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The Quiet Begins

We call you to gather for the final flourish of our farewell to Summer's flush of heat and shirtless days. Let us turn slowly, and put things down as we welcome the New Season. And with it, begin to LIFT THE VEIL to see what we have created in this cycle and again celebrate all who have come before us. In these magical days, when the veil is at its thinnest, we welcome our Ancestors – from our history, from our birth family, from the family we've made – to gather with us as we move forward in time, extending our Billy Magic to those who have yet to join us.

Let us Settle

A time now for us to open the door to the annual journey inwards. Will it be morose? spooky? still? Might it meander from sensual to electric and then back again? What will be revealed when your ancestors step out from BEHIND THE VEIL? Will you embrace them - or will you hide? Will you invite them to dance with you or disguise yourself to avoid them? Will you run to them, naked and singing old songs?

Listen to Your Breath, Step into the Flow

Will you dance to the music with eyes closed or tap your toe in time for all to see? Might you lounge in the hot tub or shiver in the cool cool waters that saved us all? Will your trickster leap out and cheat at cards or will your steadiness calm the fires? Will you drag out a dress or slink away to gaze at the stars? Is your hidden diva ready to display her talents in the Talent/No-Talent Show? Will you show us your heart at the morning HeartCircle or, one night, come for our Ritual dressed as your own Ancestor (Betty Friedan? Peter Berlin? Ima Sumac?)? ** Such choice, such adventure. Buckle up as your inner Mr. Toad takes you on surprise outings, your veils billowing behind you. ***

Discover

It's time once again to let the spirits of Saratoga Springs Valley lift you up to touch the Goddess. Erica Love and David G invite you to discover the answers to these questions, and more, as we gather for this Autumnal Celebration by Lifting the Veil!

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* Veils of 100% pure polyester will do better in Autumn weather

** Sorry, mascara not included.

*** Ducati not permitted.

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October 24 - 28, 2018 at Saratoga Springs Retreat Center

Scholarship Deadline: 5pm Wednesday, October 3 at the Billy Office

Final Registration Deadline: Midnight, Monday, October 15, 2018

Name:	Faerie name/AKA:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

The information above will be included in the printed directory distributed at the gathering. Check the box next to any information you DO NOT wish to be included in the directory. Want to have your picture included as well? Please email a picture to office@thebillys.org

How do you identify your race and/or ethnicity?

If you identify as a person of color, do you have interest in an event during the gathering reserved for POC?

Emergency contact:	Auto License#	Housing request:
I NEED a ride from:		Food allergy/restrictions:
I can OFFER a ride from:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I can help transport items TO the gathering	<input type="checkbox"/> I can help transport items FROM the gathering	I want to offer a workshop:

OVERNIGHT (\$100-\$135 sliding scale)	OR	DAY USE ONLY (\$65-75 sliding scale)	Registration Fee (Multiply the number of days or nights by what you can pay on our scale)	
	Weds 10/24			
	Thurs 10/25		Richard Locke Scholarship Donation	
	Fri 10/26		Billy Emergency Support Fund Donation	
	Sat 10/27		General Fund Donation	
We are departing Sunday 4/28 by 2pm			(Your donations are tax deductible)	
Mark the days OR nights you plan to attend. What time are you planning to arrive?			SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST amount	
			<i>Please read the back page!</i>	
			TOTAL	

Pre-registration is required! Full payment is due by 10/15/18. No free drop-ins. Gathering starts at 2pm, Wednesday, October 24.

To provide a truly inclusive and healing environment, the Billy Foundation asks all participants to commit to supporting the safety of each other including supporting diversity, being substance free, following the policy on photos, and to bringing fragrance-free personal care products. Please read the statements on the back page to better understand what these important commitments mean. Failure to follow these agreements will result in consequences up to and including being removed from the Billy event and possible exclusion from future Billy events.

Signature

Date

Please sign your check and mail it with this completed form to : The Billy Foundation, PO Box 12205, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-2205

Phone: 707-545-1044

Email: office@thebillys.org

Register and donate online: www.thebillys.org

Liability Release: I am a responsible adult and will try not to harm myself, anyone else, or any property during the gathering. I understand there are no guarantees given or expressed to assure my safety, or the safety of my property at the gathering by the Billy Foundation, and I have read the policies on the back page. Parking is at my own risk. Falling trees and other acts of nature are unlikely but possible. Be aware that neither the Billy Foundation nor the facility we rent will take responsibility for damage to your vehicle. By signing below, I therefore release the Billy Foundation from all liabilities caused by my, others or the Billy Foundation's actions and/or inactions during the gathering.

Safety Policy: Our shared values include speaking respectfully, avoiding language that others may experience as hurtful, racially charged, insensitive, or offensive. As Billys and Billy Kin, we strive to be kind and respectful towards each other. This includes people of different races, ethnicities, ages and health statuses, trans men, and those of varying life experiences. We listen, learn, and are open to adjusting our behavior when our words or actions cause someone else discomfort or harm. The Billys encourage safe and consensual sexual activity.

- I will be kind and respectful of the range of folks attending, including all races, ethnicities, genders, identities and expressions, pronouns, ages, abilities, and sexual orientations.
- I support physical intimacy that is mutually agreed upon and safe, be it sexual or otherwise. Participation in any activity must be by consent only. There should never be a situation in which I or others feel pressured to engage or continue beyond comfort levels
- It is my responsibility to communicate my boundaries clearly. When initiating or receiving contact, I will also respect the personal boundaries of others.
- If I feel pressured in any activity, I am encouraged to talk to an Emotional Support Volunteer, a Gathering Co-Coordinator or a Billy I trust

Housing: All indoor housing is shared, with priority for those with special health needs. Please indicate in your housing request if you are requesting indoor housing, wish to share a room with someone special, use a CPAP, or have other concerns. Feel free to attach additional pages if the little tiny box does not meet your needs.

Photo and Video Policy: The full Billy Foundation Photography policy is available on the Billy website at <http://www.thebillys.org/documents/policies/PhotographyPolicy.pdf>

Please do not take or share photos or videos without the express permission of everyone in the image.

Your Tax-Deductible Donations: *The Richard Locke Scholarship Fund* is used to help reduce financial barriers that make it difficult for some to attend our gatherings. *The Billy Emergency Support Fund* supports all Billys and HIV+ non-Billys in northern CA counties, and pays for emergency needs like rent, utilities, etc. *The General Fund* supports all the activities of the Billy Foundation.

Scholarship Policy: Scholarships awarded from the Richard Locke Scholarship Fund are solely based on need as expressed by the applicant, and are not granted after the scholarship deadline. We strongly encourage you to pay a minimum of \$15 per day. Your scholarship request will be honored if we have the funds. In the event scholarship requests for a gathering are greater than available funds, a reduced scholarship may be offered

Late Registration Policy: Any registration received after the regular registration deadline is considered late registration. Late registration is available at an increased minimum rate (\$110/night or \$65/day).

Refund Policy: Refunds must be requested within two weeks of the close of the gathering. Registration fees, minus a \$10 handling fee and any incurred costs, will be refunded. After two weeks, the registration fees will be considered a donation. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board President and the Resource Coordinator.

Billy Food and Drug Policy: Those needing supplemental food for their special dietary needs should bring it with them. We will make every effort to provide space for storage and preparation. Billy Gatherings are alcohol/recreational drug free. Please continue to take your prescription medication if you need it to remain stable throughout the gathering.

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.