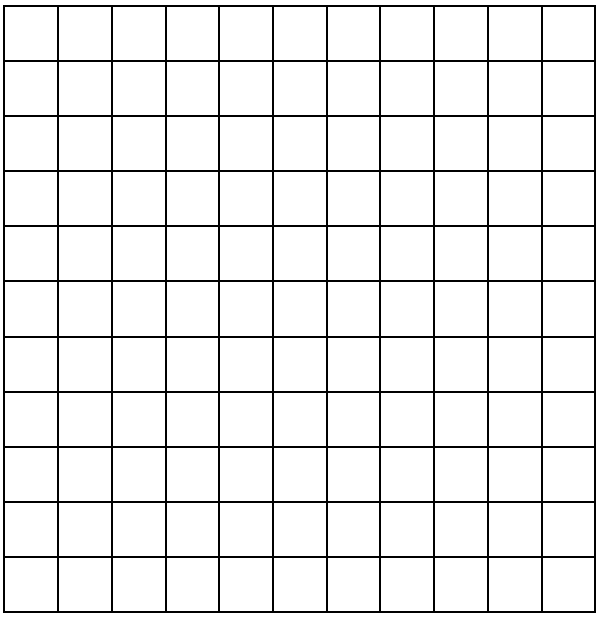
Puzzle # 162 — November 2014 "Bluesman"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, and six are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Ten across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those nineteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words spell a name related to the title of the puzzle. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Allow Cookie to take Peter instead of Henry
2. Get used to hurt after Jack leaves
3. Ump and Native American prove wrong
4. Find out Rod's vice is having a wild spree
5. Journey starting to rattle eastern king
6. Thrilled having Newton in group
7. Crazy about redhead in drawing
8. Copy of odd item containing iodine and tantalum
9. Hope someone's got money
10. Remove fish after taking head off
11. Give an edge to lame phrase with added noun
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Undeviating, bird turned back around New England
14. British type moving along
15. Lift at entrance bearing name of gallery
16. Slogan from dude about art
17. Bandleader replaces daughter of academic administrator as head
18. May goes back for sweet potato
19. Author is out of balance in attitude
20. Type of gun initially targeted as a supporting device
21. With fluorine instead of sulfur, damaged scepter is made flawless
22. Totem blemished in part as a symbolic object
23. Combat system in which mortal is beheaded and dismembered
24. Fish having quiet partouze

Down

1. One error of mad emperor's made friar act
2. Very big soldier insect
3. Large newt went away
4. In chaotic nature, energy is time playing hooky
5. Copier cut off top of paper
6. Ancient city in east generates fluid waste
7. Believe me, Ed flipped
8. The best people start to enjoy lo-cal
9. Woman going up and down
10. Potter's filed an objection
11. Army ravaged a town in ancient Greece
12. Many times in the past found hidden in rooftops
13. Image of a die being cast
14. Sean was playing in Wales's second largest city
15. Partly seen in the national game's final round
16. Planter's stake
17. Outer layer of carbon corrosion
18. Blubber about Earl's tour de force
19. Started grinding and stir-frying flour
20. Egg on papa's pecker
21. Talk about the Spanish clergyman
22. Love note is about *always*
23. Including Bolivar and the Québécois in dance is something to be dealt with
24. Greece takes comfort in oil
25. Band folded into pen for one who waits