in World War I

Edited by Janet Brennan Croft

In Great Britain, the post-World War I years saw a flowering of fantasy written by authors who had lived through its horrors. Tom Shippey observed in *Tolkien: Author of the Century* that the originators of what we would consider the "late twentieth-century fantastic mode" were in many cases "traumatized authors" who had survived combat and other experiences of the war. Janet Croft, in *War and the Works of J. R. R. Tolkien*, notes psychiatrist W. H. R. Rivers's observations that his Great War patients processed their experiences through both dreams and writing. This essay collection will examine the fantasy fiction, poetry, and potentially art of authors affected in one way or another by the Great War and its lasting legacy. It will be available in both print and most ebook formats.

Projected publication date: November 2014

Ebook Releases

We plan to release ebook versions of some previous MythPress titles early in 2015.

Stay Tuned

- As new MythPress projects are released, they will be announced on the MythSoc website at www.mythsoc.org.



Mythic Circle

by Gwennyth Hood

Mythic Circle #35 was printed in July 2013, but unfortunately it included an error encompassing a number of pages, so a corrected version was provided for pre-paid subscribers, and more corrected copies were produced in August, all at a total cost \$859.55. It is anticipated that the next issue, #36, will be ready for Mythcon in August, and the current issue is nearly full although the editor is reading for the next issue, #37, for 2015.

Gwennyth Hood would very much like to hear from any of the following: people willing to help with editorial work on future issues of *Mythic Circle*, artists willing to illustrate stories and poems, and ambitious writers in the Mythopoeic tradition wishing to submit manuscripts. E-mail Gwennyth Hood at hood@marshall.edu.

Report of the Treasury

by Lisa Deutsch Harrigan

“We have Money!” Even more than Last Year. Thank you for your continued support with memberships and donations.

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2013

Assets

Checking	\$ 14,954.91
Cash Maximizer	30,736.36
Certificate of Deposit	12,962.57
PayPal Money Market	4,844.03
Cash Boxes	151.34
Accounts Receivable	293.74
Checks to be deposited	0.00
MythPress Stock	7,027.68
Total Assets	\$ 70,970.63

Liabilities & Equity

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,028.32
Mythcon Next Year Reserves for Subscriptions	2,280.00

Mythlore	3,600.00
Mythprint	1,439.00
Mythic Circle	56.00

Special Funds

Lifetime Memberships	8,187.00
Endowment Fund	2,490.00
Mythopoeic Scholarship Fund	5,814.68
Unrestricted Funds	44,075.63

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 70,970.63

Income/Expenses for 2013

Income

Dues	\$ 3,935.00
Interest	17.83
Mythcon 44	4,575.00
Mythcon Auction	309.00
General Donations	1,986.00
Amazon Referral Income	83.32
Orders Dept.	2,645.00
Total General Income	\$ 13,746.80

Mythlore	\$ 7,338.44
Mythprint	1,297.40
Mythic Circle	233.80
Mythopoeic Press	1,387.26

Total Ordinary Income \$ 24,003.70

Expenses

Telephone	517.66
Storage Rent	3,024.00
Liability Insurance	863.00
Fees	25.00

General Expenses	294.18
Membership	379.41
Missing Persons	187.03
Publicity	50.00
MythSoc Awards	46.19
Internet Expenses	102.00
PayPal/Credit Card Fees	1,673.08
Treasurer	145.86
Orders Dept	1,367.50
Total General Expenses	\$ 8,688.65

Mythlore	\$ 5,202.18
Mythprint	745.41
Mythic Circle	891.55
Mythopoeic Press	1,173.95

Total Ordinary Expenses \$ 16,701.74

Net Ordinary Income \$ 7,301.96

Yeah, thank you for supporting us this year, even though Mythprint has been irregular. We are planning to use this extra cash to continue to bring you wonderful publications and a Great Mythcon in Massachusetts.

Below is our Budget for Next Year.

The Budget for 2014

Income

Dues	\$,3,500.00
Interest	25.00
Mythcon	0.00
Misc. Income	600.00
Orders Dept	2,000.00
Mythlore	7,700.00
Mythprint	1,000.00
Mythic Circle	300.00
Mythopoeic Press	2,075.00

Total Income \$ 17,200.00

Expenses

Telephone	\$ 600.00
General Expenses	467.00
Storage Rent	3,100.00
Insurance	900.00
Membership Secretary	600.00
Publicity	500.00
Mythcon Seed Money	500.00
Mythopoeic Awards	500.00
Annual Report	100.00
Corresponding Secretary	50.00

Discussion Group Sec	50.00
Mythcon Secretary	100.00
Recording Secretary	30.00
Board of Advisors	50.00
Internet Expenses	200.00
PayPal/Credit Card Fees	1,700.00
Treasurer	200.00
Orders Dept	1,500.00

Total General Expenses\$ 11,147.00

Mythlore	\$ 7,600.00
Mythprint	900.00
Mythic Circle	750.00
Mythopoeic Press	7,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 27,397.00

Total Loss (\$ 10,197.00)

As usual, there is a deficit. General Expenses are going up. Buy More Books from the Mythopoeic Press. And Don't forget your Mythlore, Mythic Circle and Membership Renewals.

And Come to Mythcon in Massachusetts. As you can see from 2013, the profit helps the MythSoc bottom line. We look forward to seeing our East Coast members, and all the usual suspects.

Donations Please!

We can always use help. And Starving Scholars and our Endowment fund are always looking for additions. We are now set up to take donations through Paypal. Just go to our website, where all is explained.

The Mythopoeic Society is a registered non-profit group under Section 501(c)(3), so donations (but not subscriptions or membership) are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, you can contact me through my PO Box 28427, San Jose, CA 95159 or e-mail treasurer@mythsoc.org.



Corresponding Secretary

By Edith L. Crowe

This will be my last report as such, for two reasons. First, I have decided not to seek election again. I've served in this position for fifteen years, and I think that's more than enough. Second, the position itself is disappearing—or more accurately, transforming—like Eärendil into a star. I still get queries sent directly to me, but nowhere near as many as in the past.

The Stewards have been discussing this since 2011, and it's clear that outreach is much more important to our future than passively answering questions. Therefore, this year we'll be electing a Communications Steward, and I won't be running. Social Media is not my native language, and the new position requires someone who's familiar with all its variations. Please take a look at the position description in the recently released *Mythprint* #369.

I thoroughly enjoyed my lengthy tenure as a member of the Council of Stewards. They're a bunch of really cool people, and working with them was a gift. Consider running—it's not as scary as you think. Besides, you'll be able to deduct your Mythcon costs as a volunteer for a nonprofit!

Membership Secretary

by Marion VanLoo

From May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014, the Society has gained 154 *new or rejoined members*, an increase over the 101 from 2012. Our increasing presence in the social media may have helped here. Any members who use social media are urged to encourage joining the Society to those with whom they communicate. This is especially true of those who participate in a Discussion Group. We have noticed that several of the groups seem to be made up on non-members. There ARE benefits! There was a nice piece in *Mythprint* #369 titled "Keep the Flame Alive." The Stewards hope that it may help current members to promote Society membership to those with whom they share information. It continues to be our practice also to include two small "handout" cards with new membership cards, to encourage Society members to pass along the information that may facilitate others' joining; please take every opportunity to do so!

The Society's membership directory, *Mything Persons*, appeared earlier this year, and we took advantage of electronic communications to send it as a PDF to all those who receive *Mythprint* electronically, and to any other members who request their copy this way. As the Society was in the early days with its new Webmaster, the release was delayed much longer than was anticipated. Members may usually expect the directory in the fall of each year, as the academic year begins. Please let me know if you wish all or any part of your contact information to remain out of the directory.

Members of the Society are always encouraged to make their suggestions, complaints, ideas and other contributions to the Council of Stewards. The Council always listens to these things and, indeed, counts on them for the best interests of the Society. Contact information for Stewards is given on p.1, on the Society web page, and in the latest issue of the *Mything Persons* directory. Members with questions specifically regarding membership issues should email the secretary at membership@mythsoc.org

In conclusion to my last report as your Membership & Discussion Groups Secretary, I'd like to thank the whole Society and especially those with whom I have served on the Council of Stewards since 1999, for their support and encouragement as I fulfilled my duties. The Society may be assured that I will work closely with my successor to insure that a smooth transition is made and that service to our members may be offered at as high a level as possible.

Society Statistics

Members: 378 (lifetime members: 38)

[outside U.S.: 67 Canada-15; UK-20 ; Australia-5; Denmark-3 ; France-4 ; Germany-2 ; Ghana-1; India-2 ; Japan-1 ; Mexico-1 ; New Zealand-3 ; Norway-2 ; Russia-2 ; Serbia-1; Sweden-2 ; Switzerland-1 ; Turkey-2]

Mythlore subscriptions: 257 (international subscribers: 38)

Institutional/Library subscriptions: 113 (any publication)

Mythic Circle #35: 21

Non-Member subscribers: 75 (any publication)

Mythprint

By Jason Fisher

I resigned the post at the end of 2013 and have given feedback on a draft job description, which, so far as I know, has now been disseminated publicly. I think we might have a volunteer.

There is still some question of what Mythprint should be, how it should evolve, what its content should mainly comprise -- and it's even been suggested it be discontinued entirely. I will make myself available to answer questions, broker industry contacts, and assist in the transition, but I have no plans to produce another issue, so Mythprint is likely to remain on hiatus until a new editor is drafted. It's been suggested that we send a mass email and postcard communication to members to alert them or remind them that Mythprint is on hiatus. I think that's a good idea and should probably be done as soon as possible. That might also present the opportunity of soliciting the membership for their ideas of what Mythprint should be.

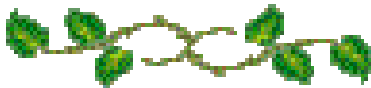
I will continue to participate in email and conference call discussions (and am happy to vote too), until my replacement has been conscripted. Likewise, the email address mythprint@mythsoc.org will continue to come to me until a new editor is ready to assume the burden of Mythprint correspondence.

Orders Department

by Lee Speth

Due to an unfortunate fan-event conflict, those of you attending this year's Mythcon (and I hope you are legion) won't see me at my usual perch behind Society books and magazines in the Dealers' Room. Please don't let that stop you from buying; the table will be staffed by other friendly faces. The Society has a plentiful backlog of publications, both fiction and non-fiction, that we are anxious to see making its affordable way into interested hands and scholarly collections.

And you don't have to be at Mythcon to buy ... just check the Website. In the next few months I'm going to be doing some rearranging of our storage space in southern California; it will all be easier if discerning purchasers are taking some off our hands.



Webmaster

By David Emerson

The transition from the previous webmaster was unfortunately not nearly as smooth as anticipated, and the learning curve much steeper. Consequently, the Society web page has not been as consistently maintained as in the recent past. But despite these obstacles, some progress is being made. I have been compiling instructions for the various routine tasks that the webmaster is expected to perform, with the aim of completing a comprehensive how-to document for future webmasters as well as for my own benefit.

In addition, plans are beginning to take shape to update the Society's web site to the latest version of its software. This may entail some retro-fitting of certain customizations that have been made over the years, so the amount of effort that this will take is as yet unknown.

Our goal remains the presentation of a useful and informative web site for the Mythopoeic Society, its members, and interested parties.

Summary of Council Meetings 2013

CALL TO ORDER – Saturdays at 2.15pm PST.

Janet Croft, Edith Crowe, Lisa Deutsch-Harrigan, Leslie Donovan, David Emerson, Jason Fisher, Geraldine Holmes, Gwenyth Hood, Randy Hoyt, Lynn Maudlin, David Oberhelman, Lee Speth, Marion Van Loo (Stewards who have served during the past year)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lisa emails Treasurer's Reports before each meeting. Lisa reported that the Annual Budget is not prorated and that the Society has money and can meet our financial obligations. The Society made a profit on Mythcon44. Lisa asked the Stewards to use Square instead of PayPal for local expenses. Answering a question from Lynn, David said he purchases the Aslan awards at reasonable prices from various online sources. The 2014 budget was approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Ellie submits quarterly reports on the Society's efforts on social media. Edith noted that the Society's followers on various social media have increased. Leslie will set up and administer a Facebook page for the Society. Ellie prepared a survey for the membership on social media to be given out at Mythcon 44 and will hold a discussion on the Society's social media outlets on 12. July.2013. Feedback from the survey and discussion will be used explore other social media avenues and to determine content to be shared in various social media outlets. Edith will be retiring as Corresponding Secretary and was thanked for her many years of service to the Society. The Stewards voted to retire the Corresponding Secretary position and to replace it with the Communications Coordinator position. There is a need to recruit a person who is skilled and at ease in using social media and who would use his/her skills for the Society's benefit. Lynn will post the job description on the Society's website and Janet will include an ad for the position in *Mythlore*.

MEMBERSHIP & DISCUSSION GROUPS – Marion received 4 responses to the letter sent to the Discussion Groups (DG). Since Randy retired as webmaster, not much has been added to the DG webpage. The Stewards agreed to list the email contact address for each DG on the website. Discussion followed on improving communications with the DGs and updating DG information on the website. Membership is up as are subscriptions to *Mythlore*. Marion emails her quarterly membership reports to the Stewards List. The Membership Directory is ready and has been mailed. We offer many thanks to Marion who will be stepping down as Membership Secretary in February. 2014, but will continue to contribute to the Society as Subscriptions and Claims Manager.

MYTHPRINT – Jason would like to have all the books by the finalists for the Society's fiction awards reviewed in one issue, but expressed concerns about having time to put out the issue before Mythcon. The Stewards discussed the future of the newsletter as Jason will be retiring as Editor. Jason said the next editor might wish to change the content and focus of the newsletter. Lynn stated that *Mythprint*, "is the record of what the Society is doing." The Stewards decided that a "stop gap" issue would published that would include the first progress report for Mythcon 45 and ads for the *Mythprint* Editor and Membership Secretary positions. David E. noted that *Mythprint* reminds members of the Society's existence. Lynn volunteered to write up ideas for a members' survey to be included in the newsletter. When the job listing is posted on the Society website, Ellie will publicize it via social media. Thank you to Jason for his incredible work as Editor of *Mythprint*.

MYTHLORE – Janet reported that issue 121/122 has been sent out, PayPal works promptly for sales and she has 4 articles accepted for the next issue. John Houghton has been invited to join the Editorial Board. Janet will contact all Editorial Board members to update their contact information and to determine their interest in continuing to serve on the board. Janet mentioned that a new order form is needed on the website to accommodate e-subscriptions. An e-*Index* will be sent free to all individual subscribers. The Issue Repository Committee (IRC) of Oklahoma University will use *Mythlore* as the first journal to be digitized by the library. The Society will add all except the last two issues to the repository. Each article will be an individual pdf. The repository is available and free world-wide. 999s will receive e-delivery of the journal.

MYTHOPOEIC PRESS – Janet is interested in offering the *Mythlore Index* as a free access publication on the website. The hard copy version of the Index ends with issue 102. Leslie remarked that completists might wish to own the hard copy of the Index. Lee will retain 5 copies of the *Index*, and the remaining issues will be sold or recycled. *The Baptism of Fire: The Birth of Modern British Fantasy in World War I and The Perilous and Fair: Women and the Works of J.R.R. Tolkien* are progressing and will be offered as electronic publications. Discussion continued regarding the consolidation of the Society's materials in two rather than its current three storage units.

MYTHIC CIRCLE - Gwenyth distributed *Mythic Circle* before Mythcon. The possibility of publishing it as an e-publication

was considered, but Gwentyth noted this would be problematic given the graphics and getting access to Adobe Illustrator software. Discussion on this topic will continue in future meetings.

CONFERENCES – Mythcon 44 – Michigan – 144 people attended the conference which was profitable, successful and well run. **Mythcon 45 – Massachusetts** – Ursula Vernon will be Guest of Honor. The Call for Papers has been sent out. Lynn and David E. will discuss placing news items and publicity for the conference on the website. Lynn will assist Mike Drout with Programming for the conference. **Mythcon 46 – Colorado** – Mem Morman is chairperson for the conference and is scouting sites for it in Colorado Springs. The Fall of Arthur is being considered as the theme for the conference.

MYTHOPOEIC AWARDS - David will ship out the Aslan awards to the 2013 winners after Ellie designs the nameplates. The committees are reading from the nominees list for Mythcon 45.

WEBSITE – Thanks to Lynn for updating the website while the Society searched for a new webmaster. David Emerson is the Society's new webmaster and is updating the website and documenting how to work on the website for future webmasters.

Lynn kindly agreed to serve as President of the Society for 2014 and Janet will serve as Vice-President. **NEXT MEETING** -The next meeting will occur in June. 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine Holmes

Contact Information for Subscription Problems

If you have a concern, a question, or wish to claim a missing issue of any of your Society publications, please email the Claims contact, Marion VanLoo, at Claims@mythsoc.org You can also contact her at **Box 71, Napoleon MI 49261-0071**. Marion will check the necessary records, contact the appropriate editors and/or the Orders Dept. and resolve the problem.



Mythlore

by Janet Brennan Croft

Mythlore published two issues in 2013: v.31.3/4 (#121/122) and v.32.1 (#123). As can be seen, we changed our issue numbering system; we now publish two single issues per year. In all, we published fourteen articles and eighteen reviews. Our acceptance rate for articles for 2013 was 47%. We were pleased to once again print the Scholar Guest of Honor speech and Alexei Kondratiev Student Paper Award winner in the fall issue.

With issue #123, we made two additional changes. Individuals may now receive *Mythlore* electronically, as a PDF, or subscribe to both paper and electronic versions at a discounted rate.

We also added John W. Houghton, Chaplain and Chair of the Religious Studies Department at The Hill School and long-time Mythopoeic Society member and Tolkien scholar, to our editorial advisory board.

Over the next year we hope to partner with a university Institutional Repository to make back issues older than one year available online to the public. We will also make the Index available as well.

One of the bottlenecks in the smooth running of *Mythlore* is a lack of referees to assist with reading and evaluating submissions. I would like to encourage anyone interested in refereeing articles to contact me at mythlore@mythsoc.org. It's an excellent service opportunity for academics.

Thanks again for all the help from the Mythlore board, the Stewards, and the members I've called on to referee articles! It's greatly appreciated.

Secretary for Mythopoeic Conferences

by Lynn Maudlin

2013 was a very busy year for me, both personally and as a member of the Council of Stewards. Early in the year I took over temporary management of the MythSoc website and, knowing nothing of running a website built on WordPress other than a small blog of my own, there was a steep learning curve, especially in that our site has some strange design elements which are unique to it. I bugged Randy Hoyt, our previous webmaster, a *lot*. At Mythcon 44's Members Meeting we put out the call for a new webmaster and David Emerson answered; since that time I've continued to do occasional updates to the website, mostly in regard to Mythcons.

Mythcon 44 was held July 12-15, 2013, in the Kellogg Conference Center of Michigan State University, in East Lansing, Michigan. The theme was Green and Growing: The Land And Its Inhabitants In Fantasy, nicely played out on the historic campus: Michigan State was the first land-grant in the U.S.A. and remains a leader in all things agricultural. We partook of its bounty at the Stewards' Reception Friday night by consuming ice cream from MSU's own dairy. Our Guests of Honor were Scholar GOH Douglas A. Anderson, winner of the 1990 Mythopoeic Award for Inklings Studies for *The Annotated Hobbit*, and Author GOH was Franny Billingsley, winner of the 2000 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature for *The Folk Keeper*; both were delightful. We also had the great pleasure of seeing Verlyn Flieger be completely amazed when she won the Mythopoeic Award for Inklings Studies for *Green Suns and Faërie: Essays on J.R.R. Tolkien* as she'd completely dismissed the possibility. We enjoyed The Saline Fiddlers, a group of fiddle- (cello and bass, too) playing high school students who were just terrific – what unexpected fun that was! We also enjoyed the usual Mythcon features: great papers and panels, a wonderful dealers' room, and all the usual Mythcon fun-and-games.

Marion VanLoo was chair and did a fabulous job; we had good attendance and made a profit, so that's a major win – folks often forget that one of Mythcon's purposes is to raise money for the Mythopoeic Society; half of those funds are rolled into the Glen GoodKnight Memorial Scholarship Fund (aka, "Starving Scholars") and awarded to scholars who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend future Mythcons.

We were even able to effectively utilize Twitter when several excited Mythies tweeted from the motorcoach, the Michigan Flyer, using its free WiFi: I saw the tweet go by (#mythcon) while sitting in the hospitality suite and tweeted back; we were able to have their registration packs available for them to pick up that evening, keeping the hospitality suite open just a tad longer to accommodate their late arrival.

Coming up this August 8-11, 2014, is **Mythcon 45** at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, with former Scholar GOH Michael D.C. Drout as chair (!! – this is a first!). The conference planning has been complicated by Mike's complex life as a professor, Tolkien scholar, husband and father, and my own radical changes: I moved for the first time in 34 years, selling my home in Altadena (Los Angeles environs) and relocating to Escondido (north San Diego county) – that pretty much consumed my summer and fall, 2013.

The first Progress Report for Mythcon 45 is available online <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon/mythcon-45/mythcon-45-pr1/> and we are encouraging people to book their room & board packages early as there are a limited number of rooms in the two air-conditioned dormitories! We have a third dormitory without A/C and hopefully, like our previous northeast Mythcon (Mythcon 39), we will enjoy pleasant weather. But, in case it's hot and humid, a room with A/C may be desired! We do offer Thursday night room-only, prior to Mythcon, but cannot provide Monday night post-Mythcon. Room and Board packages, including meals-only and Banquet only, must be bought by July 24th – easiest way is to purchase online through the website: <http://www.mythcon.org>

We are midway through the bid process for **Mythcon 46** and anticipate it being in Colorado at the end of July, 2015. We expect to sell memberships at Mythcon 45 and, as you know, that rate is always the best price and it's only good during that small window of opportunity, so come to Mythcon 45 and join Mythcon 46!

Since January I have also been serving as the President of the Council of Stewards, a rotating position which primarily means I make sure we've set meeting dates, send out the agenda, and run the Stewards meetings. Finally, once again, your part is to come, come to Mythcon! Think about potential locations and guests of honor, possible committees, all your brilliant ideas – then write me at mythcon@mythsoc.org

Check your subscriptions' expirations!
They're found on the mailing label or in the accompanying email.
If yours have lapsed, visit the Society's web site and renew today!
Don't miss the good stuff!

The 2013 Mythopoeic Awards Winners:

by David Oberhelman

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Adult Literature

Ursula Vernon, *Digger, Vols. 1-6* (Sofawolf Press)

Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children's Literature

Sarah Beth Durst, *Vessel* (Margaret K. McElderry Books)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Inklings Studies

Verlyn Flieger, *Green Suns and Faërie* (Kent State Press, 2012)

Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in Myth and Fantasy Studies

Nancy Marie Brown, *Song of the Vikings: Snorri and the Making of Norse Myths* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012)

The Mythopoeic Fantasy Award committees and the Scholarship Award committee are busy in their first-round reading as of the writing of this report. The finalists for the 2014 awards will be announced in early June, and the winners will be revealed at the banquet at Mythcon 45, 8-11 August 2014, at Wheaton College, Norton, MA.

It is never too early to start thinking of title for next year's awards, so if you have some books you would like to nominate, please contact me at awards@mythsoc.org. Just a reminder, the criteria for the awards, lists of finalists and winners, and acceptance remarks from authors can be found on our website: <http://www.mythsoc.org/awards>. If you would be interested in serving on one of our committees, we would welcome new members. We have two fiction committees: the Mythopoeic Fantasy Committee for Adult Literature and the Mythopoeic Fantasy Committee for Children's Literature. The Mythopoeic Scholarship Award Committee can read/vote on one or both of the scholarship lists (Inklings Studies and/or Myth and Fantasy Studies). The committees read the long lists during the spring and consider the finalist in the early summer. It is a rewarding experience and gives you an opportunity to read many works of mythopoeic literature as well as criticism on Tolkien, Lewis, Williams, and other authors.

MythSoc Social Media Report

by Eleanor Farrell, MythSoc Social Media Butterfly

There haven't been many changes to our social media accounts or efforts. The Mythopoeic Society Facebook group continues to add members, although there are only a few people who post. Here are the current figures:

Facebook

MythSoc group = 630 members (up from 172)

Mythcon: 222 likes (up from 191)

MythSoc: 885 likes (up from 620)

Mythic Circle: 36 likes (no posts since August 2012)

Mythlore: 291 likes (up from 222) (Janet maintains this with pretty regular posts)

Twitter

MythSoc: 693 followers (up from 430)

Official Mythcon: 129 followers

Pinterest

60 followers (up from 41)

Google+

Mythopoeic Society: 26 followers (up from 18 connections)

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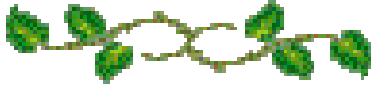
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Your Annual Report for the year 2013

*Annual Meeting:
Monday, August 11, 2014
at Mythcon 45*

As a non-profit organization incorporated in the state of California, we are required by law to vote every three years on the Council of Stewards (the Society's Board of Directors) to serve for three year terms which commence the first day of the following year, in this case 2015. Toward the end of the year, the present Council will be sending out a ballot of nominees for the various offices that make up the Council.

If you are interested in serving, please contact either the 2014 Chair of the Council, Lynn Maudlin, or the Recording Secretary, Gerry Holmes. There will be positions for which the incumbents will not be running again, and candidates are needed. **These include Communications Steward (formerly Corresponding Secretary), Membership & Discussion Groups Steward, and Mythprint Editor.** Details of these positions are in Mythprint #369, sent out in May 2014.

Email for Lynn Maudlin mythcon@mythsoc.org and
Gerry Holmes secretary@mythsoc.org

The positions on which we will be voting include Treasurer, Recording Steward, Editors of the three Society publications, Orders Department Manager, Communications Steward, Membership and Discussion Groups Steward, Steward for Mythopoeic Conferences, Webmaster, Awards Administrator, and Steward for The Mythopoeic Press.

A candidate can file for office by presenting to the Recording Steward, no later than August 11, 2014, a nominating petition signed by 5% of the Society's membership (currently 19 signatures). Petitions will be available on request from the Membership Steward, Marion VanLoo at membership@mythsoc.org or by writing her at Box 71, Napoleon MI 49261.
