George Harvey was born November 11, 1911 in DuBois Pennsylvania. He did his first fishing for Brook Trout at age 6 in the freestone streams in the central part of Pennsylvania. He used a fly and was taught by his father and Uncle.

He started tying flies at age 10, because as he puts it, "I couldn't afford to buy any." He was largely self taught.

Active in athletics as a young man, he won several awards. It also pointed the way for a vocation. He graduated from Penn State University in 1935 where he had been heavily involved in cross country and track teams serving as captain of both. From 1935-42 he was a PE instructor and coach at Alto Forestry School. From 1943 to 1973 he was Associate Professor at Penn State and was involved with the PE program at University Park Campus, for many years as head of the men's program.

In 1934, he taught some fly tying classes. He's been at it ever since. To list all the times and places he's taught classes would take pages. Suffice to say that he accepted every opportunity available, and the 35,000 is not an inflated figure. He's actually taught that many people. The exponential potential for the good of the sport of fly fishing is staggering. In 1947 he taught the first accredited angling course at a university level in the United States.

He's been active at FFF International Conclaves, often as not working with the youth. He still supports FFF, TU and the Harrisburg Fly Fishers.

In Fly Fisherman magazine, Lefty Kreh referred to George as "one of the best fly anglers in the country". Charlie Brooks once called George "The best trout fly fisherman in the United States." In one of his better seasons, George caught 27 trout of more than 20 inches with the largest at 28 1/2 inches. All these trout came from Pennsylvania streams.

Besides teaching George tied commercially for many years. His speed was phenomenal.

George is the author of a fly tying manual produced by the Metz neck people.