

Philatelic Themed Face Covering

By John Walter

I now have a stamp/philatelic themed face covering courtesy of Trice Klauber from the Poway Stamp Club in CA. While preparing this Post Boy issue and formatting the quiz on China, I realized Stan Cronwall did not have the quiz answers with the questions. That has never happened before.

I have an old (2009) Scott catalog that would have all the answers, or so I thought. Two questions I was not sure of the answers. I remember when Trice Klauber (Secretary of the Poway Stamp Club) and her husband David (Newsletter editor) visited our club about two years ago. They were in the Reno area to visit their daughter and grandchildren. Trice mentioned she collected China.

So, I email Trice to make sure the quiz answers were correct before sending them to Betty Mudge, our Auction Bucks Chair, who keeps track of such matters. Trice confirmed the answers and then mentioned she is making face coverings for the Poway Stamp Club members and other organizations and would I be interested in receiving one.

I never refuse something I can make really good use of. My wife and I did not have any masks except some paper "dust" masks I've had for years. I told Trice I would really appreciate a cloth mask. But Trice said I would have to wait as she is waiting for a supply of elastic for the bands.

Last week I received two face covering masks, one with a philatelic theme as shown in the picture, and the other from blue material. Both have a space for a filter between the material layers.

This morning I had an eye doctor's appointment for an annual check on cataracts. Two of the office technicians remarked about the face covering and enjoyed seeing the stamp themed mask. They see many different coverings and different material used for masks. They enjoy the unusual.

Trice, thanks for the nice surprise and sending two masks.

From all the news reports, it looks like face coverings and masks will be with us for a long time. And for those of us in the at-risk group, continue social distancing, use some face covering and wash those hands frequently.

Can't wait to show off my mask at the next face-to-face stamp club meeting. Hopefully, that will be in June.



John Walter with his face covering mask.