

## **2011 Quilt Show Featured Quilters**

### **Three generations of the Clayton family Wilda Clayton, Rena Hastings, and Anna Hastings**

Wilda was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed hand appliqué work. It was through her talent that gave Rena the aspiration to begin sewing and quilting. Rena started sewing at a young age and by the time she was a teenager, she was sewing her entire wardrobe. Rena also had a wonderful Grandmother who taught her to knit and crochet. Rena found that she enjoyed most crafts. With three teenage girls in their home, scrapbooking became another enjoyed hobby.

Rena started quilting with her first 'Tied' quilt at age 14, and finished her first 'Hand Quilted' quilt when she was 15. By age 18, she had the opportunity to begin teaching quilting classes. Rena also worked with her mother, Wilda, professionally for about 6 years as a hand quilter. Together they hand quilted about 30 quilts for others. Rena has enjoyed quilting for many years and finished several hundred quilts with about 100 in progress.

Rena and her husband moved to Banks in 2004. In October 2004 she was able to fulfill her lifelong dream of having her own shop, now known as the 'Stitch n' Snip' in Garden Valley. It is with the help of Rena's talented staff that they can offer classes, block of the month, and retreats to their customers. It is with the continued support their great customers that Rena is able to keep her dream alive.