



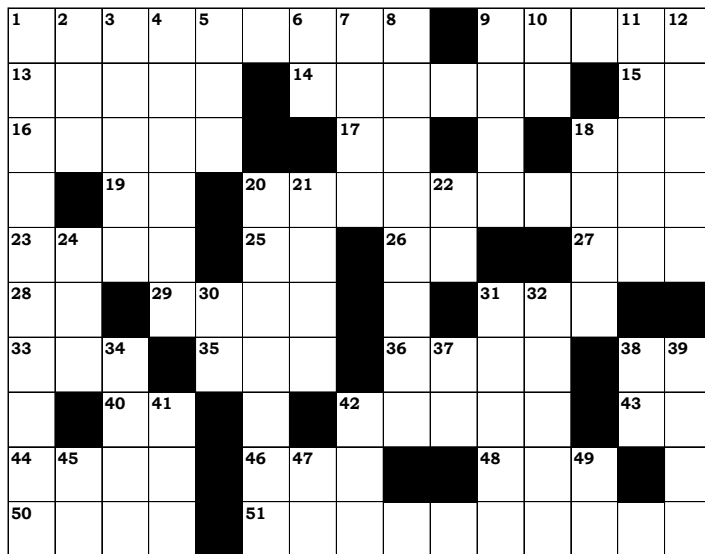
Puzzle #709

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ACROSS

1. Mo. is home to more than 30 naturally ____ orchid flower species.
9. God's name in this religion is Allah.
13. For a writer, words are the ____ of his trade.
14. Orchids in Mo. are incredibly diverse growing in specialized settings and blooming in different ____ and each at specific times of the year.
15. "____, the Lord will strip (Tyre) of her possessions..." (Zechariah 9:40).
16. What one does at a roast.
17. Second biggest metro area in the U.S. (abbr.)
18. A brand of health/energy drink claiming antioxidants, low calories and low sugar.
19. As the story goes, ____ Robert Bellarmine parish just outside Ft. Leonard Wood was named after its early pastor, Fr. Bob Arnold.
20. In degraded ____, orchids will be the first to disappear. "They are always going to be rare. Even jaded botanists get excited about them," — Peter Bernhardt, biology prof., St. Louis Univ.
23. To learn by ____ (i.e., to memorize).
25. Pope Paul ____ was the Pope who carried the main load of implementing the second Vatican Council.

26. "Where there is ____ vision, people perish," —George Washington Carver.
27. Mo ____, Missouri's transportation dept.
28. 4 of the first 5 U.S. Presidents were from this State (abbr.).
29. "But (the seed sown on rocky ground) has no ____ and lasts only for a time," (Matthew 13:21).
31. Actor Pacino and gangster Capone.
33. The 16th amendment to the U.S. constitution, passed by Congress in 1909 and ratified by the States by 1913, established Congress's right to impose a federal income tax, and so made this federal agency possible (abbr.).
35. He was as ____ as a fox.
36. ____ *de estar*; living room in Baja California.
38. WW II soldier.
40. "*Et ____, Brute?*" —Caesar's last words, according to Shakespeare.
42. The most common orchid in Mo. is a family (7 species) called Ladies' Tresses with small yellow-whitish flowers on a ____ up to 20 inches high. They grow in open fields, even along roadsides.
43. The only active diamond mine in the U.S. is located in this State (abbr.).
44. Prairie fringed orchids (2 species) in Mo. have a long time getting started. Although eventually growing 1-3 feet tall, they take up to 3-4 years to send up a ____ and 5-7 years to have enough resources to bloom.
46. Letters one might see in an airport.
48. "...____ the ramparts we watched..." —from our national anthem.
50. Saarinen, Arch architect.
51. \$ (2 wds.).



DOWN

1. Near ____, Mo., east of Sedalia, the Jesse James gang in July of 1876 pulled off a daring robbery of the #4 Mo. Pacific train at Rocky Cut (thereafter Robber's Cut) garnering more than \$20,000 (\$400,000 today). Brownfield Roadside Park overlooks the spot where now stands a stone marker erected by this little town. Ironically, the raid financed the James gang's disastrous raid to Northfield, Minn. which destroyed the gang.
2. Sound from a dovecote.
3. "From your western boundary you shall have the Great Sea with its ____..." (Numbers 34:6).
4. Belfast is located in this Irish province.
5. Q thru U
6. Short for the 8 parishes in our diocese named for Mary's freedom from original sin.
7. "____ *contendere*"; a plea by a defendant in a trial who accepts conviction but does not admit guilt.
8. When the Communist reformer Mikhail Gorbachev became the head of the USSR in 1985, his policies of ____ (openness, transparency) and *perestroika* (limited

market incentives) were meant to kick-start a dying philosophy and economy. But this small dose of freedom led to the fall of the Soviet system.

9. Part of the eye.
10. Adam Wainwright of the St. Louis Cardinals won the 2017 NL Silver Slugger (____) award for pitchers.
11. Car rental agency.
12. The second most common orchid in Mo. is the spring-blooming yellow Lady's Slipper; very showy with 6-in. blooms and found in ____ woodlands throughout the State.
18. It is a difficult and usually unsuccessful task to transplant orchids (e.g., from fields to flower ____), because of the delicate relationship of each species to its specialized environment.
20. Orchids are one of the largest and most intricately ____ plant families in the world.
21. The towns of Monroe, Jefferson, and Montgomery in our diocese all need this word to complete their names.
22. "____ ho ho and a bottle of rum," —song lyrics derived from Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*.

24. "A straight ____ looks bent in the water. It matters not merely that we see a thing, but how we see it," —Michel de Montaigne.
30. Medical abbr. for left eye; in Latin, *oculus sinister*.
31. Are you in? It's __ __ nothing (2 wds.).
32. Truman and Mark Twain.
34. The Magi followed one.
37. Battery size.
38. Civil War Gen. Tecumseh Sherman made his infamous March to the Sea through this Confederate State (abbr.).
39. This Mo. County in Mo.'s Lead Belt region is named after the abundant ____ ore within its borders. It is also the home of Mo.'s tallest point, Taum Sauk Mountain, the popular Elephant Rocks State Park, a Civil War battle site, the Battle of Fort Davidson, and over 96,000 acres of the Mark Twain National Forest.
41. Alien craft?
42. "My Gal ____"; this 1905 song was the first song ever performed in a motion picture film, "The Jazz Singer" in 1927.
45. Wide shoe size.
47. ____ what do I owe this pleasure?
49. State known as Little Rhody (abbr.).