

# Quaker Labyrinth

By Be Davison Herrera



Corvallis Society of Friends 2008 Annual Retreat featured a Quaker version of the Listening Ear Labyrinth with gray, white and royal blue wool rolags from local (Benton County, Oregon) Wensleydale, Romney and more sheep--also natural flax from the Philippines. All fiber is hand braided to a length of 102 Feet, easily transported in a shopping bag. The walking directional leaves are from the large leaf maples just outside the community center door.

This labyrinth, and the request for it, resulted from a 4 week workshop series I did with the children of the Corvallis Quaker Meeting in February 2006. We tested out a walk on the labyrinth with masks of the other species of the planet which were made by the young walkers after choosing their favorite. One of my favorites was a porcupine which hung on the chest necklace style. Several requested that their parents be allowed to participate so we made extras so the parents could choose as well.

## About the author:

Be Davison Herrera is a member of the labyrinth guild at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Corvallis, Oregon. She is a labyrinth maker and a sculptor who uses words and concepts to form images. Be's design for the Listening Ear Labyrinth has been created in many different locations from a variety materials.