Kristina J. Hutchins Memorial Award for the Study of Women’s Literature

Kristina J. Hutchins was born in 1945 and grew up in Paonia, Colorado, a small agricultural and coal mining town one mile in elevation. She was highly intelligent with a good sense of humor. She attended the University of Denver and Riverside Community College. As a homemaker for many years, she encouraged her children in the literary arts.

Ms. Hutchins was an interested and engaging listener. She maintained a voracious appetite for womens’ poetry and literature, with a particular interest in the mystery genre. During her lifetime, she had an extensive book collection and enjoyed reading and re-reading her favorite works. She was an artist with a commitment to growth and an interest in getting comfortable with the uncomfortable. Ms. Hutchins lived with purpose, humor, strength, and courage. In true form, her favorite reading chair faced a wall of paintings and sculptures of women.

This scholarship was established to advance the study and scholarship of women’s literature, assist students in need, and encourage more love in this world.