

Lava Gallery

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From the shimmering depths of molten glass, husband-and-wife team Jeffrey and Heather Thompson create imaginative glass art sculptures sure to tickle your fancy. The Thompsons, owners and operators of Lava Gallery in Bend, began blowing glass together in 2000. In 2001, Jeff built their hot-shop and furnace, which is able to hold 350 pounds of glass at a liquid temperature. Over the past several years, Jeff and Heather have mastered the intricate choreography involved in balancing what the glass wants to do and what they want the glass to do. Heather was raised in Florida, where she cultivated an affinity for the ocean, and has studied art her entire life, which led her to become a gifted seamstress and weaver with a cultured eye for design. Jeff grew up in Bend and graduated from Bend Senior High School with both academic and art honors. He went on to study glass working while pursuing undergraduate studies at the University of Oregon. He has since studied the field intensively and has learned everything from Old World Italian techniques to cutting-edge, vacuum-encased sculpture. Heather's work ranges from the whimsical to the classic, while Jeff's work is strongly influenced by his native Pacific Northwest environment. Lava Gallery provides both residential and commercial work as well as custom architectural pieces. Find out more about this stunning art form and see the Thompsons' newest creations at Lava Gallery.

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