



A Festive Rows Garden Puzzle

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Answers to the row clues are entered horizontally from left to right.

Clues for the 38 “roses” are divided into Light, Medium, and Dark. They each have 6 letter solutions, and in each group are in order from top-left to bottom-right. The solution may run clockwise or anti-clockwise within the rose, and may start at any cell within the rose.

Rows Garden puzzles were invented by Patrick Berry.

Rows

- A Today
- B Not making a lasting impression
A trek into the wilderness (6,4)
- C A boiled soybean
Early 20th century Chinese politician (3,3-3)
Ruby, Dover, and USB, for example
- D Spirals in the sky
Malbec or merlot, for example (3,4)
First name of writer, Queen, of crime fiction
- E Defiantly, “There’s __ against it!” (2,3)
Personal secretaries to a high-ranking officer (5-2-4)
Biblical supernatural entity
- F Bouncy sniffer dogs
Place that was hoping to be busy yesterday (6,6)
- G Today
- H Failing to provide assistance
Punctuation mark that is most certainly not a hyphen (2,4)
How biscuits are commonly sold at this time of year (2,1,3)

I Surname of a Fast & Furious actor
“Stately [bird] of the saintly days of yore”

What Gollum opened this morning?

J Last words of a falling bowl of petunias? (3,5)

Bonus features on a DVD (7,6)

K Bulletin from a journalist (4,6)

Biblical supernatural entity

Lower right leg of Orion

L Tomorrow

Light Roses

- The condition of Tracey Emin’s bed
- One who employs power maliciously
- Human form in stone, in metal, or in Bristol Harbour
- Word that can be paired with air, oil, or rent
- Protagonist of Arthurian “Green Knight” tale
- Puts off
- Prepared for a kiss or a sulk
- Protective headgear
- What Tony ’anchock feared his blood donation might be
- Himalayan mountaineer
- A hexapod
- Dogs found in the ring?
- Eat something (as a joke?)
- Saudi capital

Medium Roses

- A web browser
- Ironically, like the ‘t’ in ‘listen’
- Tool for pummelling potatoes
- Eight pints
- Ducks who can bring you down
- An entertainment venue
- Distinctive colour scheme of an aircraft or racing car
- A sufficient amount
- A procedure for doing something (e.g. acting)
- A body preserved in a glacier, or a Marvel superhero (3-3)
- Physicist whose birthday is (in a sense) today
- Visit without an invitation (4,2)
- Left, separated, or combed
- Co-author of The Communist Manifesto

Dark Roses

- Highest or greatest points
- First name of a Fast & Furious actor
- Bane of hay-fever sufferers
- Insignificant annoying people
- Flautists north of the Forth?
- Fell short
- Clef covering FACE
- First name of writer, “Queen of Crime Fiction”
- After tonight, number of nights until “What You Will”
- Subdivisions of a play