



Flower Center | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

This puzzle features a collection of 37 flowers in full or (at the border) partial bloom. Each answer goes clockwise letter by letter in the petals around its numbered center. The outermost words begin and end on the border; interior words may start anywhere. Flowers with shaded centers have a letter in their center as well as their petals; you'll have to deduce which of the letters it is in each case. In the finished grid, the shaded letters will reveal some flowers collected at the center for a certain visitor there.

Clues

- 1 Florist's center planted in prize seed (4)
- 2 Signal approval with eastern meeting point (4)
- 3 Yada yada yada...any time now (4)
- 4 Circuits failing audibly (4)
- 5 Extremely witty comment about show's opening (4)
- 6 Played along with kazooish sound, embarrassed about nothing (7)
- 7 Videos leader of student riots (6)
- 8 First person inside spotted variety of cheese spread (7)

- 9 Dirty South Texas export (4)
- 10 Moving east, hit with current (4)
- 11 Atmosphere that offends Maureen O'Sullivan? (6)
- 12 Country courtyards occupied by my group (7)
- 13 Notice about ink's reversing properties (7)
- 14 Polished academic surrounded by silence (6)
- 15 Arguments for experts (4)
- 16 Lean over part of a garden containing zinnias in the middle (4)
- 17 Flowers in apses arranged creatively (7)
- 18 Guys adopting New Testament roles (7)
- 19 Ask for help, showing visitor's center a flower (7)
- 20 Anxiety about the piece of flight gear? (7)
- 21 Framework used to support large plant around St. Louis (7)
- 22 Plant border with perennials, initially (4)

- 23 Block pass, slightly sweaty (4)
- 24 Hollow coin holding place (6)
- 25 One giving tribute to flower (7)
- 26 Taking Gail the wrong way, rival leaves (7)
- 27 Being just about time (6)
- 28 Switch left residue from burning (4)
- 29 Big hole next to apron's front pocket (4)
- 30 Got together riskily novel dry test (7)
- 31 Old country spirea going wild (6)
- 32 Rock mass in period before start of Lent (7)
- 33 Get ready to plant box with cabbage? (4)
- 34 Save new place to put some flowers (4)
- 35 By voice, votes for surveys (4)
- 36 Hurl small bench (4)
- 37 Hope for pale bouquet at the end (4)

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