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(54) **PELARGONIUM PLANT NAMED ‘PEQZ0053’**

(50) Latin Name: *Pelargonium interspecific*  
Varietal Denomination: **PEQZ0053**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Pelargonium* plant named ‘PEQZ0053’ particularly distinguished by the deep coral colored inflorescences held above the medium-green foliage, very heat and drought tolerant with continuous color through the most extreme summer heat, and exceptional edema tolerance on a well-branched plant habit.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed: *Pelargonium interspecific*.  
Varietal denomination: ‘PEQZ0053’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT**

The present invention comprises a new *Pelargonium*, botanically known as *Pelargonium interspecific*, and hereinafter referred to by the variety name ‘PEQZ0053’.

‘PEQZ0053’ is a product of a planned breeding program. The new cultivar ‘PEQZ0053’ has deep coral colored inflorescences held above the medium-green foliage, very heat and drought tolerant with continuous color through the most extreme summer heat, and exceptional edema tolerance on a well-branched plant habit.

‘PEQZ0053’ originates from a hybridization in a controlled breeding program made in September 2009, in a greenhouse in Guatemala. The female parent was an unpatented, proprietary plant of *P. interspecific* parentage, identified as ‘10902-5’. ‘10902-5’ has a single flower form, less vigor, and larger leaves than ‘PEQZ0053’. The male parent was an unpatented, proprietary plant of *P. interspecific* parentage, identified as ‘10951-1’. ‘10951-1’ has semi double flowers and smaller, darker leaves than ‘PEQZ0053’. The resultant seed was sown in February 2010.

‘PEQZ0053’ was selected as one flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross in June 2010 in a greenhouse in Gilroy, Calif.

The first act of asexual reproduction of ‘PEQZ0053’ was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated from the initial selection in the August 2010 in a greenhouse in Gilroy, Calif.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION**

Horticultural examination of plants grown from cuttings of the plant initiated in December 2010 in Gilroy, Calif., and

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continuing thereafter, has demonstrated that the combination of characteristics as herein disclosed for ‘PEQZ0053’ are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

‘PEQZ0053’ has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary significantly with variations in environment such as temperature, light intensity, and day length.

A Plant Breeder’s Right for this cultivar has not yet been applied for. ‘PEQZ0053’ 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 ‘PEQZ0053’ directly from the inventor.

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

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying photographic drawings show typical flower and foliage characteristics of ‘PEQZ0053’ with colors being as true as possible with an illustration of this type.

The photographic drawing shows in FIG. 1, 3 flowering plants of the new variety and in FIG. 2, a close-up of an inflorescence.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The plant descriptions and measurements were taken in Gilroy, Calif. in February 2019 under natural light. These plants were approximately 10 weeks old and were grown in 1-quart pots, in a greenhouse trial. The plants shown in the photographs were about 10 weeks old and were taken at the same time the plant patent data was collected.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (R.H.S.) 2005.

TABLE 1

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW VARIETY 'PEQZ0053' AND A MOST SIMILAR VARIETY		
	'PEQZ0053'	'PEQZ0011' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 28,488)
Floret size:	Larger	Smaller
Leaf color:	Medium green	Darker green
Leaf zone:	None	Strong

## Plant:

*Form, growth and habit.*—Upright, outwardly spreading, and rounded growth habit, well branched plant.  
*Plant height.*—25-27.0 cm.  
*Plant height (inflorescence included).*—30-31.0 cm.  
*Plant width.*—34-36.0 cm.

## Roots:

*Number of days to initiate roots.*—15-18 days at about 22 degrees C.  
*Number of days to produce a rooted cutting.*—21-23 days at 22 degrees C.  
*Type.*—Fine, fibrous, free branching.  
*Color.*—RHS N155B.

## Foliage:

*Immature leaf, color upper surface.*—Closest to RHS 137A.  
*Immature leaf, lower surface.*—RHS 137C.  
*Mature leaf, color upper surface.*—RHS 137A.  
*Mature leaf, color lower surface.*—RHS 137C.  
*Variation of the leaf blade.*—Absent.  
*Length.*—6.0-6.5 cm.  
*Width.*—10.0-11.0 cm.  
*Shape.*—Cordate.  
*Base shape.*—Cordate.  
*Apex shape.*—Acute.  
*Margin.*—Slightly dentate.  
*Texture upper side.*—Hirsute.  
*Texture lower side.*—Hirsute.  
*Leaf zonation color.*—None.  
*Color of veins, upper surface.*—RHS 137C becoming indistinct.  
*Color of veins, lower surface.*—RHS 137C becoming indistinct.  
*Pattern of veining.*—Palmate.  
*Petiole color.*—RHS 137C.  
*Petiole length.*—6-7.0 cm.  
*Diameter of petiole.*—0.3 cm.  
*Texture.*—Pilose, hirsute, glandular hairs.

## Stem:

*Quantity of branches.*—6-8.  
*Color of stem.*—Between RHS 144A and RHS 144B.  
*Length of stem.*—10-12.0 cm.  
*Diameter.*—0.5-0.6 cm.  
*Length of internodes.*—1.0-2.0 cm.  
*Texture.*—Sparsely hirsute, Pilose, glandular hairs.

## Peduncle:

*Color of peduncle.*—RHS 137C.  
*Length of peduncle.*—20-22.0 cm.  
*Peduncle diameter.*—0.3-0.35 cm.  
*Texture.*—Hirsute, glandular hairs.

## Pedicel:

*Color of pedicel.*—RHS 187A being the main color and RHS 144A marked around it.  
*Length of pedicel.*—2.8-3.0 cm.  
*Diameter of pedicel.*—1.5-0.2 cm.  
*Texture.*—Sparsely pilose, glandular hairs.

## Bud (just before opening):

*Color.*—Closest to RHS 52A.  
*Length.*—1.5 cm.  
*Width.*—1.0 cm.  
*Shape.*—Elliptical.

## Inflorescence:

*Type.*—Umbel; semi-spherical or nearly semi-spherical.  
*Lastingness of individual flowers.*—7-9 days at 18° C. temperature.  
*Number of inflorescences per plant.*—5, with 5 immature umbels in various stages.  
*Fragrance.*—None.  
*Umbel diameter.*—12-14 cm.  
*Umbel depth.*—7-8 cm.

## Corolla:

*Form.*—Double.  
*Number of petals.*—10.  
*Diameter of flower.*—About 5.0 cm.  
*Depth of flower.*—2-2.5 cm.  
*Color upper petals, upper surface.*—Closest to RHS 57A.  
*Color upper petals, lower surface.*—Closest to RHS 54B.  
*Length of upper petals.*—3.0 cm.  
*Width of upper petals.*—2.0 cm.  
*Color lower petals, upper surface.*—Closest to RHS N57A.  
*Color lower petals, lower surface.*—Closest to RHS 54B.  
*Length of lower petals.*—2.8 cm.  
*Width of lower petals.*—2.0 cm.  
*Petal shape.*—Obovate to spatulate.  
*Apex shape.*—Rounded.  
*Margin.*—Entire.  
*Base.*—Attenuate.  
*Petal texture.*—Papillose on both surfaces.

## Calyx:

*Number of sepals.*—5.  
*Color of sepals.*—RHS 144A mottled with anthocyanins of about RHS 178B.  
*Length of sepals.*—1.2 cm.  
*Width of sepals.*—0.3-0.4 cm.  
*Sepal shape.*—Lanceolate to linear.  
*Apex shape.*—Acute.  
*Margins.*—Mostly fused.  
*Texture, upper surface.*—Glabrous.  
*Lower surface.*—Glandular hairs, hirsute.

## Reproductive organs:

## Gynoecium:

*Pistil.*—1.  
*Length.*—1.1 cm.  
*Style color.*—Closest to RHS 53D.  
*Style length.*—0.7 cm.  
*Stigma color.*—Closest to RHS 53D.  
*Ovary color.*—Between RHS 144A and RHS 144B.  
*Ovary length.*—0.5 cm.  
*Ovary diameter.*—0.2 cm.

Androecium:

*Number of stamens.*—7-10.

*Color of filaments.*—RHS N57B with RHS N155C basally.

*Length filaments.*—0.6 cm.

*Anther color.*—RHS N57B with RHS 155C to follow.

*Length of anthers.*—0.2 cm.

*Color of pollen.*—RHS 172A.

*Pollen amount.*—1 normal.

*Fertility/seed set.*—Has not been determined to date.

*Disease/pest resistance.*—Has not been determined to date.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Pelargonium* plant named 'PEQZ0053' substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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FIG. 1

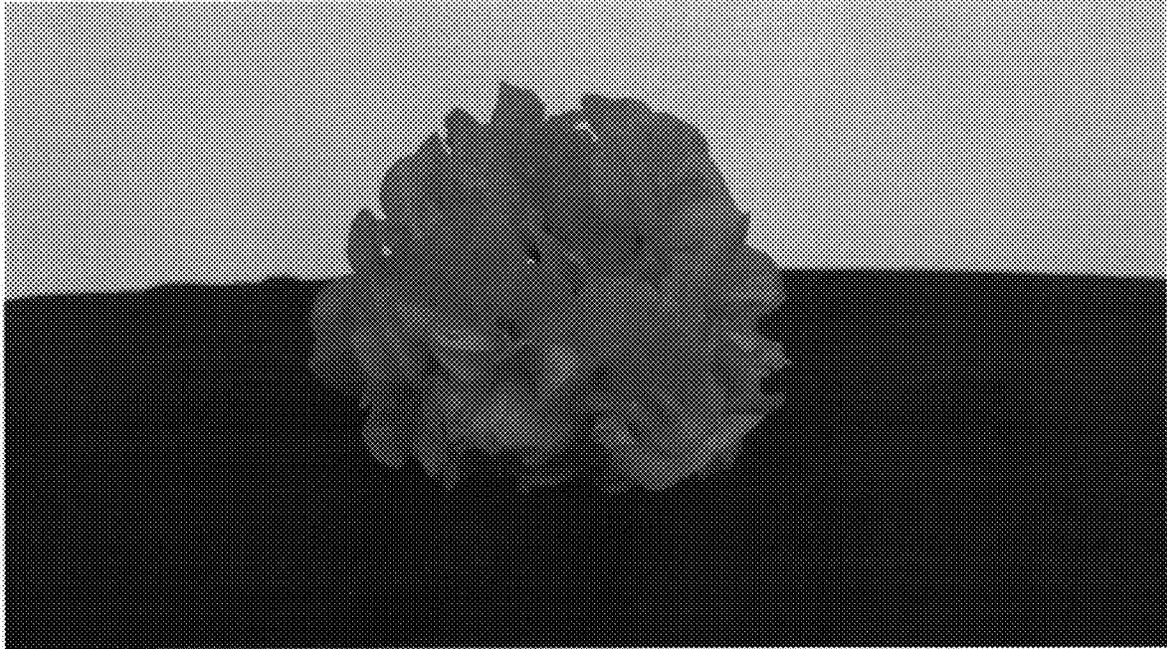


FIG. 2