Spotlight: Featured Artists at the Ohio Governor’s Residence is a program created by Ohio’s First Lady Karen W. Kasich that celebrates Ohio artists by showcasing a sampling of their artworks in the Residence foyer. The program enhances the ongoing partnership between the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden and the Ohio Arts Council (OAC). Since 1985 the OAC has assisted in placing artwork by Ohio artists and from Ohio cultural institutions in the Governor’s Residence and throughout the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts. The “Spotlight” program offers quarterly exhibitions at the Governor’s Residence highlighted by opening receptions. Spotlight Artists are selected by First Lady Kasich with assistance from the OAC. All Ohio artists are eligible to submit their work for consideration. To be eligible for the program the artist cannot be a student enrolled in a degree-granting program and must be a resident of the State of Ohio. For details contact OAC Individual Artist Program Director Ken Emerick ken.emerick@oac.ohio.gov

About the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden: The Jacobean Revival style home was originally built for the family of industrialist Malcom Jeffrey in 1925, and has served as the official Ohio Governor’s Residence for nearly 60 years. Examples of Ohio art, industry, and craftsmanship are showcased throughout the house while outside, the surrounding Heritage Garden reflects the state’s diverse native botanicals and landscapes. Free tours of the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden can be scheduled by calling 614-644-7644 or online at residence@governor.ohio.gov

About the Ohio Arts Council: The Ohio Arts Council is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally, and economically. For more information visit: oac.ohio.gov

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MATTHEW J. PASKIET

Pink Spiderweb Vessel
2015, Glass Blown, 14.5” X 11” X 4.5”

June – September 2017
**Amber Reactive Spiderweb Sculpture**  
2017, Glass Blown, 18.5” x 6” x 3”

Matthew Paskiet is a native of Toledo, “The Glass City.” He began his study of glassblowing at The Toledo Museum of Art in 1993. He continued his studies at Pilchuck Glass School in Stanwood, Washington and Fundació Centre del Vidre in Barcelona from 1998 to 2001. During that time, Paskiet refined his skills by assisting glass sculptor Dale Chihuly’s Boathouse Studio team and multiple other esteemed glass artists. He returned to Toledo in 2002 and opened Firenation Glass Studio and Gallery. Paskiet currently resides in Holland, Ohio, with his wife and two children.

**Purple Reactive Spiderweb Sculpture**  
2017, Glass Blown  
17.75” x 6.25” x 3”

**Amethyst Living Bowl**  
2017, Glass Blown  
6” x 10” x 10”

**Topaz Living Bowl**  
2017, Glass Blown  
6” x 8.5” x 8.5”