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# Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer

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## THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE!

I have always loved the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Imagine my delight when I found out that there was a "Harold the Baseball Player" balloon in the 1946 parade! He was 30-feet tall and 25-feet wide and had 18 handlers dressed in greyscale baseball uniforms. The baseball player made an appearance in the 1947 film, "Miracle on 34th Street." In the film the baseball player with the huge catcher's mitt on his hand comes into view, and little Susie tells Mr. Galley that although he's dressed as a baseball player now, he was previously a clown.

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1924, then called the Christmas parade, featured several elephants borrowed from a zoo. My Uncle Joe and Aunt Pearl were living in Boston that year. It would have been easy for them to hop on a train and be in New York City for the first parade.

With Zoom, I can speak at any book club or meeting anywhere in the country—actually anywhere in the world! So, if your group would like to read **Joe Harris, the Moon** and have me join you, I would love the opportunity to discuss the book with you. Let me know!

A GLIMPSE OF  
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**[Link to instructions  
for origami corner  
book mark!](#)**

On October 9th, I attended the Forbes Field Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research in Pittsburgh at the Heinz History Center.

The morning consisted of several talks by members:

The Life and Times of Arky Vaughn

Batting leadoff, center fielder, Art Rooney – The Chief's Baseball Playing Days 1915-1933

October 6, 1882: After Two Losses to the Miserable Baltimore Orioles,

The Reading Activities Wreak Their Vengeance

Greenberg Gardens Revisited

Those old baseball players were such quirky characters!

As the bonus for November's newsletter, I'm enclosing instructions to make an origami folded corner bookmark. If you fold one and decorate it, I'd love to see a photo of it. Tag me on Instagram @joyceamillerwriter

I live in the Church Hill section of Richmond, VA with my husband and my retired racing greyhound. Before I started writing, I worked for 30 years at a nuclear physics research laboratory.

Show up and shine!

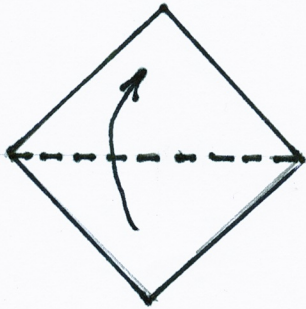


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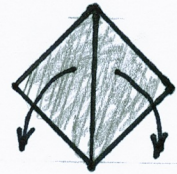
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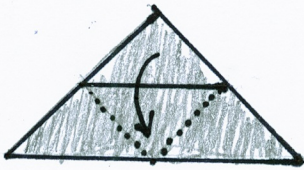
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IN HALF



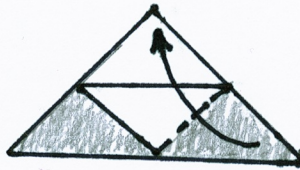
2. VALLEY FOLD THE  
BOTTOM LEFT &  
RIGHT CORNERS  
TO THE TOP POINT



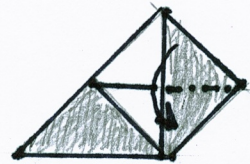
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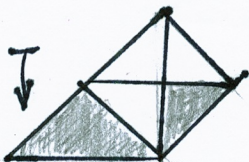
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THE TOP NEAR  
FLAP DOWN



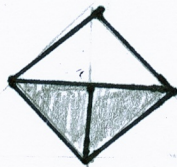
5. VALLEY FOLD  
THE RIGHT CORNER  
TO THE TOP AGAIN



6. MOUNTAIN FOLD  
THE FLAP INTO  
THE POCKET



7. REPEAT STEPS  
5 & 6 ON THE  
LEFT SIDE



8. COMPLETED  
BOOK MARK.

