

Solution to Puzzle #163 — December 2104 "Bouquet"

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

Across

1. **NOSEGAY**
2. BUTTON
3. PROMPT
4. MEET
5. FIAT
6. BOLE
7. AROUND
8. EASE
9. STIR
10. EDEN
11. REMORA
12. ILLE
13. **POSY**
14. COPE
15. MERINO
16. TRAITOR
17. ITEM
18. HARRY
19. TINY
20. NEAT
21. CAMEO
22. DRESSER
23. **TUSSIE-MUSSIE**

Down

1. NOTORIETY
2. MUON
3. FUEL
4. MOTES
5. SPINDLE
6. RIO
7. SERA
8. DEER
9. INDIGO
10. TEN
11. PITY
12. REAM
13. BARON
14. ENEMY
15. POSE
16. SOME
17. SUBTLE
18. MYTH
19. ASSUME
20. SOCRATES
21. TEAT
22. ROAR
23. CRITERIA
24. PIRATE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 17 minutes.

December Puzzle Solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically)

1. Cathy Childs – Pompano Beach, FL
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