Bob Gleason began building musical instruments while he was still in college. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1972. Bob then moved to Tennessee to embark on a guitar building apprenticeship. After leaving Tennessee he operated his own businesses in Texas and Washington State before relocating to Naahelu in 1983. Bob and his wife currently own and operate Pegasus Custom Guitars and Ukuleles in Kurtistown Hawaii.

Bob’s commitment to artistry in his field has led him to publish articles in Fine Woodworking and Guitarmaker, and he is a frequent contributor to the Ukulele Guild of Hawaii publications. His essays have also been included in several book compilations. In the past Bob has served as the president of the Big Island Woodworkers’ Guild, and is currently the President of the Big Island Ukulele Guild. He is a long-time member of the Guild of American Luthiers and also belongs to the National Association of String Instrument Artisans, the Ukulele Guild of Hawaii, and the Big Island Ukulele Guild. Bob’s work has been exhibited throughout Hawaii and nationally.