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(54) **ANTHURIUM PLANT NAMED ‘AN2631609’**

(50) Latin Name: *Anthurium andreanum*  
Varietal Denomination: **AN2631609**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Anthurium* plant named ‘AN2631609’, characterized by its upright to outwardly arching and uniform plant habit; freely clumping growth habit; bushy and dense plants; narrowly cordate dark green-colored leaves; freely flowering habit; inflorescences that are positioned within to slightly above the foliar plane on strong and erect scapes; broadly cordate to cordate/reniform yellow green-colored spathes and off-white and yellow green-colored spadices; and durable spathes that impart good inflorescence longevity.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Botanical designation: *Anthurium andreanum*.  
Cultivar denomination: ‘AN2631609’.

**STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR  
DISCLOSURES BY INVENTOR and  
APPLICANT/ASSIGNEE**

An European Community Plant Breeder’s Rights application for the instant plant was filed by the Applicant/Assignee of the instant application, Anthura B.V. of Bleiswijk, The Netherlands on Nov. 22, 2022, application No. 2022/2627. Foreign priority is not claimed to this application.

The Inventor and Applicant/Assignee assert that no sales, offers for sale or public distribution of the instant plant occurred more than one year prior to the effective filing date of this application.

Any information about the claimed plant would have been obtained from a direct or indirect disclosure from the Inventor and/or Applicant/Assignee. Inventor and Applicant/Assignee claim a prior art exception under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)(1) for disclosures and/or sales prior to the filing date but less than one year prior to the effective filing date.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Anthurium* plant, botanically known as *Anthurium andreanum* and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘AN2631609’.

The new *Anthurium* plant is a product of a controlled breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Bleiswijk, The Netherlands. The objective of the breeding program is

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to create new freely-clumping *Anthurium* plants with attractive yellow green-colored, durable and glossy spathes.

The new *Anthurium* plant originated from a cross-pollination made by the Inventor in October, 2014 in Bleiswijk, The Netherlands of a proprietary selection of *Anthurium andreanum* identified as code No. 10-024957-0013, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of *Anthurium andreanum* identified as code No. 12-028534-0005, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new *Anthurium* was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a single flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in Bleiswijk, The Netherlands in September, 2016.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Anthurium* plant by in vitro meristem propagation in a controlled environment in Bleiswijk, The Netherlands since April, 2018 has shown that the unique features of this new *Anthurium* are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduction.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Plants of the new *Anthurium* have not been observed under all possible combinations of environmental conditions and cultural practices. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment conditions such as temperature and light intensity, without, however, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘AN2631609’. These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘AN2631609’ as a new and distinct *Anthurium* plant:

1. Upright to outwardly arching and uniform plant habit.
2. Freely clumping growth habit; bushy and dense plants.

3. Narrowly cordate dark green-colored leaves.
4. Freely flowering habit.
5. Inflorescences that are positioned within to slightly above the foliar plane on strong and erect scapes.
6. Broadly cordate to cordate/reniform yellow green-colored spathes and off-white and yellow green-colored spadices.
7. Durable spathes that impart good inflorescence longevity.

Plants of the new *Anthurium* differ primarily from plants of the female parent selection in the following characteristics:

1. Spadices of plants of the new *Anthurium* are shorter than spadices as plants of the female parent selection.
2. Spadices of plants of the new *Anthurium* are straighter than and not as tapering as spadices of plants of the female parent selection.

Plants of the new *Anthurium* differ primarily from plants of the male parent selection in the following characteristics:

1. Spathes of plants of the new *Anthurium* are smaller than spathes of plants of the male parent selection.
2. Spathes of plants of the new *Anthurium* are yellow green in color whereas spathes of plants of the male parent selection are white in color with green-colored venation.

Plants of the new *Anthurium* can also be compared to plants of *Anthurium andreanum* 'Anthcozop', not patented. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Anthurium* differ primarily from plants of 'Anthcozop' in the following characteristics:

1. Spathes of plants of the new *Anthurium* are darker yellow green in color than spathes of plants of 'Anthcozop'.
2. Spathes of plants of the new *Anthurium* are more rugose than spathes of plants of 'Anthcozop'.
3. Spadices of plants of the new *Anthurium* are longer than spadices of plants of 'Anthcozop'.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new *Anthurium*. The photographs show the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Anthurium*.

The photograph on the first sheet (FIG. 1) is a side perspective view of a typical plant of 'AN2631609' grown in a container.

The photograph on the second sheet (FIG. 2) is a close-up view of typical inflorescences of 'AN2631609'.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photographs and following observations and measurements describe plants grown in 9-cm containers in Bleiswijk, The Netherlands during the autumn in a glass-covered greenhouse. Plants were grown under conditions and practices which approximate those generally used in commercial *Anthurium* production. During the production of the plants, day and night temperatures ranged from about 19° C. to 22.5° C. and light levels ranged from 100 μmol to 200 μmol. Plants were nine months old when the photographs and the detailed description were taken. In the following description, color references are made to The

Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 2015 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Anthurium andreanum* 'AN2631609'.

Parentage:

*Female, or seed, parent.*—Proprietary selection of *Anthurium andreanum* identified as code No. 10-024957-0013, not patented.

*Male, or pollen, parent.*—Proprietary selection of *Anthurium andreanum* identified as code No. 12-028534-0005, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type.*—By in vitro meristem propagation.

*Time to initiate roots, summer and winter.*—About two weeks at temperatures about 19° C. to 22.5° C.

*Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer and winter.*—About six to eight weeks at temperatures about 19° C. to 22.5° C.

*Root description.*—Medium in thickness, fibrous; typically creamy white in color, actual color of the roots is dependent on substrate composition, water quality, fertilizer type and formulation, substrate temperature and physiological age of roots.

*Rooting habit.*—Freely branching, medium density.

Plant description:

*Plant shape.*—Upright to outwardly spreading and uniform plant habit; overall shape, broadly ovate to close to globular.

*Growth habit.*—Freely clumping habit with about seven clumps per plant imparting a bushy and dense appearance; moderately vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate.

*Plant height, from soil level to top of leaf plane.*—About 19.4 cm.

*Plant height, from soil level to top of inflorescences.*—About 27.1 cm.

*Plant diameter or spread.*—About 29.2 cm.

Leaf description:

*Arrangement.*—Alternate; simple; about three leaves per clump.

*Length.*—About 10.8 cm.

*Width.*—About 6.7 cm.

*Shape.*—Narrowly cordate.

*Apex.*—Apiculate with mucronate apex.

*Base.*—Cordate.

*Margin.*—Entire; slightly to moderate and coarsely undulate.

*Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces.*—Smooth, glabrous; moderately leathery; glossy.

*Venation pattern.*—Pinnate.

*Color.*—Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to a blend of 143A and 144A. Developing leaves, lower surface: Slightly darker than 144A. Fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Slightly darker than a blend of 139A and N189A; venation, close to 143C. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to a blend of 144A and 146B; venation, close to N144D.

*Petioles.*—Length: About 13.5 cm. Diameter: Distally, about 2.75 mm; proximally, about 4 mm. Strength: Strong. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; slightly glossy. Color, upper surface: Close to 144A. Color, lower surface: Close to 144A to 144B. Geniculum length: About 1.7 cm. Geniculum diameter: About 3 mm. Geniculum tex-

ture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; slightly glossy. Geniculum color, upper surface: Slightly darker than 143A. Geniculum color, lower surface: Close to a blend of 143A and 144A. Wing length: About 1.5 cm. Wing diameter: About 3 mm. Wing color: Close to 144B and 144C; towards the margins, close to 145A and 145B.

Inflorescence description:

*Inflorescence arrangement and flowering habit.*—Spathes with spadices held within and slightly above the foliar plane on strong and erect scapes; flowering structures arise from leaf axils; freely and continuous flowering year-round in controlled temperature greenhouses in The Netherlands; typically about nine developing and developed inflorescences per plant at one time; inflorescence development commences about 2.5 to 3.5 months after planting.

*Inflorescence longevity.*—Spathes maintain good substance for about two months on the plant; inflorescences persistent.

*Fragrance.*—None detected.

*Spathes.*—Length: About 5.8 cm. Width: About 7.4 cm. Shape: Broadly cordate to cordate/reniform; slightly concave to strongly carinate. Apex: Abruptly acute with a mucronate tip. Base: Cordate to reniform. Margin: Entire; slightly and coarsely undulate; occasionally, involute. Aspect: At about 80° From the peduncle axis. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; moderately leathery; glossy. Color: When developing, front surface: Close to 144A; towards the base, close to a blend of 143A, 143B and 144A. When developing, rear surface: Close to 144A. Fully developed, front surface: Close to 144A; towards the base, close to 143A; venation, similar to lamina colors; with subsequent development, color becoming closer to NN137A and

towards the apex, close to 143A. Fully developed, rear surface: Close to 144A; venation, close to 144A; with subsequent development, color becoming closer to 144A and towards the base, close to a blend of 137B and 143A.

*Spadices.*—Length: About 4 cm. Diameter: About 8 mm. Shape: Columnar, slightly tapering towards the apex; apex, obtuse; base, obtuse; in cross-section, rounded. Aspect: About 65° From the spathe axis and about 10° From the peduncle axis. Color: Immature: Close to 144B and distally, close to 144C. Mature: Close to 159A and distally, close to 144A; with subsequent development, becoming closer to 138A and 138B. Flowers: Type: Hermaphroditic. Quantity per spadix: Numerous, about 200. Height: Less than 0.7 mm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Shape: Roughly square. Anther color: Close to 159A to 159C. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: Close to 155D. Stigma color: Close to 145C and 145D.

*Scape.*—Length: About 18.3 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm. Strength: Strong. Aspect: About 15° From vertical. Color: Close to 144A.

*Seed and fruit.*—To date, seed and fruit development has not been observed on plants of the new *Anthurium*.

Pathogen & pest resistance: To date, plants of the new *Anthurium* have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens or pests common to *Anthurium* plants.

Temperature tolerance: Plants of the new *Anthurium* have been observed to be tolerant to high temperatures about 30° C. and to be hardy to USDA Hardiness Zone 10.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Anthurium* plant named 'AN2631609' as illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1

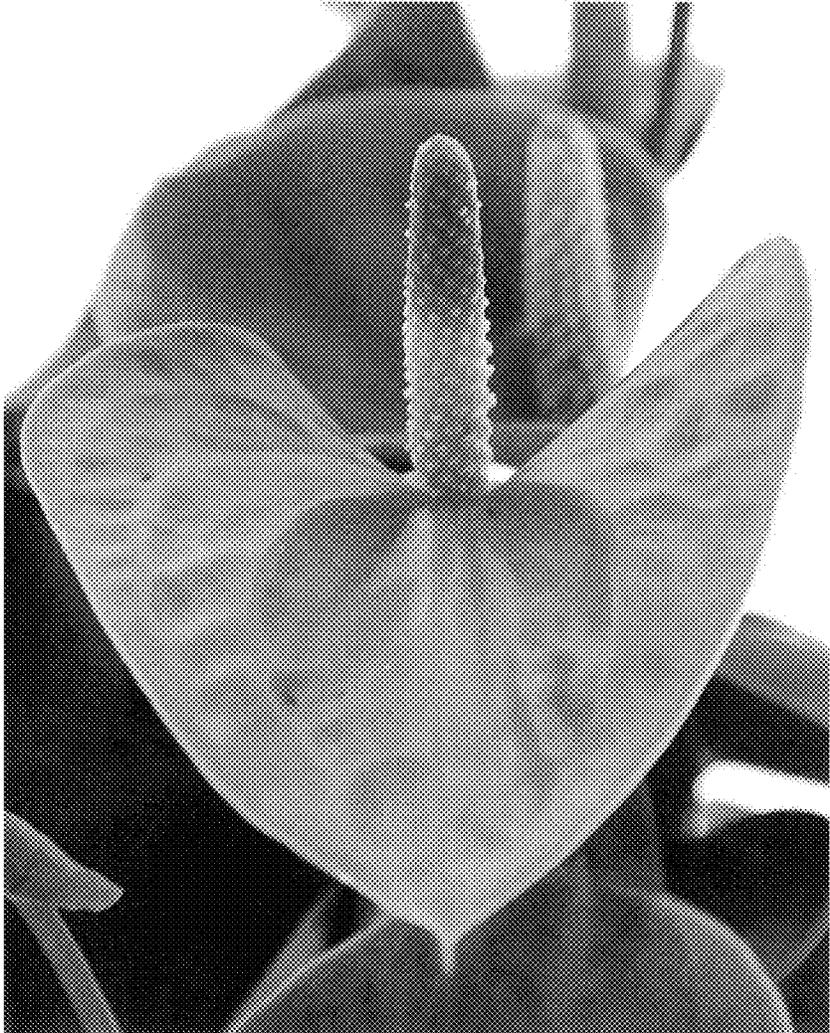


FIG. 2