



## **Billy Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Billys is to foster community, intimacy, and personal exploration among gay, bi, and queer men through shared values and heart-centered brotherhood.*

## **Billy Values Statement**

We are a heart-centered community woven together by shared values and by our shared experience as gay, bi, and queer men. We strive to be present and mindful with ourselves and each other and to foster:

- compassion, generosity, honesty, and respect for ourselves and for others.
- responsibility for ourselves, to each other, and to our community, including those in need.
- personal expression and growth.
- fun, frolic, and fabulousness.
- celebration of our sexual and spiritual natures.
- an environment conducive to our physical, emotional, and sexual health, safety, and well-being.
- welcoming and active integration of new Billys as well as openness to friends and family who share our values.
- diversity that embraces differences including race and ethnicity, class, age, body type, HIV status, physical ability, education, and financial circumstances; we welcome gay-identified transmen.
- the building of bridges to other communities that support our mission and share our values.
- authenticity.
- reverence for nature.
- commitment to resolving conflict through active engagement.

We encourage ourselves to be present and mindful by advocating an environment free of drugs and alcohol at our gatherings.

We envision the creation of a world based on principles of nonviolence, sustainability, cooperation, service, and the building of deeper wisdom through shared perspective.

Heart Circle is our central ritual and consensus is our process; they embody our values.