

# Show me Love Kansas City NABWM

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NABWMT 2025 Convention Registration version SINGLE \$225.00 Double \$400. Pay with Credit Card, PayPal, Zelle or Check.

## **A Call for Workshop Presenters**

For the 2025 convention in Kansas City, Missouri, there is at least one, maybe two, possible workshop openings. If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the 25 convention, please notify Doug or Preston asap. All workshop slot dates and times are still being finalized for the convention but a 50-minute workshop slot or two might be available unless I find a group or individual here in KC to fill these slots. I'll need to know your intentions asap so I can complete the workshop schedule. I'll do my best to periodically update and notify those who inquire about the status of these slots as to whether they have been filled or not. At this point, I cannot guarantee a workshop slot but that's not to say it's not available so please make the inquiry anyway.

Please remember to adhere to the 2025 Convention Theme.

Thank you for your interest and inquiries. Your 2025



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#### A Call for Silent Auction Items

Gentlemen, start your collection of Silent Auction items! Yes, I'm asking you way too early for this but I'm doing it for a reason. I'm asking the membership to start collecting items for the silent auction and also putting a lot of thought to what you will bring.

I really would like to display a lot of items that will be interesting and intriguing to the members to purchase. However, silent auction space will be limited as the room will share space with convention registration as well. This is a fundraiser for the NA, and it has waned over the years. I'd like to increase the level of participation and selling by increasing the value and substance of the items we bring to sell at the silent auction.

To begin this process, I'd like the membership to carefully consider the items they choose to bring to the silent auction. Think outside the box and maybe include Items like gift cards and/or hotel and airline points that can be easily transferred to individuals. Also look for items that are easily transportable on a plane.

Find a box and start your collection of items to sell and being very mindful of what you are bringing to sell. If you want, you can ship your box to the hotel, but NO sooner than June 24, 2025, a week before the convention. Or, if you choose to, you can ship them directly to me any time before the convention and I'll bring them to the hotel. My address is below. Thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraising event for the NA!!!

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#### Other Notable KC Places

#### National WW1 Museum



#### **Union Station**



# Truman Library and Museum



### The Kansas City Barbecue Scene

Greetings again from KCMO!

For the September/October newsletter, I'm sure most of you would like to know about the famous, fabulous, and ever so slightly "fattening" BBQ served right here in KC. I'll give you my totally biased opinion of the best places to dive in and gorge yourself on too many calories, but hey, you're on vacation. I would recommend that with each BBQ restaurant I suggest below, you Google each one for location, hours, and reviews.

So, let us now begin with the calorie count – just kidding! One of my personal favorite and a top-rated BBQ joint is Q39! Not too far from the hotel, you'll love this place! Q39 has world class BBQ, and the price range is not too bad either. Another top-rated BBQ restaurant is Joe's KC Bar-B-Que. This place always has a line, so go on off hours.

Next on my list is **Gates BBQ**. Gates BBQ has a long and storied tradition in KC and there are several locations but the closest is on Linwood and Main St. But, be warned, they greet you loudly as you walk in!

Another old favorite of mine is **Bryant's BBQ**, which also has a long history in KC, has only one location and was recently sold to a group of White guys, but they have pledged to keep the original recipes of the original owner - and they have! If you like an upscale dining setting and equally fabulous BBQ, then head to **Jack Jack Stack BBQ** located in the Freight House District near Union Station. Yet another personal favorite BBQ joint of mine is **Danny Edwards BLVD BBQ**. This off-beat but none-theless excellent place has great Burnt End Sandwiches and other specialties; but on a note of caution, they play FOX news on the TV screen. Not to worry, just sit facing the other direction or better yet, if it's a nice day, eat outside on the patio and watch the trains go by on very active train tracks.

Also, while at **Danny Edward's**, you must rub the nose of the **pink pig** located at the front of the restaurant, supposedly for good luck!. Not too far from the hotel and located in Westport is **Char Bar!** This is a great place to relax either inside or outside as they have much to offer with outside activities on a very large patio. We had an outing here about 5 years ago when KC hosted the NA BOD meeting, and no one left hungry! Now for a couple of BBQ places I would recommend but have yet to visit are as follows.





















LC's Bar B-Q is located on Blue Parkway about 5 miles from the hotel. This is one of those "hole-in-the-wall" places but is always crowded so that tells me it is worth it. Then the newest addition to the KC BBQ scene is Chef J BBQ. This new BBQ joint opened to great reviews and is located in the West Bottoms and is only open Thursday – Sunday. So, this raps up my selection of BBQ places I would highly recommend you try next summer when you visit KC to get a taste of our brand of BBQ flavors. Leave your calorie counter sheet at home and indulge yourself for the week!

There are several other restaurants I would like to mention and recommend that are **NOT BBQ** and are just a one or two block walk from the hotel. **Ragazza** and **Cafe Trio** are both very Gay friendly and in fact one is owned by three gays friends, hence the name, Café Trio! Café Trio is south of the hotel and is a top-rated restaurant and is somewhat upscale and very festive at times.

The other is the Italian restaurant **Ragazza** Food and Wine which is very gay supportive and located two blocks north of the hotel. Ragazza was also one of the many sponsors for the 2019 Gay Softball World Series hosted here in KC. Ragazza is also somewhat upscale with great Italian food!

One last restaurant I would like to mention is **Winstead's Steakburgers**. This diner is located about two blocks south of the hotel and is open 24 hours! Winstead's is a KC tradition and has been at this location for many decades, and for good reason; people love their food - day or night! I'll be happy to answer your questions about these restaurants and more should you have any questions when you arrive here in KC next summer. Again, please Google the restaurants for more information.

In the meantime, Bon Appetite!!!









