



# CONRAD TOURS

April



## Meet Our Computer Wiz: Kristin Knight

**Are you originally from Tennessee? Is so where?** No, I'm from the military. I was raised in the Army and then was in the Air Force. I ended up here after 25 years in Boise, Idaho as my heart belongs in the East. My college roommate (recently deceased) and her husband retired to Fairfield Glade with my husband and me in 2017.

**Do you live in Crossville or the Glade?** We live in Fairfield Glade.

**What did you do in your previous life?** I have a degree in Computer Science from Lafayette College, got commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> LT in the USAF system graduation and spent the next 3 years as an officer. Moved to California and worked as a system administrator for Link Training Flight Simulators at George AFB, then moved to Boise in 1992 and spent 20 years at Hewlett Packard working on LaserJet Firmware. Held a couple other Software Engineering jobs after that as well as working in the front office of my church and at a real estate office. Now, I do freelance software development and contract work.

**How did you become involved with Conrad Tours?** I made the mistake of emailing John when I saw one of the links on his website was incorrect and offered to assist him with his website. Somehow I agreed to write the Conrad Tours Reservation System and the rest is history!



**How long have you been involved with Conrad Tours?** I started writing software in early 2021. I am in the process of revamping the software which should be done by Spring 2025.

**Why did you get involved?** Because I like helping people and I was instantly aligned with John and his vision.

**What has been your favorite destination?** I really enjoyed the Playhouse Tour. Learning the history of the playhouse, being taken backstage, seeing the volunteers hard at work was wonderful.



## GET INVOLVED EXPO



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Recently Conrad Tours was at the Fairfield Glade Get Involved Expo to spread the word about the tours and membership in Conrad Tours.



# UPDATES FROM CONRAD TOURS

Just a reminder.....

To pay you membership dues, make a quick payment with a credit card or your PayPal account by going to the payment tab on the Conrad Tours homepage

Or, if you prefer, simply send a check made payable to CONRAD FACILITY TOURS to our treasurer at:

Conrad Facility Tours  
c/o Mike Durnwald  
45 Cedar Ridge Circle  
Crossville, TN 38558

## Membership

It has been over a year since we started charging a \$10 membership fee. We were concerned that when memberships expired people would not renew. Fortunately that has not been a problem. We are maintaining our membership at a little below 500 tourists. We think that the ideal number of members should be between 500 and 600 members.

Below 500 and we may spiral down out of existence. More than 600 members means that it can be difficult to get on the attendance list of the more popular tours.

We have formed a Publicity Committee to spread the word about Conrad Facility Tours, especially in Crossville and Lake Tansi where we are not as well known as in Fairfield Glade.

## New Destinations

In order to keep our members entertained we work hard at locating new destinations to visit.

Last year, 2024, we visited 14 new places, including popular ones such as Bristow Road Winery, Galena Garlic, the G.O.A.T. store, Jackson Kayak and the Common Grounds Coffee Shop.

This year we have added three more: the Cumberland County Rescue Squad, Bee Creek Farm and Crossville Hydraulics. They were all well received and we have already repeated the Rescue Squad tour.

We currently have three more on the schedule: Building a OneX Aircraft, Cumberland County Health Department and the Cumberland Woodturners.



# UPCOMING TOURS

**Palace Theatre**  
Thursday, May 8th  
at 2:00 pm

**Good Times Liquor Store**  
Tuesday, May 13th  
at 2:00 pm

**Erin's Meadow Herb Farm**  
Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30 am

**Cumberland Co Judicial Courts**  
Wednesday, May 14th  
at 2:00 pm

**Bristow Road Winery**  
Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 4:00 pm

**Deep Draw Yak Ranch**  
Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00 am

**Mikki's Frame Shop & F.A.C.S. Gift Shop**  
Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 10:00 am

**Galena Garlic**  
Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 11:00 am

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