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Papua New Guinea Masks

Masks on Masks

The *PSA Journal's* call to submit pictures from Covid projects gave me an idea that has really been fun! Since buying my first mask in Kenya, in 1995, I have collected over 40 masks from six continents. I put Covid masks on all these masks, and photographed them.

That first mask cost me \$10 in Kenya, while my brother splurged on a \$40 one. As we continued collecting, our guidelines were that a mask had to be bought in the country of origin, and cost under \$40. However, I quickly blew past that second stipulation, as I gathered masks of camel bone,



Covid Background

gourd, ceramics, turtle shell, bamboo, sea shells, feathers, fused sand, blown glass, woven cloth, and various woods. Papua New Guinea and Africa are well-known treasure trove for masks, but I found them even in seemingly unexpected places such as Romania or Mauritius. Each mask has its own story and this Masks on Masks project was a great way to revive many great travel memories.



Most Expensive Mask



Mask Required



Masks on Masks 1



Masks on Masks 2