

Solution to Puzzle #151 – December, 2013 "Turning Point"

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

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

Across

1. PO(W)DER
2. DRAMA
3. STROBE
4. DECOR
5. REAP
6. OP(I)ATE
7. STENT
8. TARGET
9. ALATE
10. DROLL
11. (N)OMEN
12. DEED
13. BALLE(T)
14. STR(E)EP
15. CARTON
16. WAIVER
17. EARS
18. SALVER
19. ARTISAN
20. SENATE
21. C(R)ASS
22. MANATEE
23. ELA(S)TIC

Down

1. P(O)TENT
2. DRIVEN
3. ORATE
4. E(L)EVEN
5. ADOPT
6. DE(S)PERATE
7. BOARD
8. CRATE
9. REPROBA(T)E
10. REED
11. DAG
12. LAR(I)AT
13. CERE
14. TELL
15. TRIAL
16. ACETO
17. LOSS
18. SAMOSA
19. MENSA
20. STARTLE
21. SWAN
22. MIS(C)REANT
23. ALSAC(E)

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.