The 1992 Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award winner was Stan Walters of Eugene, Oregon. Born August 15, 1926 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he was raise and lived there until he entered the Navy in '42 to fight in W.W. II. After returning from the war, he entered college in Boston at the New England Conservatory of Music where he majored in piano. It was there that he met his wife Freda. After college they moved to Spokane where they lived briefly before moving to Eugene in 1956. In Eugene, Stan gave private music lessons. He also did a limited amount of performing is his early days in Eugene. His occupation shifted over to the Register Guard newspaper where he worked in advertising until he retired in 1991.

Fly fishing entered Stan's life at an early age when his oldest brother, Walter, taught him the basic rudiments. They fished the limestone streams of northern Pennsylvania for trout.

He started tying flies in his early teens just because he wanted to. Like most fly tyers of that era he was self taught. A couple of old, old books did help he says. Except for his war years and college, he has been tying flies ever since.

Stan was one of eight people who organized the McKenzie River Fly Fishers. He was the chairman of the first FFF Conclave in 1965 in Eugene. So that also makes him a charter member of FFF.

In the fly tying world, he is known for his work with hollow hair, extended hair bodies and low water steelhead flies. His bass bugs are a thing of beauty. Stan says it was never his goal to tie for show but to tie flies that would catch fish. One of his favorite flies is the Walters Yellow which he originated. Another pattern that he reluctantly admits to originating is the Walters Turkey Nymph. Like most fly tyers he has produced variations on many standard patterns.

Teaching all aspects of fly tying and fishing is a forte that he has become famous for. Some people have called him the George Harvey of the west. Stan has taught at the Lane Community College since 1963 and still teaches today. At the college, he is known as the Dean of Instructors. His mild manner and patience make him one of the best instructors around.

Being retired gives Sten the opportunity to fish a lot. And he doesn't care where it is. He likes streams, rivers, lakes and any piece of water that might look like it holds fish. He also dosen't care whether he is in a drift boat, wading or whatever as long as he is fishing.

Favorite dry flies include the Adams, Humpy, and Orange Caddis, while favorite nymphs are the Gold Ribbed Hares Ear and the pheasant Tail nymph. His favorite streamers are led by Walters Yellow and the Rainbow streamer. Everyone should pay attention to this list because Stan knows what he is talking about.

Stan & Freda have a son and a daughter. Their son lives in Whitefish, Montana while the daughter lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Stan Walters exemplifies what a Buz Buszek winner is. An excellent tyer; a person who throughly enjoys fly fishing and sharing knowledge with others and a gentleman.