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(54) **ANTHURIUM PLANT NAMED ‘ANTHHOZIF’**

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Varietal Denomination: **ANTHHOZIF**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Anthurium* plant rich in shooting and number of spathes named ‘ANTHHOZIF’ particularly distinguished by having weakly blistered and weakly glossy, white, long ovate, and durable spathes that retain the original color for a very long period of time and are positioned far above the leaves, with dark green, long ovate, durable leaves, white spadices with yellow tips, early and rich flowering continuously throughout the year, and a plant height of 36.0 cm to 46.0 cm is disclosed.

3 Drawing Sheets

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Genus and species: *Anthurium andraeanum* L.
Variety denomination:
‘ANTHHOZIF’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety of *Anthurium*, botanically known as *Anthurium andraeanum* L., and hereinafter referred to by the variety name ‘ANTHHOZIF’. The new *Anthurium* plant is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the inventor in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands. The objective of this breeding program was to create a new plant with a height of 36.0 cm to 46.0 cm having weakly blistered and weakly glossy, white, long ovate, and durable spathes.

The new variety originated from a cross-pollination made in September 2013 in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands. The female parent was a pink *Anthurium* pot plant designated ‘22570-02’ (unpatented), and the male parent was a pink *Anthurium* pot plant designated ‘26116-02’ (unpatented).

A single plant was selected from the progeny of the stated cross in August 2015. Asexual reproduction of the new variety by tissue culture in 2017 in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands, has demonstrated that the new variety reproduces true to type with all of the characteristics, as herein described, firmly fixed and retained through successive generations.

Community Plant Variety Rights for this variety have been applied for in the European Union on Nov. 12, 2019 (Application no. 2019/2945), by Applicant who obtained the subject matter disclosed directly from the inventor. ‘ANTHHOZIF’ has not been made publicly available or sold anywhere in the world prior to the effective filing date of this application with the exception of sales or disclosures made one year or less before the effective filing date of this claimed invention by Applicant who obtained ‘ANTHHOZIF’ directly from the inventor.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing characteristics of this new variety when grown under normal horticultural practices in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands:

- 1) Weakly blistered and weakly glossy, white, long ovate spathes;
- 2) White spadices with yellow tips;
- 3) Green, long ovate leaves;
- 4) Plant is rich in shoots and number of spathes; and
- 5) Spathes are positioned far above the leaves.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This new *Anthurium* plant is illustrated by the accompanying photographs which show the overall plant habit including blooms, buds, and foliage of the plant; the colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photographic procedures. The photographs are of a 34-week-old plant grown in a greenhouse in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands, in November 2021. Colors in the photographs may differ from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description, which accurately describe the actual colors of the new variety.

FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit, including blooms, buds, and foliage.

FIG. 2 shows a close-up of the mature spathe.

FIG. 3 shows a close-up of the upper leaf blade surface.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed description sets forth the distinctive characteristics of ‘ANTHHOZIF’. The data which define these characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions carried out in Bleiswijk, the Netherlands. The plant history was taken on 34-week-old plants which were planted from tissue culture in 12-centimeter (diameter) pots and grown in a glass greenhouse between 19° C. and 24° C.

Observations were made in November 2021. Color readings were taken under 5000 lux natural light in the greenhouse. Color references are primarily to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (RHS) (2015).

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Classification:

Family.—Araceae.

Botanical.—*Anthurium andraeanum* L.

Common name.—*Anthurium*.

Denomination.—‘ANTHHOZIF’.

Parentage:

Female parent.—*Anthurium* plant ‘22570-02’ (unpatented).

Male parent.—*Anthurium* plant ‘26116-02’ (unpatented).

Plant:

Propagation.—Tissue culture.

Root description.—Fleshy-creamy (RHS 160D) colored roots with small hairy lateral roots having yellow (RHS 9A) colored root tips.

Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—32 to 36 weeks after planting in a 12-cm (diameter) pot.

Growth habit.—Upright.

Height (measured from soil, including inflorescence).—36.0 cm to 46.0 cm.

Width (measured from leaf tips).—32.0 cm to 37.0 cm.

Leaves:

Immature leaves.—Length: 12.0 cm to 14.0 cm. Width: 6.5 cm to 8.5 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS 146A. Lower surface: RHS 146B. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces): Glossy, leathery, and thin.

Mature leaves.—Length (fully expanded): 14.0 cm to 17.0 cm. Width: 8.0 cm to 10.0 cm. Shape: Long ovate. Apex: Caudate. Base: Cordate. Leaf blade angle with the petiole: Between 110 degrees and 130 degrees. Leaf margin: Entire. Color: Upper surface: RHS 147A. Lower surface: RHS 146B. Texture: Upper surface: Leathery and thick. Lower surface: Glossy, leathery, and thick. Venation: Pinnate veining; the mid-vein and primary veins (the veins that radiate out from the junction of petiole and leaf) protrude at the underside of the leaf blade. Venation color: Upper surface: RHS 144A. Lower surface: RHS 144B.

Lobes.—Absent.

Petiole.—Cross-section: Round. Diameter: 0.3 cm to 0.4 cm. Length: 11.0 cm to 14.0 cm for a mature leaf size. Color: Mature leaf: RHS 144B. Immature leaf: RHS 144C. Cataphyll color surrounding the petiole: Outside: RHS 144C. Inside: RHS 145D.

Geniculum.—Length: 1.5 cm to 2.0 cm. Width: 0.4 cm to 0.5 cm. Color: RHS 144B.

Inflorescence:

Arrangement.—Single.

Flowering habit (length of flowering season).—Continuous.

Number of inflorescences per plant.—11 to 14.

Fragrance.—Absent.

Longevity of inflorescence on plant.—Over a year.

Spathe:

Buds.—The spathe is tightly rolled around the spadix and extrudes from the peduncle sheath. After the spathe is fully opened the peduncle elongates some extra centimeters.

Arrangement.—Spathe angle with the peduncle is between 130 degrees and 150 degrees; the spathe stands on a wiry peduncle about 9.0 cm to 13.0 cm above the foliage.

Shape.—Long ovate.

Apex.—Abruptly acuminate.

Base.—Rotundate.

Texture.—Weakly blistered and wealdy glossy.

Margin.—Undulated.

Size.—Length: 9.0 cm to 12.0 cm. Width: 4.0 cm to 5.0 cm.

Lobes.—Absent.

Color.—Just fully open: Upper surface: RHS NN155C. Lower surface: RHS NN155D. This white color remains for a very long period, at least more than 30 weeks after opening. The spathe turns green after some weeks.

Peduncle:

Shape.—Erect.

Cross-section.—Round.

Length.—25.0 cm to 30.0 cm.

Diameter.—0.3 cm to 0.4 cm.

Color.—RHS 144B.

Flowering time:

General.—One small, rooted, untreated tissue culture plant of 8.0 cm tall will flower, depending on the season, after 32 to 36 weeks and 11 to 12 blossoms appear. More blossoms appear after some additional weeks so that a full flowering and commercial plant will have 13 to 14 white spathes. Smaller blossoms may occur on immature plants.

Spadix:

Size.—Length: 3.0 cm to 4.0 cm (depending on flower size). Width (at apex): 0.4 cm to 0.5 cm. Width (at base): 0.5 cm to 0.6 cm.

Shape.—Columnar.

Angle of spadix tip with peduncle.—160 degrees to 180 degrees.

Texture.—When the spathe is unfurling, the spadix is smooth. When the spadix matures, small stigmata protrude. The stigmata are evenly distributed around the spadix. The spadix matures from base to top, slowly giving the spadix a somewhat rough appearance.

Color.—Immature: RHS 13C. Mature: RHS 155D. Ages to: RHS 144B.

Flowers:

Quantity per spadix.—110 to 140.

Spadix flower arrangement.—Bisexual, rounded in cross-section.

Shape.—Rounded.

Size.—Length: 0.05 cm to 0.10 cm. Diameter (maximum): 0.10 cm.

Color.—RHS 158D.

Reproductive organs:

Stamens.—Not visible.

Pollen amount.—Absent.

Pistil.—Quantity: 110 to 140. Length: Less than 0.01 cm. Color: RHS 158D.

Style.—Not observed to date.

Stigma.—Shape: Ovoid. Diameter: Less than 0.01 cm.
Color: RHS 158D.

Ovary.—Rarely visible.

Ovary color.—Not measured.

Fruit and seed set: None observed to date.

Disease and pest resistance: No specific resistance or susceptibility observed to pathogens or pests common to *Anthurium* under commercial conditions to date.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND
SIMILAR COMMERCIAL VARIETIES

‘ANTHHOZIF’ differs from the female parent plant ‘22570-02’ (unpatented) in that ‘ANTHHOZIF’ has white spathes, spadices that are white at the base, and leaf blades with no lobes, whereas ‘22570-02’ has pink spathes, spadices that are purple at the base, and leaf blades with lobes.

‘ANTHHOZIF’ differs from the male parent plant ‘26116-02’ (unpatented) in that ‘ANTHHOZIF’ has white, weakly blistered spathes and spadices that are white at the base,

whereas ‘26116-02’ has pink, unblistered spathes and spadices that are pink at the base.

‘ANTHHOZIF’ differs from similar commercial variety ‘ANTHESZJA’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 29,713) in that ‘ANTH-
5 HOZIF’ has caudate leaf apices and long ovate spathes with an obtuse angle of the distal part to the peduncle, whereas ‘ANTHESZJA’ has acute leaf apices and ovate spathes with an approximately right angle of the distal part to the peduncle.

10 ‘ANTHHOZIF’ differs from similar variety ‘ANTH-DOMAQ’ (unpatented) in that ‘ANTHHOZIF’ has long ovate leaves with caudate apices and long ovate spathes, whereas ‘ANTHDOMAQ’ has deltoid leaves with acuminate apices and cordate spathes.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Anthurium* plant named ‘ANTHHOZIF’, substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2

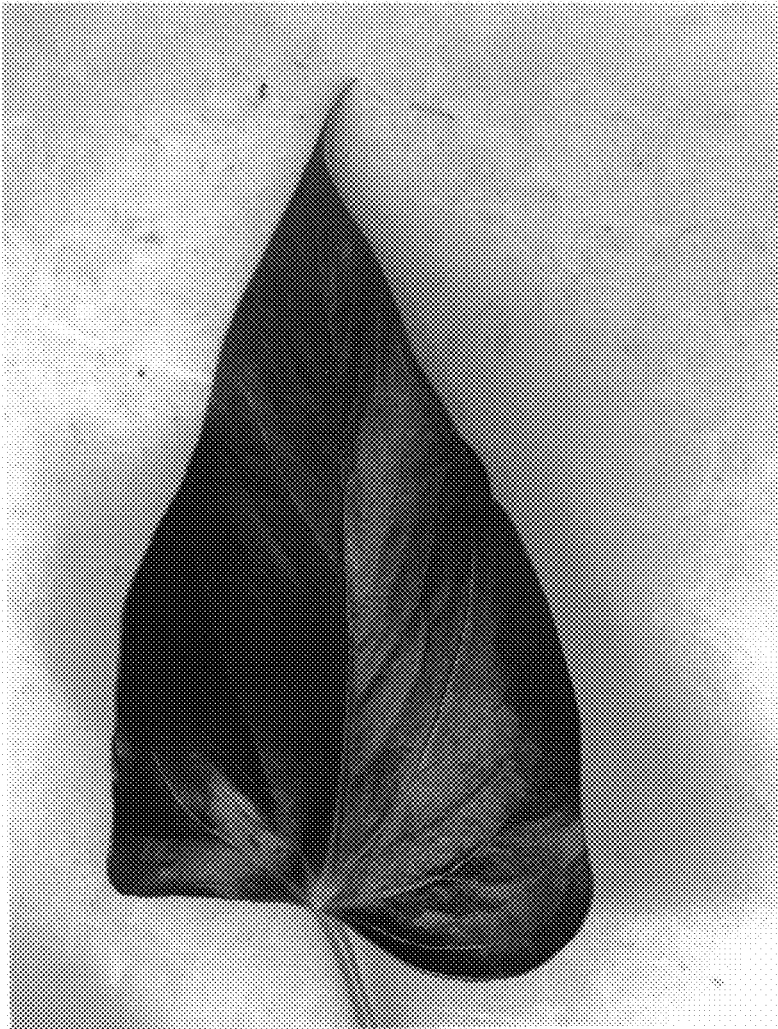


FIG. 3