Tri-Fold Fruit Scones

Prep Time: 30 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes Total Time: 1 hour Yield: 8 scones

Ingredients: For the scones

- 1 cup whole milk, cold
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for work surface
- 2 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 12 Tbsp (6 oz.), unsalted butter, cold (or better) frozen, divided
- 1/2 cup (your choice) dried apricots, dried cherries, fresh (firm) 1peaches or other favorite dried fruit, diced
- 1 Tbsp of softened butter
- 1 whole egg
- 1 Tbsp of heavy cream
- Turbinado cane sugar or brown sugar, as needed

Ingredients: For the sugar glaze (optional)

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp heavy cream, more or less, as needed, depending on the for desired consistency

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a baking sheet with unsalted butter (or use parchment paper instead, if desired) and set aside.
- 2. In a large bowl, combine the milk, sugar and salt. Whisk until dissolved. Set aside.
- 3. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and baking powder.
- 4. Grate 10 tablespoons of frozen/cold butter using a box grater directly into flour; or cut butter into ½" pieces, add the butter to the flour mixture and blend using a pastry cutter until pea size pieces remain.
- 5. Add the milk mixture to flour/butter and stir with a fork until the dough starts to come together.
- 6. Lightly flour a clean work surface, pour the mixture onto it and gently roll the dough out into a 14" x 8" rectangle.
- 7. Spread the (softened0 remaining 2 tablespoons of butter evenly over the surface of the dough.
- 8. Sprinkle the fruit of choice over the dough and gently press so they stick.
- 9. With the long side of the dough facing you, fold the top 1/3 of the dough over the center. Fold the remaining 1/3 over the top portion, like folding a letter.
- 10. Fold the dough in half, then using the rolling pin, gently flatten to an 8" x 4" rectangle.
- 11. Cut the dough in half lengthwise, and then into quarters crosswise to make 8 even squares.
- 12. Place pieces on prepared the baking sheet.
- 13. Put in refrigerator for 15 minutes.
- 14. Remove from refrigerator, brush with egg/heavy cream mixture. (Sprinkle with Turbinado cane sugar or brown sugar or not if you want to drizzle with sugar glaze after baking.)
- 15. Place in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned.
- 16. Remove baking sheet from oven to cool for topping with sugar glaze.
- 17. To prepare the sugar glaze, combine the confectioner's sugar and heavy cream in a small mixing bowl. Whisk until smooth. Drizzle over scones and serve.