



For a number of years, Warner was kind enough to help announce winners of the Blade Magazine Knife Of The Year Awards at the BLADE Show banquet. Here he presents fellow Blade Magazine Cutlery Hall-Of-Famer Sal Glessner with one of the awards at a past show banquet.

Hall Of Fame and counts the society's prestigious Don Hastings Award among his many honors.

As for the Knives annual series, it is still going strong under the capable hands of BLADE managing editor, Joe Kertzman. Fowler said Warner was the right man for the successful development and promotion of what has become a virtually indispensable part of the knife industry, a book which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2011.

"Thanks to his knowledge, editorial ability, choice of writers and relevant topics, Ken started a legacy to the knife community that continues to this day," Fowler noted. "Ken knew the difference between a hunter and an art knife, as well as the pretenders, and described each knife eloquently. Many of his one-sentence comments were worth hundreds of words. He inspired many makers through his comments on design, steels, handle materials, leatherwork and scrimshaw. Reading back through my collection of his books, I find many of his comments that I once glanced over were far from simple but offered great understanding and predictions of the future and well being of our community."

Warner, it turns out, is something of a renaissance man as well. Fowler related sharing a huge bowl of crab legs following the BLADE Show a few years back. "We debated the styles of Steinbeck and Hemingway, as well as other great authors, what makes poetry great, and the responsibilities of authors," Fowler recalled. "I learned that everything we write is an echo of our total experience. The more we read and the greater our personal experience, then the better

we will be able to express our thoughts. There is no question in my mind that Ken Warner has been, is and continues to be one of the great, if not the finest, of icons of the community of knives."

Perhaps the greatest test of a true "living legend" is that he has contributed to his lifelong interest, building something where little or nothing existed before, and assuring that his influence will last long after he and his contemporaries are gone. In the case of Ken Warner and the knife industry, there is no better definition.

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