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(54) *PETUNIA* PLANT NAMED ‘BALCANNINK’

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Varietal Denomination: **Balcannink**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named ‘Balcan-  
nink’, characterized by its deep purplish-pink colored flow-  
ers, medium green-colored foliage, low growth vigor, and  
compact-mounded growth habit, is disclosed.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Latin name of genus and species of plant claimed: *Petunia*  
*x hybrida*.

Variety denomination: ‘Balcannink’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of *Petunia* plant botanically known as *Petunia x hybrida* and  
hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name ‘Balcannink’.

The new cultivar originated in a controlled breeding  
program in Arroyo Grande, Calif. during August 2013. The  
objective of the breeding program was the development of  
*Petunia* cultivars that are early to flower and have a com-  
pact-mounded growth habit.

The new *Petunia* cultivar is the result of cross-pollination.  
The female (seed) parent of the new cultivar is SunSpun  
Burgundy ‘Balspunburg’, U.S. Plant Pat. No. 21,492, char-  
acterized by its medium burgundy-colored flowers, medium  
green-colored foliage, and moderately vigorous, compact,  
upright-mounded growth habit. The male (pollen) parent of  
the new cultivar is Starlet Dark Pink ‘KLEPH11199’, not  
patented, characterized by its dark pink-colored flowers,  
medium green-colored foliage, low vigor, and compact-  
mounded growth habit. The new cultivar was selected as a  
single flowering plant within the progeny of the above stated  
cross-pollination during April 2014 in a controlled environ-  
ment in Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal stem  
cuttings since April 2014 in Arroyo Grande, Calif. and West  
Chicago, Ill. has demonstrated that the new cultivar repro-  
duces true to type with all of the characteristics, as herein  
described, firmly fixed and retained through successive  
generations of such asexual propagation.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following characteristics of the new cultivar have  
been repeatedly observed and can be used to distinguish  
‘Balcannink’ as a new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant:

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1. Deep purplish-pink colored flowers;
2. Medium green-colored foliage;
3. Low growth vigor; and
4. Compact-mounded growth habit.

5 Plants of the new cultivar differ from plants of the female  
parent primarily in having Deep purplish-pink colored flow-  
ers. Plants of the new cultivar differ from plants of the male  
parent primarily in having larger diameter flowers.

10 Of the many commercially available *Petunia* cultivars,  
the most similar in comparison to the new cultivar is Starlet  
Dark Pink ‘KLEPH11199’, not patented. However, in com-  
parison, plants of the new cultivar differ from plants of  
‘KLEPH11199’ in at least the following characteristics:

- 15 1. Plants of the new cultivar have a lighter shade of  
red-purple colored flowers than plants of  
‘KLEPH11199’;
2. Plants of the new cultivar are wider and taller than  
plants of ‘KLEPH11199’; and
- 20 3. Plants of the new cultivar have larger diameter corollas  
than plants of ‘KLEPH11199’.

25 In addition, the new cultivar is similar in comparison to  
Starlet Light Pink ‘KLEPH20490’, not patented. However,  
in comparison, plants of the new cultivar differ from plants  
of ‘KLEPH20490’ in at least the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new cultivar have a darker shade of  
red-purple colored flowers than plants of  
‘KLEPH20490’;
2. Plants of the new cultivar are wider and taller than  
plants of ‘KLEPH20490’; and
3. Plants of the new cultivar have larger diameter corollas  
than plants of ‘KLEPH20490’

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

35 The accompanying photographs show, as nearly true as it  
is reasonably possible to make the same in color illustrations  
of this type, typical flower and foliage characteristics of the  
new cultivar. Colors in the photographs may differ slightly

from the color values cited in the detailed description, which accurately describes the colors of 'Balcannink'. The approximately 3-month-old plants were grown in 6-inch pots for approximately 5 weeks in a greenhouse in West Chicago, Ill.

FIG. 1 illustrates a side view of the overall growth and flowering habit of 'Balcannink'.

FIG. 2 illustrates a close-up view of an individual flower of 'Balcannink'.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The new cultivar has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions to date. Accordingly, it is possible that the phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in the environment, such as temperature, light intensity, and day length, without, however, any variance in genotype.

The chart used in the identification of colors described herein is The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society, London, England, 2015 edition, except where general color terms of ordinary significance are used. The color values were determined in December 2020 under natural light conditions in Naperville, Ill.

The following descriptions and measurements describe approximately 3-month-old plants produced from cuttings from stock plants and grown in a glass-covered greenhouse under conditions comparable to those used in commercial practice. The plants were grown in West Chicago, Ill. in 6-inch pots for approximately 5 weeks utilizing a soilless growth medium. Greenhouse temperatures were maintained at approximately 70° F. to 75° F. (21° C. to 24° C.) during the day and approximately 68° F. to 74° F. (20° C. to 23° C.) during the night. Supplemental lighting was used. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plants.

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Botanical classification: *Petunia x hybrida* 'Balcannink'.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—SunSpun Burgundy 'Balspunburg', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 21,492.

*Male parent*.—Starlet Dark Pink 'KLEPH11199', not patented.

Propagation:

*Type cutting*.—Terminal stem.

*Time to initiate roots*.—Approximately 6 to 9 days.

*Time to produce a rooted cutting*.—Approximately 21 to 28 days.

*Root description*.—Fibrous.

*Rooting habit*.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

*Commercial crop time*.—Approximately 5 to 7 weeks from a rooted cutting to finish in a 10 cm pot.

*Growth habit and general appearance*.—Low growth vigor, and compact-mounded growth habit.

*Size*.—Height from soil level to top of plant plane: Approximately 14.5 cm. Width: Approximately 39.0 cm.

*Branching habit*.—Freely branching. Quantity of main branches per plant: Approximately 4.

*Branch*.—Strength: Moderate. Length: Approximately 17.0 cm. Diameter: Approximately 3.0 mm. Length of central internode: Approximately 2.7 cm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent with a mixture of long

and short hairs. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of young stems: 144A. Color of mature stems: 146C.

Foliage description:

*General description*.—Quantity of leaves per main branch: Approximately 8. Fragrance: Slight. Form: Simple. Arrangement on flowering stem: Opposite. *Leaves*.—Aspect: Acute angle to stem. Shape: Ovate. Margin: Entire. Apex: Acute. Base: Broadly attenuate. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Length of mature leaf: Approximately 4.7 cm. Width of mature leaf: Approximately 2.9 cm. Texture of upper and lower surfaces: Moderately glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of upper surface of young and mature foliage: 137A with venation of 146C to indistinguishable. Color of lower surface of young and mature foliage: Closest to 146B with venation of 146D to indistinguishable.

*Petiole*.—Length: Approximately 4.0 mm. Width: Approximately 3.0 mm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent with a mixture of long and short hairs. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color: 146D.

Flowering description:

*Flowering habit*.—'Balcannink' is freely flowering under outdoor growing conditions with substantially continuous blooming from spring through autumn and year-round in greenhouse environment.

*Lastingness of individual flower on the plant*.—Approximately 10 to 12 days.

Flower description:

*General description*.—Type: Simple, salverform. Quantity per plant: Approximately 21. Fragrance: None detected.

*Bud*.—Rate of opening: Generally takes 2 to 3 days for bud to progress from first color to fully open flower. Quantity per plant: Approximately 9.

*Bud just before opening*.—Shape: Oblong. Length: Approximately 4.3 cm. Diameter at apex: Approximately 8.0 mm. Diameter at base: Approximately 2.0 mm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of petal portion: 65A with midveins of 144A. Color of tube: 65D with venation of 144A.

*Corolla*.—Diameter: Approximately 6.3 cm.

*Petals*.—Quantity: 5, fused to form a tube. Shape: Obovate. Appearance: Matte. Margin: Entire, slightly wavy. Apex: Cuspidate. Length from tube: Approximately 2.7 cm. Length of free portion: Approximately 1.3 cm. Width: Approximately 3.0 cm. Texture of upper surface: Glabrous. Texture of lower surface: Sparsely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of upper surface when first open: N66C with heavy venation of N66A. Color of lower surface when first and fully open: 65A to 65C with midveins of 144A. Color of upper surface when fully open: N66C with heavy venation of N66A to N66B.

*Corolla tube*.—Length: Approximately 3.2 cm. Diameter at distal end: Approximately 1.0 cm. Diameter at proximal end: Approximately 3.0 mm. Texture of inner surface: Glabrous. Texture of outer surface: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of inner surface: 155A tinted with 145A, venation of N77A. Color of outer surface: 65D with venation of 144A.

*Sepals*.—Quantity per flower: 5, fused at base. Shape: Linear. Margin: Entire. Apex: Acute. Length: Approximately 2.5 cm. Width: Approximately 4.0 mm. Texture of upper and lower surfaces: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of upper surface: 137A. Color of lower surface: 138A with 144A at base.

*Peduncle*.—Strength: Strong, flexible. Aspect: Acute angle to stem. Length: Approximately 2.5 cm. Diameter: Approximately 2.0 mm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent with a mixture of long and short hairs. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color: 146C.

*Reproductive organs*.—Androecium: Stamen quantity: 5, basifixed. Stamen length: Approximately 2.2 cm. Filament length of fixed portion: Approximately 8.0 mm. Filament color: NN155C. Anther shape:

Bilobed. Anther length: Approximately 1.0 mm. Anther color: 158A. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: 155A. Gynoecium: Pistil quantity: 1 per flower. Pistil length: Approximately 2.4 cm. Stigma shape: Funnel. Stigma length: Approximately 1.0 mm. Stigma color: 146A. Style length: Approximately 2.0 cm. Style color: 145B. Ovary length: Approximately 3.0 mm. Ovary color: 144A.

Seed and fruit production: Neither seed nor fruit production has been observed.

Disease and pest resistance: Resistance to pathogens and pests common to *Petunia* has not been observed.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named 'Balcannink', substantially as herein illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2