

**Solution to Guest Puzzle #54 – December, 2013 "Is it I? It is I"  
(by Peter Green)**

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**MADAM I'M ADAM and SIR I'M IRIS**

**Across**

1. RA(M)P
2. AL(A)MO
3. PORE
4. ELAN
5. (D)RIVE
6. NASCENCE
7. RED(A)CT
8. PERI(M)ETER
9. CHESS
10. ECRU
11. (I)NCLUDE
12. PALINDROMES
13. I(M)POSE
14. BE(A)VER
15. ELATE
16. SIDELINE
17. REPAST
18. LAVA
19. NERO
20. LO(D)GE
21. BET(A)
22. HELL
23. (M)ANA
24. MODE

**Down**

1. RECE(S)S
2. PILE
3. (I)NHALE
4. REA(R)
5. PAREE
6. PANIC
7. LO(I)TER
8. LANCE
9. RISE
10. POLL
11. RETUNE
12. SALAMI
13. REND
14. BISON
15. (M)OVER
16. CRED(I)T
17. GAPPED
18. CLOVE(R)
19. LEMON
20. CHUM
21. ELABORATE
22. DERIVE
23. DESP(I)SE
24. SEN(S)ATE