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Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



LET'S GET READY FOR FALL!

Let's get ready for fall! It's September. Can we get past the mid-90-degree, humid days and move on to cooler temperatures? I took a short vacation to the Eastern Shore of Virginia with my ten-year-old, twin grandsons. We swam in the pool, went to the beach, watched the Antares rocket launch from Wallop's Island, ate a lot of ice cream, helped with barn chores, and rode my friend's horse. They promised they will go with me every summer from now on because they had so much fun. We'll see if they still feel the same way when they are teenagers.

I've been invited to talk about **Joe Harris, the Moon** on a podcast called "Something (rather than nothing)." It is Episode 113 that you can listen to on the website, <https://somethingratherthannnothing.podbean.com> This podcast is a philosophical and psychological exploration into the act of creation (poets, musicians, writers, painters, thinkers, all of us). One of my new Instagram friends, Craig Kreindler, an artist who paints baseball portraits, introduced me to the owner of the podcast, Ken Volante. Ken is a big baseball fan in addition to being an artist himself. He's located in the Pacific Northwest.

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**Link to the podcast
"Something, Rather
than Nothing"**

For my work in progress, I sent copies of the second draft of my memoir out to several beta readers for comments and suggestions. When I get those back and revise yet again, I'll be looking for an editor. I met with my cover designer, Ollie, in Virginia Beach for our initial brainstormer. The title of the memoir will be, "Look, You're Dancing!" I commissioned and purchased a piece of artwork from Canadian artist, Lizzah Thomas, to use as cover art. It's a drawing of me dancing with my first greyhound, Kit. I sketched out my idea for the cover and quickly realized that the O's in Look fell over the top half of my body in a suggestive place. Ollie and I scribbled that out and moved the words to a different part of the page! I'm looking forward to seeing what he does with the first draft of the cover. As soon as he has something I will share it with you.

As the bonus for September's newsletter, I'm enclosing the YouTube link to the podcast so you can listen to it!

<https://youtu.be/Djj3EdNjX-U>

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