Cynthia has been beading for 30 years and enjoys making moccasins, vests, yokes, ribbon skirts, leggings, and all types of jewelry. Cynthia loves working with obsidian, porcupine quills, furs, and home-tanned hides. Cynthia has designed and sewn many regalia for herself and various family members for Potlatches, Pow Wows, and gatherings.

Her traditional name is Huyan Dene and translated into English means "smart person". Cynthia is a member of the Crow Clan of the Northern Tutchone People of Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. She is a mother of three daughters and a grandmother of a young grandson.