

Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



FREDERICKSBURG NEIGHBORS!

I was a guest on the Fredericksburg Neighbors podcast in March, and Episode #134 with Dori Stewart as the host is now available for listening. The podcast highlights people, businesses and organizations that shape the Fredericksburg area of Virginia and I was invited to talk about my book. The main character of my book Mrs. Gari Melchers lived in Fredericksburg, so the podcast was a good fit. Corinne always celebrated the unique aspects of Fredericksburg living.

On April 18th, I enjoyed spending the day at the inaugural Brighton Green Book Festival in the Bon Air neighborhood of Richmond. It was an amazing time with so many people coming out to see the authors, poets and vendors. And the décor was so unique with folded books, craft paper origami and balloons filled with torn up book pages! During the event, a patron took the time to visit every table and speak with each author before making her decision on which book to purchase. When she came back and chose my book, it made my whole day! I shared a table with author Julie Harthill-Turner. Her first novel **A Date with the Fairy Drag Queen** draws from her experiences volunteering at an AIDS hospice in the early 1990s. The novel explores themes of chosen family, queer platonic love, and learning to live while letting go of the past. I highly recommend getting a copy of her book at her website; or ordering it wherever you get your books.

<https://julieharthillturner.com/books>

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**FXBG Neighbors
podcast!**

On Saturday May 9th, the initiating event for this year's **Cars and Coffee** at Belmont will kick off. Automobile enthusiasts are invited to a monthly meetup in the museum parking lot the second Saturday of each month May through October from 8am until 11am. The event is open to all makes, models and years. Coffee will be available for purchase. The visitor center will be open during the event and Cari Melchers' Home and Studio museum opens at 10am for tours with paid admission. See some cars and then go inside the museum to see Corinne's artwork! It's a great way to kick off Mother's Day weekend.

As a bonus for this month's newsletter, I'm going to include a link to the FXBG Neighbors Podcast, Episode #134 A Nuclear Lab Designer Retires and Becomes A Historical Novelist.

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2447245/episodes/18837492>

Or watch it on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/7H7cvDQxahQ?si=x8Fq6Zz3CfTyIEU8>

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