



CONRAD TOURS

April



Meet Our Host: Cheryl LaSalle

Are you originally from Tennessee? Is so where? My husband Bill and I are originally from OH but came to TN after spending 25 years in northern NY on the Canadian border. Even though we loved it there, we knew we didn't want to spend the rest of our lives with long cold winters and high taxes. So I went to the library and looked up "places to retire" - actually in a book! That was 'pre-computer' for us. TN seemed to fit all of our wishes and, after looking at several spots, we knew Crossville was the place for us.

Do you live in Crossville or the Glade? We have lived in Fairfield Glade for 24 years.

What did you do in your previous life? I was a 4th grade teacher for 5 years and then was privileged to be a stay-at-home mom till doing some fund part-time jobs when our younger son went off to college.

How did you become involved with Conrad Tours? I think I recall talking with John Conrad in Walmart after a Film Society movie and he asked if I'd be interested in joining the team as a host. We met later to discuss the process and, even though I was a little intimidated by the techy part of it, I decided to give it a try. I think that was 2 years ago.

Why did you get involved? I just thought it would be fun and it hasn't disappointed.

What is your favorite destination and why? There are no favorite tours for me. Of course some have more to look at and actually tour but I think the best part of each is the story the guides tell about their respective places - so interesting.

UPDATES FROM CONRAD TOURS

Just a reminder.....

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Crossville, TN 38558

Tour News

We continue to add new destinations to our roster of tours as we discover them. We have added four new ones in June and July this year.

Mike K. gave an entertaining and passionate talk at Express Lunch, the small restaurant at the end of Main Street. Isaac Zuercher and his team gave a very thorough overview of the home-buying process when customers purchase a Zurich home. Our tourists got see the inside of new design center as well a home under construction.

Deer Run Equine Ranch is a fascinating new destination. Owner Teri Hamann gave a very detailed explanation of the mission of this new ranch which provides trauma therapy, to people of all ages, using horses to provide a calming environment to troubled clients. We spent time with a couple of horses getting up close and personal and doing a little grooming.

Finally, we have added a local hidden gem to our roster.....Musicians Pick is a family run business that focusses on all aspects of stringed instruments: buying, selling and servicing them. The founder of the business and family patriarch, Garland Wilson, passed away late last year and the musical family have decided to continue the business which has meant Jacob and Jonathan had to scramble to fill their grandfather's very large shoes with the help of their mother Rebecca. Stop by the store anytime and see their huge collection of guitars or wait until the next tour and get the full story.

Do you know which tours are the most popular?

If you measure the popularity of our tours by the number of time we repeat a visit then the hands down winner is the Deep Draw Yak Ranch with 47 visits. The Playhouse is second with 35 visits and third is the Fairfield Glade Wastewater Treatment plant with 27 visits. Catching up are Moss Meals (22), Art Circle Library (21), the Palace Theater (20 and TCAT College(20).



UPCOMING TOURS

Zurich Homes
Monday, August 11th
at 10:00 am

**Crossville Water
Authority: Meadow Park**
Tuesday, August 12th
at 9:00 am

**Fairfield Glade Fire
Department**
Thursday, August 14th
at 9:00 am

Dogwood Exchange
Monday, August 18th
at 10:00 am

Cumberland Woodturners
Tuesday, August 19th
at 10:00 am

**Cumberland County Health
Department**
Wednesday, August 20th
at 2:30 pm

Deep Draw Ranch
Thursday, August 28th
at 10:00 am

Sunrise Dairy and Farm
Thursday, Sept 4th
at 12:00 pm

Interested in a Tour and it is full?

Be sure to add your name to the waitlist for several reasons:

- 1 People do cancel so there is the chance you will get to go**
- 2 Conrad Tours can determine from the waitlist the interest in the tour and if there are a lot signed up - then we know to add another outing for this destination!**

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