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(54) **VERBENA PLANT NAMED ‘VVIPU08-0’**

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(50) Latin Name: *Verbena* hybrid
Varietal Denomination: **VVIPU08-0**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A new and distinct *Verbena* cultivar named ‘VVIPU08-0’ is disclosed, characterized by a compact, trailing plant habit, flexible stems and distinctive purple to red-purple flowers. The new variety is a *Verbena*, typically produced as a garden or container plant.

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1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of the genus and species: *Verbena* hybrid.
Variety denomination: ‘VVIPU08-0’.

The photograph was taken using conventional techniques and although colors may appear different from actual colors due to light reflectance it is as accurate as possible by conventional photographic techniques.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The new cultivar is a product of a planned breeding program. The new variety originated from a cross pollination of the seed parent, an unnamed, unpatented proprietary selection of *Verbena* hybrid with the pollen parent a different unnamed, unpatented *Verbena* hybrid. The crossing was made during the Summer of 2009, at a research greenhouse in Munster, Germany. ‘VVIPU08-0’ was discovered by the inventor, Hubertus Volmary, a citizen of Germany, at the same research greenhouse during the Spring of 2010.

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Colour Chart, 2001, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The following observations and measurements describe ‘VVIPU08-0’ plants in a commercial greenhouse in Oxnard, California. Temperatures ranged from 10° C. to 29° C. night and day. No artificial light, photoperiodic treatments or chemical treatments were given to the plants. Natural light conditions were approximately 2500 to 4000 fc of light. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plant types.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar ‘VVIPU08-0’ was first performed in Munster Germany, at a commercial greenhouse by vegetative cuttings in Summer of 2010. ‘VVIPU08-0’ has since produced several generations and has shown that the unique features of this cultivar are stable and reproduced true to type.

Botanical classification: *Verbena* hybrid ‘VVIPU08-0’.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

PROPAGATION

The cultivar ‘VVIPU08-0’ has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as temperature, day length, and light intensity, without, however, any variance in genotype.

Propagation method: Vegetative Cuttings.
Time to initiate roots: About 5 to 7 days at 20.degree. C. to 25.degree. C.
Root description: Fine, densely fibrous.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘VVIPU08-0.’ These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘VVIPU08-0’ as a new and distinct *Verbena* cultivar:

PLANT

1. Compact, trailing plant habit.
2. Highly floriferous plants
3. Flexible, non-brittle stems.
4. Distinctive purple to red-purple flowers.

Age of plant described: Approximately 2 months from a rooted cutting.
Pot size of plant described: 6 inch pot.
Height: Approximately 5 cm from soil line of pot to top of foliar plane. Approximately 10 cm from soil line of pot to top of uppermost flowers.
Plant spread: Approximately 33 cm.
Growth rate: Rapid.
Growth habit: Spreading.
Branching characteristics: Free branching.
Length of primary lateral branches: Average 11 cm.
Diameter of lateral branches: Approximately 0.3 cm.
Quantity of primary lateral branches: Approximately 30.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying photograph in FIG. 1 illustrates in full color a typical plant of ‘VVIPU08-0’ grown outdoors in Oxnard, Calif. This plant is approximately 2 months old, shown in a 6 inch pot.

Characteristics of primary lateral branches:

Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A. Ridges colored near Violet 86A.

Texture.—Hirsute. Hairs less than 1 mm. Stems also strongly ridged.

Strength.—Strong, flexible.

Internode length: Average 2.2 cm.

FOLIAGE

Leaf:

Arrangement.—Opposite.

Quantity.—Approximately 8 to 10 fully expanded leaves per primary lateral branch with approximately 8 less developed leaves.

Average length.—2.9 cm.

Average width.—1.9 cm.

Shape of blade.—Narrow deltoid.

Apex.—Obtuse.

Base.—Oblique.

Margin.—Deeply crenate.

Texture of top surface.—Hirsute.

Texture of bottom surface.—Hirsute.

Aspect.—Slightly cupped upward.

Color.—Young foliage upper side: Near RHS Green 143A. Young foliage under side: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A. Mature foliage upper side: Near RHS Green 137B. Mature foliage under side: Near RHS Green 137D.

Venation.—Type: Palmate. Venation color upper side: Near RHS Green 143C. Venation color under side: Near RHS Green 143D.

Attachment.—Stalked.

Petiole.—Length: Average 0.8 cm. Diameter: Average 0.15 cm. Texture: Pubescent. Color: Upper surface: Near RHS Green 143C. Lower surface: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144D.

FLOWER

Natural flowering season: Spring and Summer.

Inflorescence and flower type and habit: Flat top umbel.

Umbel depth.—Average 3.8 cm.

Umbel diameter.—Average 7.2 cm.

Individual flower form: Salverform.

Individual flowers per umbel: Average 10 fully opened flowers with 4 to 6 buds.

Umbels per plant: More than 20 umbels with open flowers, on a mature plant.

Flower longevity on plant: Approximately 1 week for individual flowers, approximately 3 weeks for entire umbel.

Persistent or self-cleaning: Self-cleaning.

Bud:

Shape.—Oblong.

Length.—1.4 cm.

Diameter.—0.4 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144D at base, apex near Yellow-Green 144C.

Corolla:

Petals (measured from separation at top of tube):

Number.—5.

Length.—Approximately 1.1 cm.

Width.—Approximately 1.0 cm.

Tube opening diameter.—Approximately 0.2 cm.

Tube/throat length.—Approximately 1.9 cm.

Flower diameter.—Average 2.2 cm.

Shape.—Overall deltoid. Bi-lobed at apex. Average lobe depth 0.3 cm.

Aspect.—Flat.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture.—Velvety.

Apex.—2 obtuse lobes.

Color.—When opening: Upper surface: Apex near Purple N79C, base near Purple N79A. Lower surface: Near RHS Purple N79C. Fully opened: Upper surface: Mixture of Red-Purple 61A, near apex and Purple N79C, on rest of surface. Lower surface: Near RHS Purple N79C along margin, N79D rest of surface. Fading: Upper surface: Near RHS Red-Purple 61A. Lower surface: Near RHS Purple N79D.

Throat:

Outer surface color.—Near RHS Purple 76D.

Texture.—Smooth.

Interior tube color.—Near RHS White N155C.

Calyx:

Form.—Funnelform. Individual sepals indistinguishable.

Length.—Approximately 1.2 cm.

Diameter.—Approximately 0.3 cm.

Sepal quantity.—5 fully fused.

Sepal texture.—Puberulent.

Apex.—Acute.

Color.—Upper and Lower Surfaces Near RHS Green 143A at apex, base Yellow-Green 144D.

Fragrance.—Faint.

Peduncle:

Length.—Average 4 cm.

Diameter.—0.2 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A. Flushed Violet 86A.

Texture.—Hirsute. Hairs less than 1 mm.

Pedicel:

Length.—Average 0.5 cm.

Diameter.—0.1 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A.

Texture.—Pubescent.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Stamens:

Number (per flower).—4.

Filament length.—Not measurable, fused to corolla tube.

Anthers.—Shape: Globular. Length: Approximately 0.1 cm. Color: Near RHS Yellow-Green N144B.

Pollen.—Amount: Not present.

Pistils:

Quantity per flower.—1.

Length.—Approximately 1.5 cm.

Style.—Length: Approximately 1.4 cm. Color: Near RHS Yellow-Green 150D.

Stigma.—Shape: 2 parted. Color: Near Yellow-Green 144C.

Ovary.—Length: Approximately 0.1 cm. Color: Near Yellow-Green 144A.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Seeds and fruits: Not observed to date.

Disease/pest resistance: Neither resistance nor susceptibility to normal diseases and pests of *Verbena* has been observed.

Temperature tolerance: Tolerates temperatures from approximately -1 C. degree to 32 C. degree.

Drought tolerance: No tolerance for drought.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Verbena* plant named 'VVIPU08-0' as herein illustrated and described.

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