

## Help Construct a Labyrinth!

JOWONIO SCHOOL

September 11 & 12, 2010

Noon – 5:00 p.m.



*Unlike this design, Jowonio's labyrinth will have a grassed path and at least 500 daffodils planted along the borders.*

**How to Help:** Donations of labor (volunteer for an hour, an afternoon or two afternoons), 10 cubic yards of top soil, 5 cubic yards of mulch, 120 square feet of sod, a truck to deliver these items, refreshments for the volunteers, workgloves, park bench, or financial support (\$25 will pay for an additional 100 daffodil bulbs).

**Background:** The labyrinth project has been on Jowonio's pending list for some time. A labyrinth was part of the initial landscape design for this property and was identified in the Strategic Plan as one of the outdoor initiatives to be undertaken during plan period (200x-20011). As part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, funds were quietly raised to undertake this project in School Director, Ellen Barnes', name given that it has been part of her vision for the school for many years. The appeal was initially directed only to board and staff members. Once announced at the Anniversary event, contributions came in from other long-time supporters of Jowonio.



**Rationale for moving forward:** We were recently contacted by members of Women Transcending Boundaries about having Jowonio select a project that could be part of a large community service initiative they are organizing for September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The Acts of Kindness Weekend will bring together volunteers and groups across Central New York to undertake a wide range of projects. This seems to be an opportune moment to engage community volunteers and construct the labyrinth. Already, members of the Valley

Presbyterian Church have offered to help in the planning and building process. The Westcott Neighborhood Bulb Project has committed to donating at least 300 daffodil bulbs to help define the edges of the path.

**Proposed location and design process:** The proposed location is the hillside above the playground, one of the few open spaces available. Dan Reeder, who undertook the design and landscaping of the playground hillside, and was involved in the initial design stage of Trike Town, is being consulted on the design of this project. The current conceptualization is to have the edges of the pathways defined by berms of soil approximately 8" high and 12" wide. These would be planted with daffodils and later blooming perennials, the majority of which would be donated. Unlike the labyrinth shown above, the surface of our path will be grass. The path will be wide enough for a wheelchair and a lawnmower.

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