

# DOWNTOWN SANTA ROSA PUZZLE HUNT -- 2008

## -- EXPLANATIONS --

1. **(Answer #267)** Just west of the Sonoma County Museum on 7<sup>th</sup> St. is a small green building that has several murals painted by ArtStart students. The one on front is an anime-style piece depicting a young man dreaming of a bowl of ramen then running out to get it but being hit by a car while crossing the street. He hallucinates bowls of flying ramen with halos but survives the accident. The address is 403 Seventh St.

2. **(Answer #290)** On top of the New College building on Wilson Street is an ad for Sperry Products/Sperry Flour with the tag line that it "belongs in every home." It faces south, towards A'Roma Roasters.

3. **(Answer #14)** Hope you had fun trying to count them. This question refers to the sculpture by Sebastopol artist Ned Kahn that is affixed to the west side of the old AT&T building overlooking the intersection of B and Third. The sculpture contains 66 modules each containing 225 small squares that each move in the wind. That makes for 14,850 squares. Discard the thousands, tens and ones and you are left with the digit 8.

4. **(Answer #16)** The Jam Kee Restaurant was a popular eatery and the only Chinese-owned business to survive the disappearance of Santa Rosa's Chinatown. It later moved to Third Street and then Fifth Street. The owner was a woman named Song Wong Bourbeau. She is pictured on the "50 Who Shaped Sonoma County" mural on the wall of the Press Democrat Building on Mendocino Ave. A picture of Hugh Coddling appears directly to her left (viewer's right).

5. **(Answer #13)** On Sonoma Avenue just east of the Luther Burbank house is a small park dedicated to an architect named Caulkins who was a driving force in urban renewal in Santa Rosa. The park features two small curved bridges over a recirculating pool with two small waterfalls. It was dedicated to him on November 30, 1966.

6. **(Answer #12)** On Sonoma Avenue west of Santa Rosa Avenue sits the Church of the One Tree. The story is that it was built from the wood of one tree. It was featured in Ripley's Believe it or Not. The front of the church faces Juilliard Park. There is a stone water fountain near the front of the building dedicated to Richard Crawford by his family.

7. **(Answer #15)** The locomotive in question is The Healdsburg. It is depicted in a mural on the side of Whistlestop Antiques and faces Davis Street.

8. **(Answer #235)** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Transit Mall features a distinctive diamond pattern on the concrete pavement. It is closed to cars - only busses may use it. There are many blue trash cans along its one block length.

9. **(Answer #291)** Santa Rosa Plaza is owned by Simon Property Group. The main entrance on B St. has a large white hand sculpture. Around the sculpture are a series of tiles with quotes. There is one by Luther Burbank located near the fingertips that contains the words "The Redwood Empire" in parentheses.

10. **(Answer #269)** There is a well developed bike/walking path along Santa Rosa Creek on the southern edge of Downtown. Behind the Hyatt is a sculpture area that features several pieces, including one with 3 ceramic spheres. Just east and down the hill from this is a mural on a bridge that includes a frog leaping at a butterfly. The words above say Prince Greenway.

11. **(Answer #41)** On Fourth Street near Mendocino is a brick storefront with a large clock stopped at about 4:53 on the upper level. The business inside is Mark Allen Jewelers.

12. **(Answer #18)** At the old station house at Depot Park (now a California Welcome Center) are a variety of railroad items. Above one of the doors hangs a sign giving the distance to Eureka and to San Francisco as

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well as the elevation of the station - 150 feet.

13. **(Answer #266)** The Upper Fourth bar/restaurant on Courthouse Square has, on its second floor, a design featuring three interlocked rings - 75% of the Audi automobile logo. Expressing that number in bits (2 bits=1 quarter) would yield 6 bits - the term for 75 cents. Many found this conversion one of the more confusing things on here.

14. **(Answer #66)** The concrete spider is a modern looking 8-legged structure above St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church just north of the Sonoma County Museum in the historic St. Rose district. It holds a cross at the top. The original St. Rose church building has a cornerstone date of 1900.

15. **(Answer #65)** At the intersection of Beaver and Cherry Streets in the Cherry St. Historic District is a wood shingle house with a distinctive flower pattern worked into the shingles on the east side (facing Beaver). The house has large wooden numbers 828 on the front (facing Cherry). This one is a bit removed from the Downtown business core and only a handful of people answered it correctly.

16. The ¼ page Puzzle Hunt ad in the Bohemian this week contains a small **1041** in the lower right corner.

Metapuzzle Clue: "Each number has been given after the fact."

17. The clue read on the Krush was "Plate in a window / Ripe stone fruit above two words / A fabulous find." We placed a ceramic plate in the window of A Fabulous Find, a store in Railroad Square. The plate has a picture of a plum with the words "Patent Pending" below it.

Using the answer sheet numbers corresponding to the answers of questions 1-15, plus the number 1041 yields **a list of all the plant patents awarded posthumously to Luther Burbank** when the 1930 Plant Patent Act was signed into law. He was awarded Plant Patents numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 41, 65, 66, 235, 266, 267, 269, 290, 291 and 1041.

Thanks for playing!

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