Solution to Puzzle #50 – July, 2005 "A Celebration of Sorts"

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

The omitted letters (shown in parentheses below) spell **NUMBER FIFTY** in celebration of Puzzlecrypt's fiftieth regular monthly puzzle.

Across

1. CARDI(**N**)AL
2. SENTIENT
3. IMPIO(**U**)S
4. MENTHOL
5. DECLAIM
6. RAGA
7. RETINA
8. SECANT
9. HONK
10. POPULATE
11. SEDI(**M**)ENT
12. PARENT
13. VI(**B**)RATE
14. ENOL
15. WAITER
16. FANG
17. CHANT(**E**)YS
18. TA(**R**)SAL
19. HORNY
20. WHISTLE

Down

1. CAT(**F**)ISH
2. CREST
3. PAROCH(**I**)AL
4. IMMOLATE
5. HOTEL
6. HORSE
7. PELAGIC
8. OPEN
9. WARDEN
10. INDIAN
11. ANUS
12. TANNIN
13. TOTEM
14. (**F**)RANK
15. LEVITY
16. DI(**T**)TY
17. WIRE
18. SHEAR
19. TINT
20. FAST
21. (**Y**)EAST
22. PENAL
23. ANGLE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in one hour and 15 minutes.