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Elizabeth Roskam is an award winning artist who studied at the [University of Michigan \(Go Blue!\)](#) where she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree.

She has done extensive work in interior design, graphic design and pen and ink drawings. Her interior design work was featured in *The Washington Post*. She has continued to pursue her creative passion almost exclusively in oil painting.

Elizabeth lives outside Chicago with her husband [Congressman Peter Roskam](#) and their four children. Elizabeth is a member of the Portrait Society of America and the DuPage Art League.

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Elizabeth Roskam's paintings on display in

Glen Ellyn

Posted by Kerry Lester on Tue, 05/07/2013 - 11:39

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Whip Peter Roskam, of Wheaton, is showing her art collection beginning this weekend and continuing through the rest of the month at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. The collection will include a portion of her "Capitol Dome" collection as well as paintings of things she's seen all over the world.

Roskam's [website](#) shows some of her newest paintings and some of the media attention she's gotten from them. If you've ever visited Rep. Roskam in Washington, he has several of her paintings in his both his Cannon House office and his space inside the Capitol. He even gives out stationary with her "Off to the Dome" painting on the front to visiting Illinoisans.

We were charmed to see, in perusing her website, the painting "My true love" that seved as her 21st wedding present to him. Take a look.

THE HILL



By Judy Kurtz - 04/25/13 10:28 AM ET

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ROLL CALL



Roskam Surprises McCarthy With Birthday Portrait

By [Daniel Newhauser](#) Posted at 7:11 p.m. on Feb. 4

Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy of California is supposed to know what all his members are up to, but he got a birthday surprise on Monday night.

No, it wasn't a successful whip count or even a member refusing to vote for a leadership-endorsed bill. It was a painting.

Chief Deputy Whip Peter Roskam, R-Ill., surprised the California Republican, who turned 48 on Jan. 26, with a oil-on-canvas portrait of McCarthy and his wife Judy, hand-painted by Roskam's wife, Elizabeth.

"He doesn't know a thing about it and he's a tough guy to catch flat footed because he usually knows everything that's going on in the conference," Roskam said. "Kevin McCarthy is always the guy who's watching out for other members, so this is an opportunity for him to get recognized."

Roskam's wife has been painting a lot lately, he said, even doing a series of Capitol Domes, one of which they used as a Christmas card over the holidays. They got good

feedback, and then came up with the idea of painting McCarthy.

But although Roskam is delivering the gift, he downplayed his involvement, giving all the credit to his wife, who he said is good friends with the whip and his wife.

"I did absolutely nothing expect say, 'That's a great idea! I'll carry it to Washington when it's all ready,'" he said.

McCarthy was surprised and thrilled, said his spokeswoman, Erica Elliott.

"Mr. Roskam also gave him a cake and Kevin said, 'This is great because Judy didn't get me a cake,'" Elliott said, referencing McCarthy's wife.

Then Roskam led the whip team in the "Boehner Birthday Song." Lyrics: "This is your birthday song. It doesn't last too long. Hey!"

This is not the first time a member of the leadership team was surprised with a painting. Speaker John A. Boehner of Ohio was given a painting of his desk by Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Bud Shuster of Pennsylvania at a surprise meeting last month.

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Art therapy: Elizabeth Roskam working with Lisle autistic school

Posted by Kerry Lester on Wed, 08/01/2012 - 13:22



Those who have spent time around House GOP Chief Deputy Whip Peter Roskam can't help but notice his wife Elizabeth's artistic flair.

The Wheaton mother of four - a University of Michigan Art School graduate - has completed several portraits, including one of the family taking part in a suburban parade, which hangs in Peter Roskam's Cannon House office building in Washington, D.C.

Another, we noticed recently in the field is a tribute to a teacher located in the library of Emerson Elementary school in Wheaton.

Elizabeth Roskam called us yesterday to tell us she's taking part in a new art project - working with students at Giant Steps education center for students with autism in Lisle.

She said she first was introduced to the school's art program when she and her husband, who represents the 6th Congressional District, took a tour of the school earlier this year.

"I started talking to the director...I said I'd love to see you guys in action," Roskam said. After visiting several of the center's art therapy classes, she said she and school officials began discussing plans for a four-walled mural to

represent the various seasons.

"This summer's project is a jungle theme. The theme, she said, evolved as we were talking, to include things they're learning on geography and the animals." Each of the following seasons, like the first mural, will be tied into lesson plans.

Elementary, middle and high school students are all taking part in filling in parts of the mural.

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Roskam's wife paints intricate oil canvas for her husband

By Betsy Rothstein

Elizabeth Roskam, wife of freshman Rep. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), has gifted her husband with an oil painting she has been slaving over the past nine months. She finished the painting last week and promptly delivered it to her husband's fifth-floor office in the Cannon building.

The painting's content was born of her husband's congressional race. "We really had a fun time in the campaign — even though it was a tough campaign — so I did a whimsical campaign scene and included people who were in and out of the campaign," she said.

The Roskams and their four children are in the painting, as is Matt Vriesema, Roskam's press secretary, who worked on the campaign. "It's like a 'Where's Waldo?'" said Vriesema, who added that he thinks he looks slightly different in the painting than in real life.

"I'm a little skinny," he said of the artist's depiction of him. "I think I have more muscles in my arms, but it's probably pretty accurate."

Jason Roe, a lobbyist with the Federal Strategy Group who was Roskam's campaign manager, is also in the painting. The artist put him in a Michigan State University hat to reflect his diehard Spartan tendencies — the school wouldn't accept him — but "humbled him" by dressing him in blue and maize, the colors of rival University of Michigan.

Other campaign aides, including Dean Thompson, Roskam's legislative correspondent, and Brigitta Johnson, Roskam's scheduler, are also in the painting.

David Mork, Roskam's senior legislative assistant, and Mork's then-girlfriend and now-wife Kirsten Mork are entwined in the painting. After meeting on the campaign trail for Roskam, the two worked together in the congressman's office until they decided to marry.

Kirsten then landed another job as an associate lobbyist for Roe's Federal Strategy Group.

Elizabeth Roskam is pleased her husband has the painting front and center in his office. "It's something Peter can look at when he's at his desk, a reminder of the fun times of the campaign."

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