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Ugh, I don't know what to say.

You'd think a writer would be able to write a single-page newsletter once a month. (Most recommendations suggest sending a newsletter at least weekly.) But there's only so many ways to say, "I'm almost there."

Maybe I could tell you a story. But my stories take 80,000 words. And several years.

So, a short story about a story. I originally submitted flash fiction "Juniper" to CafeLit magazine in October, 2023, and they passed (read "rejected"). When I submitted the same story a second time in June, 2024, it was accepted. This year, it was chosen for the "Best Of" annual anthology. Glad I resubmitted. Coincidentally, that same summer of 2024, I submitted "Cold, Dark Night" for an Inkd Publishing anthology. The first time, it was passed up (read "rejected") for a spooky anthology. The second time I submitted, it was accepted for the explicit romance anthology. So I guess, try, try again.

Publication news:

- Check out SaskToday to read an article about me in the Moose Jaw Express.
- Check out Gill's blog for an interview with me.

You can find links to all my published stories on my webpage including a link to the above news story and blog interview. Most magazines are available to read free online, anthologies including my published stories are for sale by the publishers. Please share them with your reader friends.

Thanks again for being with me on this journey! Monica www.monicagh.com

