CRANBERRY-ORANGE SCONES, NON-DAIRY

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5/14 Made for Friends book/bake sale, they went fast. Made as cran-orange with non-dairy shortening (not labeled dairy-free; there's a distinction).

2 cups all-purpose flour (try part whole wheat)

3 Thsp white sugar (try dark brown or organic)

1 Tbsp baking powder

5/8 cup dried cranberries

1/2 cup dairy-free butter substitute (used Earth Balance organic blend), very cold 1/2 cup less 1 Tbsp orange juice 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice 1 Tbsp orange zest

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F (maybe 420 to brown better?). Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

1 large egg

- 2. Blend flour, sugar and baking powder. Cut in butter substitute until the mixture resembles fine crumbs but is not powdery.
- 3. Put a little of the mixture into a food chopper and chop the cranberries into currant-sized pieces. Stir into dry mix.
- 4. Whisk orange zest and egg into orange/lemon juices, and stir into dry ingredients until just combined (think pie crust).
- 5. Turn the dough out onto a lightly-floured surface and knead just a few turns into a ball. Cut the ball in half and pat each half into a 6" circle about 3/4" high.
- 6. Smear egg/white or juice over top and sprinkle with (organic or turbinado) sugar. Cut circle into 8 wedges and set on parchment paper, slightly apart or as a circle.
- 7. Bake until golden brown and dough feels almost set, 15-17 minutes or more. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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