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(54) **CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED**
‘CIFZ0055’

(50) Latin Name: *Chrysanthemum x morifolium*
Varietal Denomination: **CIFZ0055**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new garden type *Chrysanthemum* plant named
‘CIFZ0055’ particularly distinguished by the small size
purple decorative flower, large size plant with round sphere
plant habit and a natural season response in mid-late Octo-
ber.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed:
Chrysanthemum x morifolium.
Varietal denomination: ‘CIFZ0055’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new *Chrysanthemum*,
botanically known as *Chrysanthemum x morifolium*, and
hereinafter referred to by the variety name ‘CIFZ0055’.

‘CIFZ0055’ is a product of a planned breeding program.
The new cultivar has small size purple decorative flower,
large size plant with round sphere plant habit and a natural
season response in mid-late October.

‘CIFZ0055’ originated from a mutation: Female parent
x-rayed at 1750 RAD in October of 2013. Single cutting
sport from the female parent.

The female parent was the unnamed lavender/pink col-
ored seedling from own breeding ‘11-M262’.

TABLE 1

When compared to the female parent, ‘CIFZ0055’ has:
(1) Similar flower type and size but slightly darker lavender/ pink color than the sport parent
(2) Blackcloth and natural season response is a day or two slower than the sport parent
(3) Similar plant habit and slightly larger plant size than the sport parent

No male parent.

The first act of asexual reproduction of ‘CIFZ0055’ was
accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated
from the initial selection, this initial selection took place on
Apr. 16, 2014 in Gilroy, Calif.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Horticultural examination of plants grown from cuttings
of the plant initiated in May, 2014 in Gilroy, Calif., and

continuing thereafter, has demonstrated that the combination
of characteristics as herein disclosed for ‘CIFZ0055’ are
firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations
of asexual reproduction.

‘CIFZ0055’ has not been observed under all possible
environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary signifi-
cantly with variations in environment such as temperature,
light intensity and day length.

A Plant Breeder’s Right for this cultivar was applied for
in Europe on Nov. 22, 2016 and assigned No. 2016/2886.
‘CIFZ0055’ has not been made publicly available prior to
the effective filing date of this application, notwithstanding
any disclosure that may have been made less than one year
prior to the effective filing date of this application by the
inventor or another who obtained ‘CIFZ0055’ directly from
the inventor.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be basic characteristics of the new variety.
The combination of these characteristics distinguishes this
Chrysanthemum as a new and distinct variety.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographic drawings show typical
flower and foliage characteristics of ‘CIFZ0055’ with colors
being as true as possible with an illustration of this type.

The photographic drawings show in FIG. 1 a close view
of flower of the new variety and in FIG. 2 a flowering plant
from an outdoor trial.

The aforementioned photographs: FIG. 1, as well as FIG.
2, were taken in October 2016 both showing a plant from the
same natural outdoor trial in Gilroy, Calif. These plants were
about 18 weeks of age. One rooted cutting per pot had been
planted in a one gallon pot, not pinched in week 22. Plants
started flowering end of September.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The measurements were taken in Gilroy, Calif. in October
2016 on the plants from the aforementioned trial.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (R.H.S.) 2001.

TABLE 2

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW VARIETY 'CIFZ0055' AND TWO MOST SIMILAR VARIETIES:		
	'CIFZ0055'	'Yobarbie', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 17,008
Flowering response (blackcloth):	1 week slower	1 week faster
Flowering response (natural):	Similar	Similar
Flower color:	Bit darker color	Lighter color
Flower size:	Bit smaller flower	Bit bigger flower
Plant habit or size:	Larger plant with more spread and therefore rounder habit especially in blackcloth compared to 'Yobarbie'	Smaller plant with more oval habit especially in blackcloth compared to 'CIFZ0055'
	'CIFZ0055'	'Staviski Dark Pink', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 21,901
Flowering response (blackcloth):	1 week slower	1 week faster
Flowering response (natural):	Similar	Similar
Frost tolerance:	Frost tolerant	Not frost tolerant
Flower shape:	Less disc florets	More disc florets
Plant habit or size:	Larger plant size	Smaller plant size

Plant:

Form, growth and habit.—Herbaceous garden-type, stems upright and outwardly spreading, freely branching, strong and moderately vigorous growth habit.
Plant height (above soil).—18-22 cm.
Plant height (inflorescence included).—21-29 cm.
Plant width.—45-48 cm.

Roots:

Number of days to initiate roots.—About 4 days at about 22 degrees C.
Number of days to produce a rooted cutting.—14-16 days at 22 degrees C.
Type.—Fine, fibrous, free branching.
Color.—RHS N155B but whiter.

Foliage:

Arrangement.—Alternate.
Immature leaf, color upper surface.—RHS 137A.
Immature leaf, color lower surface.—RHS 137C.
Mature leaf, color, upper surface.—RHS 139A.
Mature leaf, color lower surface.—RHS 137A.
Length.—3.8-4.4 cm.
Width.—2.4-2.7 cm.
Shape.—Ovate.
Base shape.—Attenuate.
Apex shape.—Rounded to obtuse.
Margin.—3 main lobes, irregularly serrated.
Texture, upper surface.—Bifid hairs.
Texture, lower surface.—Bifid hairs.
Color of veins, upper surface.—RHS 139B.
Color of veins, lower surface.—RHS 139C.
Pattern of veining.—Palmate.
Petiole color.—RHS 137B.
Petiole length.—1.1-1.5 cm.
Diameter.—0.2-0.3 cm.
Texture.—Covered with bifid hairs.

Stem:

Quantity of main branches per plant.—10-12.
Color of stem.—RHS 138B.
Length of stem.—7-11 cm.
Diameter.—0.3-0.5 cm.
Length of internodes.—1.0-1.7 cm.
Texture.—Bifid hairs.
Color of peduncle.—RHS 138B.
Length of peduncle.—7.5-11.5 cm.
Peduncle diameter.—0.15-0.2 cm.
Texture.—Covered with bifid hairs.

Inflorescence:

Type.—Compositae, solitary, decorative-type inflorescences borne terminally above foliage, ray florets arranged on a capitulum.
Quantity of short days to flowering (response time).—Approximately 7 weeks.
Natural season flowering.—Mid-late October.
Quantity of inflorescences per plant.—150-175, with many small buds developing.
Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—About six weeks from first color.
Fragrance.—Slightly spicy.

Bud (when showing color):

Color.—Between RHS 59A and 59B.
Length.—0.9-1.1 cm.
Width.—0.7-0.9 cm.
Shape.—Oblate.

Immature inflorescence:

Diameter.—1.6-2.0 cm.
Color of ray florets, upper surface.—Between RHS 60B and RHS 60C.
Color of ray florets, lower surface.—RHS 60A overlain with RHS 155B.

Mature inflorescence:

Diameter.—2.7-3.2 cm.
Depth.—1.7-2.0 cm.
Total diameter of disc.—Very small; not visible as covered by the many rays.
Receptacle color.—RHS 145B.
Receptacle height.—0.5 cm.
Receptacle diameter.—0.35 cm.

Ray florets:

Average quantity of florets.—Between 170 and 200 in many whorls.
Color of florets, upper surface (abaxial).—Between RHS 70A and RHS 71B.
Color inner surface (adaxial).—RHS 70A overlain with RHS 155B.
Length.—0.9-1.1 cm.
Width/diameter.—0.3-0.4 cm.
Shape.—Oblong to elliptical.
Apex shape.—Most often emarginated or prae-morse.
Base shape.—Attenuate.
Margin.—Entire.
Texture, upper surface.—Smooth.
Lower surface.—Smooth.

Disc florets: None present.

Phyllaries:

Quantity.—Approximately 100.
Color, upper surface.—RHS 137A.
Color, lower surface.—RHS 139A.
Length.—0.5-0.7 cm.
Width.—0.15-2.0.

Shape.—Lanceolate.
Apex shape.—Acute.
Base.—Fused.
Margins.—Entire, some with papery edges.
Texture, upper surface.—Glabrous.
Texture, lower surface.—Bifid hairs.
 Reproductive organs:
Pistil.—One.
Length.—0.4-0.6 cm.
Style color.—RHS 1C.
Style length.—0.3-0.4 cm.
Stigma color.—RHS 7D.
Stigma shape.—Bi-parted.
Ovary color.—RHS 145C.

Ovary length.—0.15 cm.
Ovary width.—0.1 cm.
 Androecium:
Stamens.—None, as they are usually present in disc
 florets only, which are not developed.
Fertility/seed set.—Has not been determined to date.
Disease/pest resistance.—Has not been determined to
 date.
 10 What is claimed is:
 1. A new and distinct variety of *Chrysanthemum* plant
 named 'CIFZ0055' substantially as illustrated and described
 herein.

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FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2