

My Two Favorite Holiday Desserts

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Brandied Cranberries

1lb. fresh cranberries

1-2/3 c. sugar

1/3 c. brandy

Bake for an hour at 250 degrees in glass dish. Place cranberries no more than two layers deep. Pour sauce over vanilla ice cream. Serves 8.

Barbed-Wire Sugar Cookies

2 eggs

1/2 lb. butter

1 tsp. vanilla

2 c. flour

Bake 350 degree oven for 8 minutes.

Roll dough into oblong shapes (or Christmas trees.) Snip 6" lengths of barbed wire and press into your dough. Bake as usual. Hang un-iced cookies on outdoor trees – the metallic "tang" as well as the sharp wire prevents decoration loss from squirrels ... rapacious raccoons may be deterred. Please pass this tip on to Ellen DeGeneres.

Or, such cookies will toughen up the raccoons now harassed by "macho" Nebraska football players who have no respect for wildlife or any small creatures, and who now wield wrenches.