

# Cranberries make great holiday spread

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With the holidays quickly approaching, I find myself looking for inspiration so I signed up for a cooking course at Great Cooks run by Esther Rosenberg.

The course was called The Hors D'oeuvres Party and it was taught by the new executive chef for Loblaw's Christine Chamberlain.

I have taken a number of courses from Christine and find her creative and talented. Her recipes are simple but interesting and tasty.

I asked Christine if I could share one of her recipes with you and she picked the following recipe for Christmas Cranberry and Artichoke Spread.

I am sure it will become one of your holiday favourites.

**Christmas Cranberry and Artichoke Spread**  
(Makes approximately four cups)  
4-5 sundried tomatoes

1/2 cup dried cranberries, chopped  
1 tbsb butter  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 shallot, minced  
1-2 cloves of garlic, minced  
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese  
1 large container (2 cups) ricotta cheese  
1/2 cup grated mozzarella  
1 19 oz. can artichoke hearts (plain or marinated), drained and chopped coarsely

1 tbsb each of fresh sage, basil and parsley  
Parmesan cheese

If your sundried tomatoes are dry, then soak in hot water for a few minutes to reconstitute them. Chop coarsely.

In a large skillet, melt the butter add the chopped onion, shallot and garlic. Saute until golden.

Put the cream cheese, ricotta and mozzarella in a food processor and process until the cheeses are blended together.

Add the tomatoes, cranberries, and chopped herbs. Process just until all the

ingredients are blended. Place in an oven-proof bowl and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

When ready to serve bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

## RECIPES

Serve with pita slices or a good French stick.

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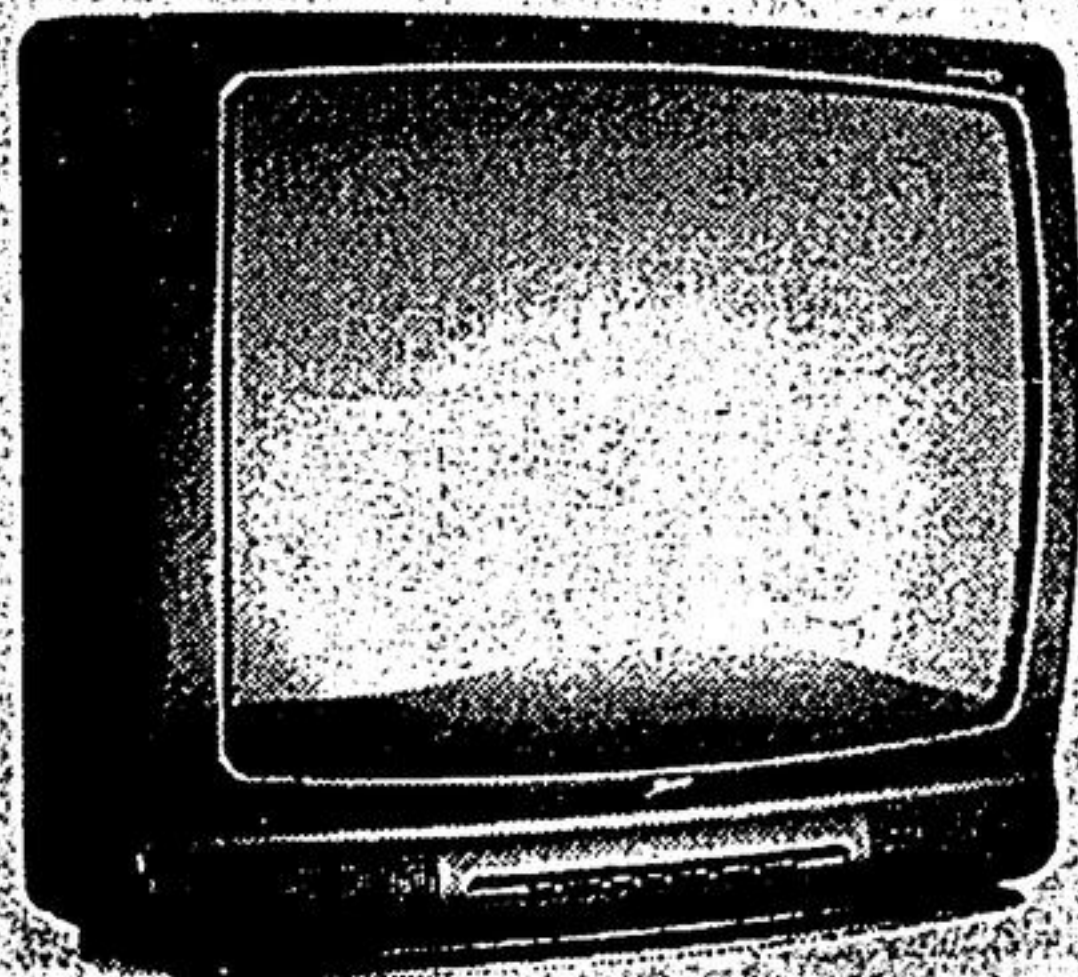
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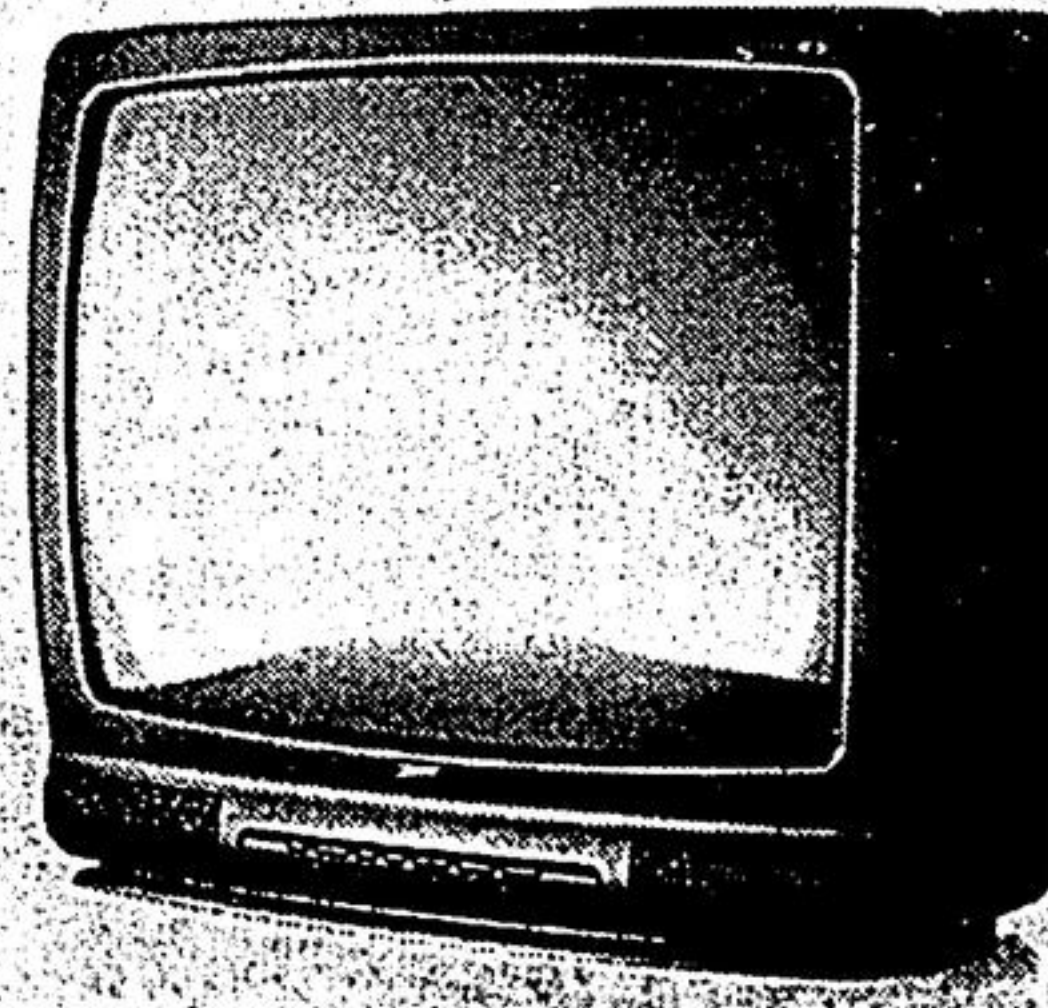
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