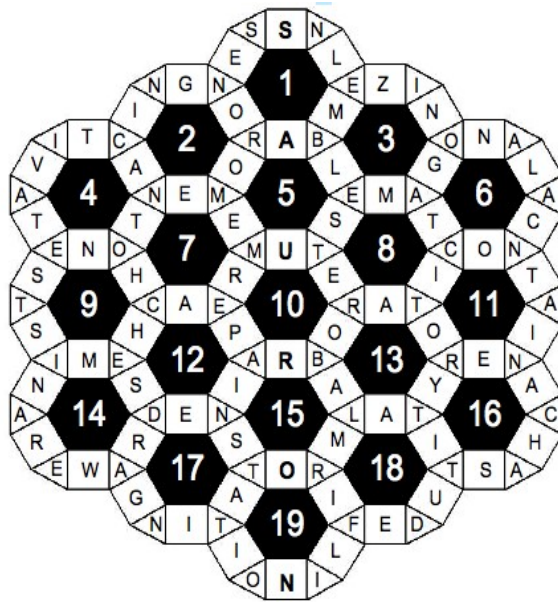


**Solution to Guest Puzzle #37 – September, 2011 "Mount Doom"
(by Dexter Senft)**



The hidden word reads vertically down the middle of the puzzle (shown in bold above):
SAURON

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
ONE RING

Sauron is the Lord of the Rings, in the classic fantasy novels of J.R.R. Tolkien. It was on Mount Doom that Lord Sauron forged the one ring that would rule the other 19 rings of the elves, dwarves, and mortals.

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| 1. BARONESS
MEL(O)NS | 6. CONC(E)AL
OCTAGONAL | 11. EROTIC
CONTAINER | 16. CHASTITY
CA(N)NERY |
| 2. MENACING
MORON | 7. MEMENTO
REACH | 12. PAINED
PEACHES | 17. GARDEN
STATIN(G) |
| 3. AGONIZE
EMBLEM | 8. E(R)RATIC
TAMEST | 13. LABORATORY
LA(I)TY | 18. FIRM
LATITUDE |
| 4. ACTIVATE
CANTON | 9. CHEMIST
HONEST | 14. SEMINAR
DRAWER | 19. ROTATION
RIFLIN(G) |
| 5. U(N)MEMORABLE
ABLEST | 10. ARBORETUM
PERMUTE | 15. BRAINSTORM
BALM | |