"I belong to NABT because I like to be part of an organization that represents my subject at the national level. I particularly enjoy the annual conference which is about right in size and a stimulating blend of fellow biology teachers and professional researchers at the forefront of the life sciences; it helps me greatly to validate, reflect on, and continually assess my teaching (very necessary after 34 years in the classroom)."
8:00am – 12:00pm
NABT Board Meeting
Pryor Crockett

9:00am – 5:00pm
BSCS & NABT AP® Biology Leadership Academy Workshop
Cotton Bowl • Invitation Only • Special Program

C3 Workshop
Gaston A&B • Invitation Only • Special Program

12:00pm – 4:00pm
Field Trip:
Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden
$ Pick Up In Lobby • $45
This field trip will feature a guided tour, lunch, and time to roam about the venue. Transportation to and from the Hyatt Regency Dallas will be provided. The 66-acre Dallas Arboretum is one of the world’s premier gardens, and certainly one of the most colorful. As one of the city’s top attractions, the Arboretum garners strong praise for its beautiful vistas, 15 colorful display gardens, and groves of pecan trees, magnolias, crape myrtles, cherry trees and azaleas.

1:00pm – 3:00pm
Special Workshop:
Teaching Nature of Science through Historical Case Studies
McMillian • Instructional Strategies/Technologies • HS 2C 4C • $35 • Limit: 25
Experience a sample class that develops nature of science skills through a guided inquiry-styled case study. We will encounter a young Charles Keeling as he begins the study of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and then follow him in developing what ultimately becomes the Keeling Curve. A resource CD with over a dozen case studies is included.
Douglas Allchin
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

1:00pm – 4:00pm
Special Workshop:
Informatics: Teach Your Content through Classroom Conferences that Creatively Cement Concepts through Concrete Models and Cyberdata
Cumberland C • Instructional Strategies/Technologies • HS 2C • $50
Start – or end – with beads and/or wire. Give your students the opportunity to develop and share their expertise through classroom conferences as they “ADOPT-A” DNA sequence and/or protein structure. Your students will show YOU – as they show each other – what THEY now know from their internet research that brings the professional world right into your classroom! Start with these low-cost/readily available/recycled materials and then convince your administration of the value of investing in kits available from others. Bring your laptops/tablets.
Toby Horn, Julie P. Edmonds and Marlena L. Jones, Carnegie Academy for Science Education, Washington, DC

1:30pm – 4:30pm
NABT Town Hall Meeting
Pryor Crockett
Attend the first Town Hall opening an NABT conference! Interact with volunteer leaders and fellow members in a new format that includes a “state of the association”, committee reports, introductions to new initiatives, and brainstorming break-outs. Provide your input on plans for achieving NABT’s strategic goals.

4:00pm – 5:30pm
NABT Meet & Greet
Monduel’s
Kick back and catch up in style for the 2012 NABT Conference. You know we know you’re going to head to this watering hole. Why not meet a few friends and make some new ones while you’re at it?

6:00pm – 8:00pm
HHMI Night at the Movies
With Sean Carroll
Landmark Ballroom A
You are invited to Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s 2nd annual Night at the Movies with Sean Carroll, featuring the screening of new short films from HHMI, followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Carroll and special guests. Those who joined us for last year’s event in Anaheim know that this is not to be missed, so join us at this red-carpet event.