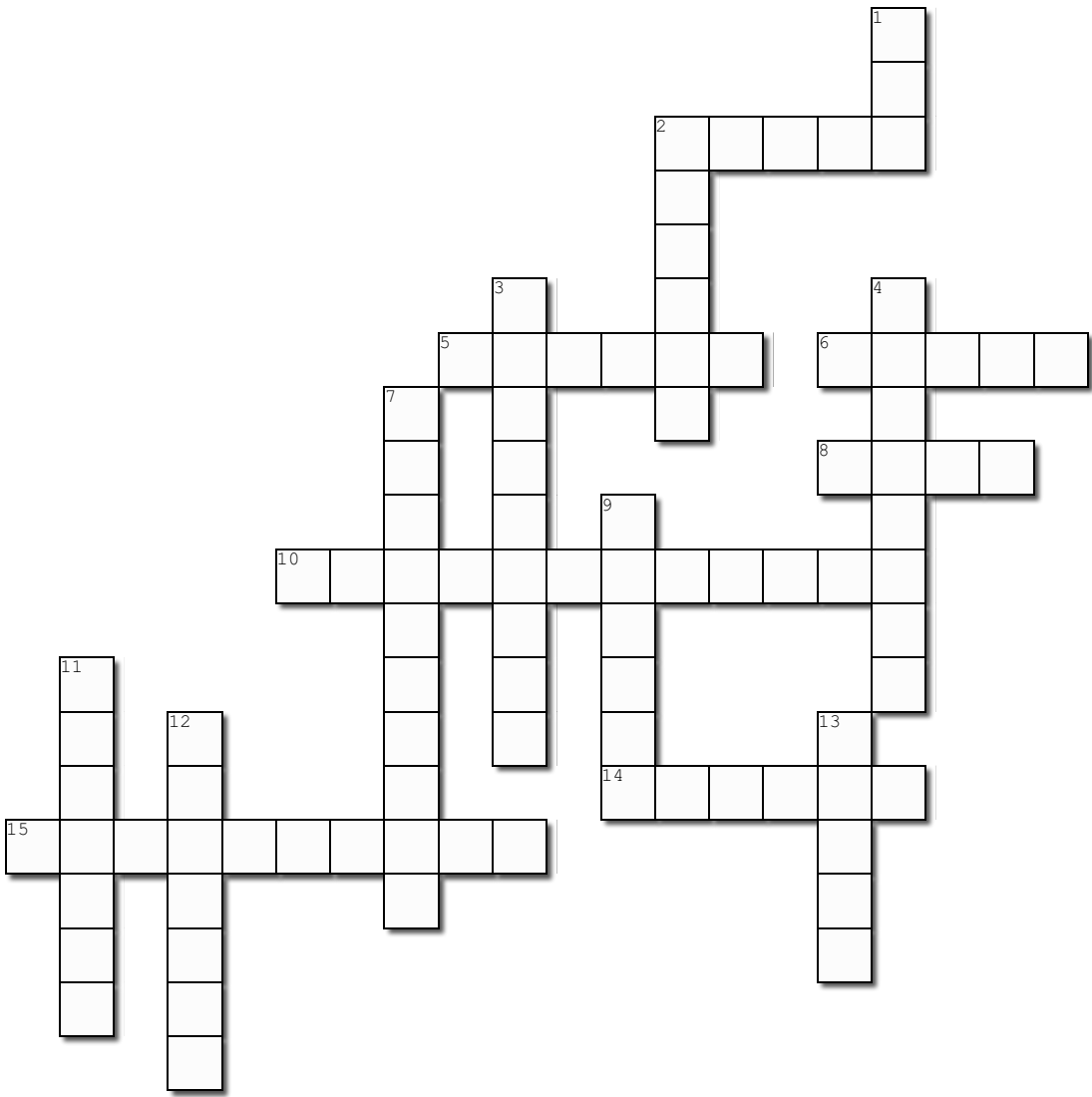


Nature of Our Holiday Traditions

Complete the crossword puzzle below. It is based on the RBG session offered to McMaster employees on December 9, 2020.



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Across

- 2. conifer with scale-like leaves used to make a tea high in vitamin C
- 5. The Legend of the Christmas Spider folktale explains the possible origin of this Christmas tree decoration, a good luck sign
- 6. a noun that refers to a large branch of a tree
- 8. type of conifer with needles in bundles, sometimes number of bundled needles represents # of letters in its species name
- 10. evergreen tree decorated in Kenya, spiraling leaves as sharp as shivs overlap each other and completely cover the branches
- 14. a seasonal drink consisting of eggs beaten with sugar, milk or cream, often alcoholic liquor; derived from monks' posset
- 15. pungent & aromatic mint with dark green lanceolate leaves, whorls of small pink flowers in spikes, used in candy canes

Down

- 1. conifer with flat needles and 'stripe' on back (stomata), attached to branch without sheath
- 2. flower buds of a tree, this spice is used to pierce oranges when making pomanders & was carried as a guard against infection
- 3. mythologically Goddess Frigg's / Friia's tears changed the berries from red to white
- 4. any of an order (Coniferales) of mostly evergreen trees & shrubs having usually needle-shaped or scale-like leaves
- 7. native Mexican shrub or tree, red leaves that look like 'flowers' are called bracts, aka Christmas Star
- 9. if touched this conifer prickles, ends of needles are sharp, square shaped and roll easily between fingers
- 11. tradition began in Norway, where a giant log was hoisted onto the hearth to celebrate the return of the sun each year
- 12. popular snack when watching films; strung to make garlands
- 13. often used by Romans as gifts; sanctuary for woodland elves and fairies, evergreen twin to oak in Celtic myth