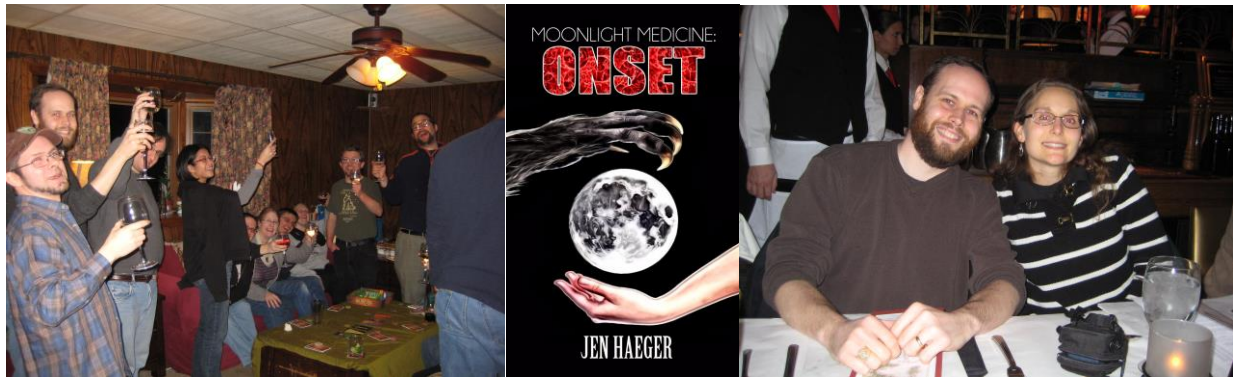


Our Christmas Story

2013

Jen and Scott

January: Our year started out on a high note with our friends Graham and Jenna visiting from New Zealand for the holidays, the publishing of my first novel, Moonlight Medicine: Onset, Scott starting his new job at New Eagle, and celebrating restaurant week in Ann Arbor with friends.



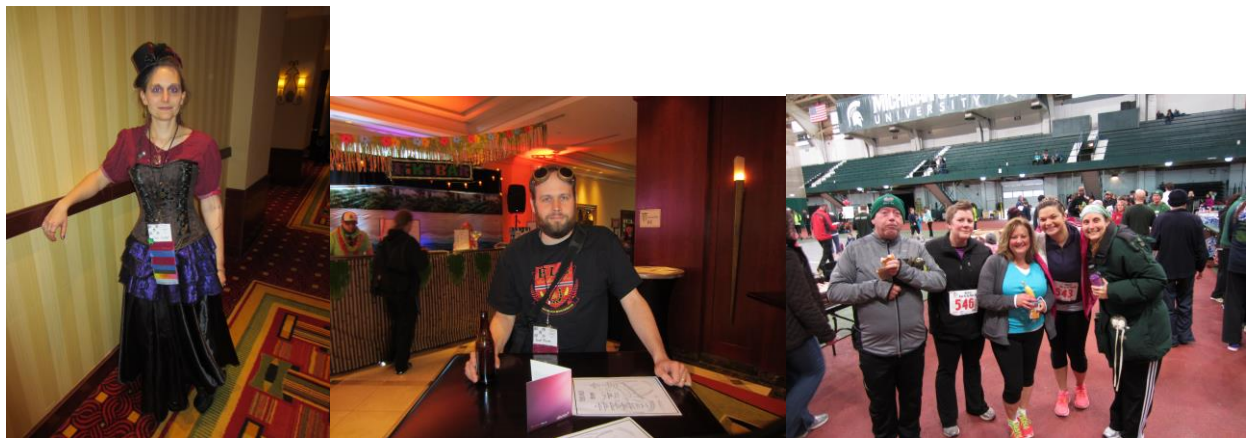
February: In February I did something I never thought I'd do and jumped into a frozen lake for charity.



March: Spring didn't necessarily bring with it a warm front, but it did bring another Kiwi visitor, our good friend Rob. His visit was slightly extended when we tested the durability of New Zealand passports by putting his through the wash. We were happy to have him for a bit longer although I'm not sure that Rob appreciated the cold, remarking at one point, "I'm never visiting Michigan in the winter again!" To which I had to reply, "Well, it's after the 21st, Rob, so technically it's spring."



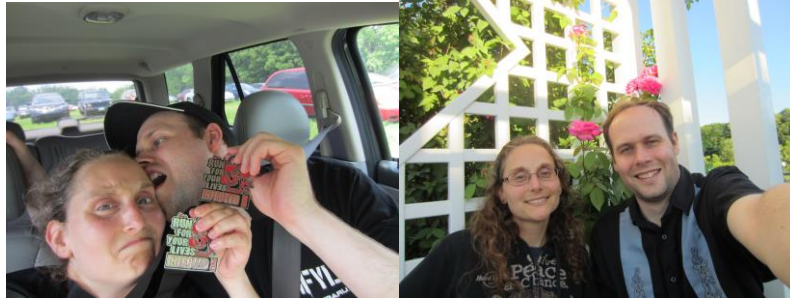
April: Next I ran a few chilly 5K's and Scott and I attended our first Con of the year, Penguicon, and had a truly fantastic time.



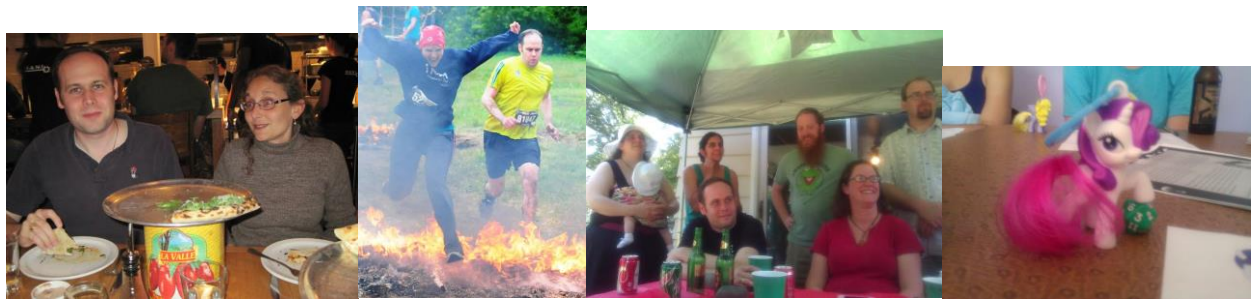
May: The highlight of May was my family's visit to Scott's family's sheep farm. We all had a great time not to mention great food!



June: At the beginning of the summer we had our house “cooling party” in Lansing, began packing, and participated in Run for Your Lives, a zombie infested obstacle course. We both “died” for the second year in a row.



July: July was a busy month with us moving from Lansing to Ann Arbor and Scott started working in an office for the first time in 2½ years. We moved just in time to celebrate our friend Jess’s successful PhD defense (she’s now a doctor, but not that kind of doctor). We also celebrated the 5th annual BS Con, ran in the Warrior Dash, and celebrated Mo’s first birthday with James and Carolyn.



August: August was a very busy month with our first Weird AI concert with our good friends the Emersons, our house warming party, the Duelist 16, and the big highlight, GenCon!



September: At the start of autumn we attended the Ren Faire with Kate, Kelly, Phil, and the Emersons. Then we went to Cedar Point to celebrate Scott's birthday with the B's and coincidentally ran into a few folks we recognized there (Scott's brother Dan and his wife Kate and our friend James surprised Scott in the park). We also attended another Con with a writing focus called Context in Ohio.



October: In October we ran in the Red October Run with Gabe, I was on a discussion panel at ConClave, we tailgated with Becky and BJ and James and Carolyn for the U of M vs. Indiana game, had our Halloween party, and had fun at the cider mill for Beatrix's first birthday.



November: November brought an Alton Brown show with Scott's family and the Parkinsons, the UM vs. MSU/Much Ado About Nothing party at the Parkinson's, my Dad's birthday and retirement dinner, a trip to Chicago to visit Bizz and Nate, and NaNoWriMo of course!



December: At the start of winter, we enjoyed Erin's exquisite performance at the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra's Christmas concert and spent a snowy day with friends at a Holiday party at the Polasek's. As we say goodbye to 2013, Scott and I hope to spend lots more time with friends and family this Holiday season and in the year to come. I'm excited to see what 2014 will have to offer.

