

**Solution to Guest Puzzle #51 – February, 2013 "Down"
(by Kevin Cadmus)**

S	E	A	S	O	N	A	L	D	I	G
U	P	S	A	N	K	D	E	E	R	E
A	P	A	R	T	E	V	A	S	O	N
R	E	C	A	P	D	E	F	E	N	D
U	D	E	N	E	S	S	F	R	Y	E
R	A	F	F	E	C	T	I	V	E	R
A	T	I	O	R	A	C	E	D	V	I
S	T	A	N	A	N	A	L	M	O	N
H	A	N	D	G	A	N	D	A	L	F
P	I	C	A	E	S	T	E	D	V	E
R	N	E	D	I	S	O	R	D	E	R

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
WINTER BLUES

Across

1. **SEASONAL**
2. DIG UP
3. S(**W**)ANK
4. DEERE
5. APART
6. EVAS(**I**)ON
7. RECAP
8. DEFEND
9. (**N**)UDENESS
10. FRYER
11. AFFECTIVE
12. RATIO
13. (**T**)RACED
14. VISTA
15. NANA
16. L(**E**)MON
17. HAND
18. GANDALF
19. PICA
20. (**R**)ESTED
21. VERNE
22. **DISORDER**

Down

1. SU(**B**)ARU
2. RASH
3. PREPPED
4. ATTAIN
5. A(**L**)SACE
6. FIANCE
7. SARAN
8. FONDA
9. DON(**U**)T
10. PEERAGE
11. INKED
12. SCAN
13. ASSAD
14. VEST
15. CANTO
16. LEAF
17. FIELDER
18. DESERV(**E**)D
19. MADD
20. IRONY
21. EVOLVE
22. GENDER(**S**)
23. INFER