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## In This Issue

The last issue of *Mythlore* was indeed the most special issue to date: *The Proceedings of the J.R.R. Tolkien Centenary Conference*. It was a major undertaking for all those involved, and much thanks is owed to them. For those who received the *Proceedings* as part of their *Mythlore* subscription: have you read through and digested all the many articles and features? This will be considered a milestone in Tolkien studies and scholarship for a very long time. To those who are new and renewing their subscription to *Mythlore* after a hiatus: see page 65 in this issue for details on how you can obtain a copy. The price is amazingly low when considering the wealth of material in it.

The were innumerable behind the scenes problems and snags which added to the considerable time it took to produce the *Proceedings*. Communication at times broke down, and it would take many pages to record the personal frustrations experienced to see it finished. After it was in the mail, I needed time to recuperate and reinvigorate myself. For those who have wondered why the long gap between the *Proceedings* and this issue, I apologize and ask for your understanding. Actually this issue would have been out months sooner except for computer difficulties, which have been remedied by upgrades.

Work on the next issue, number 82, is already begun, and many good things are on-line to be shared soon. But I am getting ahead of myself, since it is this issue you have before you. And what and issue this is! We have not one but two Guest of Honor Addresses: the first from Verlyn Flieger which she gave in 1994 in Washington, D.C., and the second by Michael Collings which he gave in 1995 in Berkeley, California. Actually the second has more material added from the spoken address, some of which deals with Lewis.

We also have a fine mix of other articles. Doris Meyers, a Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Inklings Studies winner (for *C.S. Lewis in Context*) shares her paper on Closed Universes of the mind.

We have two Australian writers in this issue: Cath Filmer-Davies, another Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Inklings Studies winner, with her paper on King Arthur, and Rhona Beare, who wrote and received a number of letters with J.R.R. Tolkien (see *The Letters of J.R.R. Tolkien* and *J.R.R. Tolkien's Letter to Rhona Beare*), who here gives us an interesting survey of time travel in writings through the ages.

We have two papers with a feminine focus. Mac Fenwick shares "Homeric Women in *The Lord of the Rings*, a significant aspect of Tolkien I have not seen treated before. Gail Sidonie Sobat gives us her paper on "The Heroine's Quest for Self in Ursula K LeGuin's *The Tombs of Atuan*"

Your letter is welcome — try email. (see P. 57) — G G