Bonne Projection

The heart-shaped map, known since Peter Apian used it 500 years ago, inspired a 1991 US postage stamp. It belongs to an enduring family of projections now named for Napoleon’s surveyor, Rigobert Bonne.

(more description below)
The middle member of the Bonne family is the sinusoidal projection, which also appears in the 2008 card. In the second century CE, Ptolemy portrayed the northern hemisphere in the form at the upper left, but he chose to turn the meridians into straight lines south of the equator. I can’t help seeing the maps on the upper right as jellyfish.

The envelopes in which we mailed this card bore US stamps with a heart-shaped map inscribed “LOVE”.