

Solution to Puzzle #102 – November, 2009 "Terra Firma"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
HAPPY LANDING

Across

1. DIT(H)ER
2. ADEPT
3. STOOL
4. C(A)LABASH
5. INWARD
6. RE(P)RIEVE
7. ENIAC
8. SLAG
9. ELECTRA
10. TAM(P)ERS
11. K(Y)OTO
12. DACE
13. ROOT
14. MEME
15. LESS
16. SNEER
17. AGATE
18. WABASH
19. POUR
20. SIRE
21. SPEAR
22. RATT(L)Y
23. NEAR
24. ISAIAH

Down

1. D(A)TIVE
2. ROSARY
3. ION
4. (N)ELSON
5. BENTO
6. WEEK
7. TEASE
8. ELAN(D)
9. COME
10. SPAR
11. CRITTER
12. HERALD
13. AROMA
14. PAID
15. ARCADE
16. GORSE
17. BEST(I)AL
18. AURA
19. PARLA(N)CE
20. TRAIT
21. SIAMESE
22. STASH
23. E(G)GER
24. SWITH

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.