



National Balloon Museum

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

First Name: Katherine Last Name: Wadsworth-Delano

Nationality: USA

Date and place of Birth: (Year/Month/Day): 06-June -1951

Year and place of Death (Year/Month/Day): _____

Short Biography (250 words):

Established a World Records in AX-1 & AX-2 small sized category hot air balloons in 1978 in a balloon Kathy & Brian Boland built in their studio. In 1982 performed series of flights in remote areas of Venezuela, including over Angels Falls & off the highest peaks of the Venezuelan Andes, which were the first hot air balloon flights in Venezuela. In 1995 one of the two US pilots took part in goodwill tour of commemorative flights in the United States, France and Poland celebrating the life of Tadeusz Kosciusko, an important figure during the American Revolutionary War. 1989 continued with adventure flights in Venezuela which became feature files "Above The Lost World"

Solo 27-April-1974

28-July-1978 – Ballooning AX-1 & AX2 Altitude, Duration, Distance,

1975-1982 Boland Balloons, Repairman

1985-1990 Stumpf Balloons, Repairman

1990-1994 Beaver Brook Hot Air Balloon Services, Repairman

1995-2002 Berkshire Balloons, Repairman

KAT Balloons 1985 – 2008 (34 years) – commercial balloon flights, flight instruction, repair Station Repairman (27 years)

Built 35 balloon including 1 hot air airship.

1978 Commercial Pilot

1987 BBAC Hot Air Airship License

Repairmen Experimental Aircraft Builder

Designated Pilot Examiner

1988 Cofounded Connecticut Lighter Than Air Society

Cameron Balloons Sales Representative

Lindstrand Balloons Sales Representative

2022 – established a new permanent exhibit “New England Woman in Aviation” at the New England Air Museum. The exhibit focus is on inspirational New England Woman who have made significant contributions to the history and industry of aviation.

Author

Above the Lost World: The Chronicle of Four Daring Balloon Flights in the Venezuelan Skies – January 1, 1987 Authored by Jorge Delano, Katherine E. Wadsworth, Frank Muhly Jr.

Over the Good Green Earth, Into the Air & Past Time – a book about the Northeast Pioneer Aeronauts May 2013.

Achievements, honors and awards:

Awards:

1998 FAA Safety Counselor of the Year New England Region

2018- Yost Master Pilot Award

2021 Board of Director for New England Air Museum.

Submitted 04-26-2022 by Mick Murphy