Cranberry Orange Nut Tarts

Yield 4 Dozen

Cookie 2 Tablespoons Orange Juice

1/2 Cup Softened Butter 1 Tbsp. Orange Zest

1 Cup Sugar

1 Large Egg, Room Temperature Cream Cheese Fillling

1/4 Cup Orange Juice 1 8 Oz. Softened Cream Cheese

2 Tbsp. Milk 1 Egg

3 Cups Flour 1/4 Cup Sugar

1 Tbsp. Baking Powder 1/4 Tsp. Vanilla Extract

1/4 Tsp. Salt

Glaze

Cranberry Compote 1 Cup Powdered Sugar 1 Bag Whole Cranberries 2 To 3 Tsp. Water

1/2 Cup Sugar 1 Tsp. Vanilla Extract

Cranberry Compote

In a small saucepan, combine cranberries, sugar, orange juice, and zest. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly until cranberries pop. Reduce heat and cook an additional 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; cool completely.

Cream Cheese Filling

Combine cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until blended. Add egg and beat until combined.

Dough

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in egg until blended. Beat in orange zest, orange juice and milk. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture.

Divide dough into 2 portions. On a lightly floured surface, shape each into a disk. Wrap dough and refrigerate overnight or until firm.

Preheat oven to 375. Unwrap each portion of dough and roll out on lightly floured surface. Cut with 2-1/2 inch cookie cutter. Press into bottoms and up the sides of greased mini-muffin cups. Fill each with 1/2 teaspoon cream cheese mixture, 1/2 teaspoon cranberry filling.

Bake 15 minutes or until the edges are light golden. Cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Glaze

Combine all glaze ingredients in bowl and whisk until smooth. Drizzle over cookies.