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(54) **STRAWBERRY PLANT NAMED ‘SHANNON M. KENT’**

(50) Latin Name: *Fragaria x ananassa*  
Varietal Denomination: **Shannon M. Kent**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a new and distinct strawberry variety designated as ‘Shannon M. Kent’ (a.k.a. ‘110168’). The ‘Shannon M. Kent’ cultivar is primarily adapted to growing conditions of the central coast of California and produces strong vigorous plants that remain in fruit production from March through October.

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Latin name of the genus and species: *Fragaria x ananassa*.

Varietal denomination: ‘Shannon M. Kent’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct strawberry variety designated as ‘Shannon M. Kent’ (a.k.a. ‘110168’), which was previously designated ‘Perla’, as disclosed in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/835,705.

‘Shannon M. Kent’ (a.k.a. ‘110168’) is the result of a controlled-cross between a female parent cultivar designated ‘107987’ and a male parent cultivar designated ‘107801’, and was first fruited in Watsonville, Calif. growing fields. Both parents are proprietary strawberry plant varieties made by the inventor and are not available to the public. Following selection and during testing, the plant was originally designated ‘110168’ and subsequently named ‘Shannon M. Kent’.

This new variety was asexually reproduced via runners (stolons) by the inventor at Watsonville, Calif. Asexual propagules from the original source have been tested in Watsonville growing fields and to a limited extent, grower fields in high elevation. The properties of this variety were found to be transmissible by such asexual reproduction. This cultivar is stable and reproduce true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduction.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The accompanying color photographs depict various characteristics of the cultivar as nearly true as possible to make color reproductions. The age of the plants in FIGS. 1-3 is nine months old.

FIG. 1 shows ‘Shannon M. Kent’ plant.  
FIG. 2 shows ‘Shannon M. Kent’ flowers.  
FIG. 3 shows ‘Shannon M. Kent’ leaf.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

This invention relates to a new and distinctive strawberry cultivar designated as ‘Shannon M. Kent’ (a.k.a. ‘110168’). This cultivar is primarily adapted to the climate and growing conditions of the central coast of California. This region provides the necessary temperatures required for it to produce a strong vigorous plant and to remain in fruit production from March through October. The nearby Pacific Ocean provides the needed humidity and moderate day temperatures and evening chilling to maintain fruit quality for the production months.

The following traits and photographs in combination distinguish the strawberry variety ‘Shannon M. Kent’ from known strawberry varieties. Plants for the botanical measurements in the present application were grown as annuals. Any color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The age of the plants in Table 1 is nine months old.



'Seascape' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 7,614) is a commercial strawberry variety that is similar to, but distinguished from 'Shannon M. Kent'. The fruit yield 'Shannon M. Kent' is greater than the fruit yield of comparison variety 'Seascape' and 'Shannon M. Kent' has a greater percent of marketable fruit than 'Seascape'. The fruit height to fruit width ratio of the fruit of 'Shannon M. Kent' closer to unity compared to the fruit height to fruit width ratio of the fruit of 'Seascape'. The petiole of 'Shannon M. Kent' is thicker in diameter than the petiole of 'Seascape'. The floescence of 'Shannon M. Kent' extends beyond the leaf canopy and 'Shannon M. Kent' is easier to harvest compared to 'Seascape' with its habit of setting fruit beneath the canopy.

The new strawberry variety 'Shannon M. Kent' exceeds both its parents in fruit yield and the percent of marketable

fruit of 'Shannon M. Kent' is less than the percent marketable fruit of female parent '107987' and greater than that of male parent '107801'. The full fruiting season fruit yield of 'Shannon M. Kent' is greater than the yield of male parent '107801', however, the male parent produced more fruit during the early season when compared to 'Shannon M. Kent'. The fruit of 'Shannon M. Kent' is firmer than male parent '107801'. The fruit colour of 'Shannon M. Kent' is deeper red than the fruit colour of either of its two parents.

The invention claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of strawberry plant named 'Shannon M. Kent' substantially as shown and described herein.

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Fig. 1

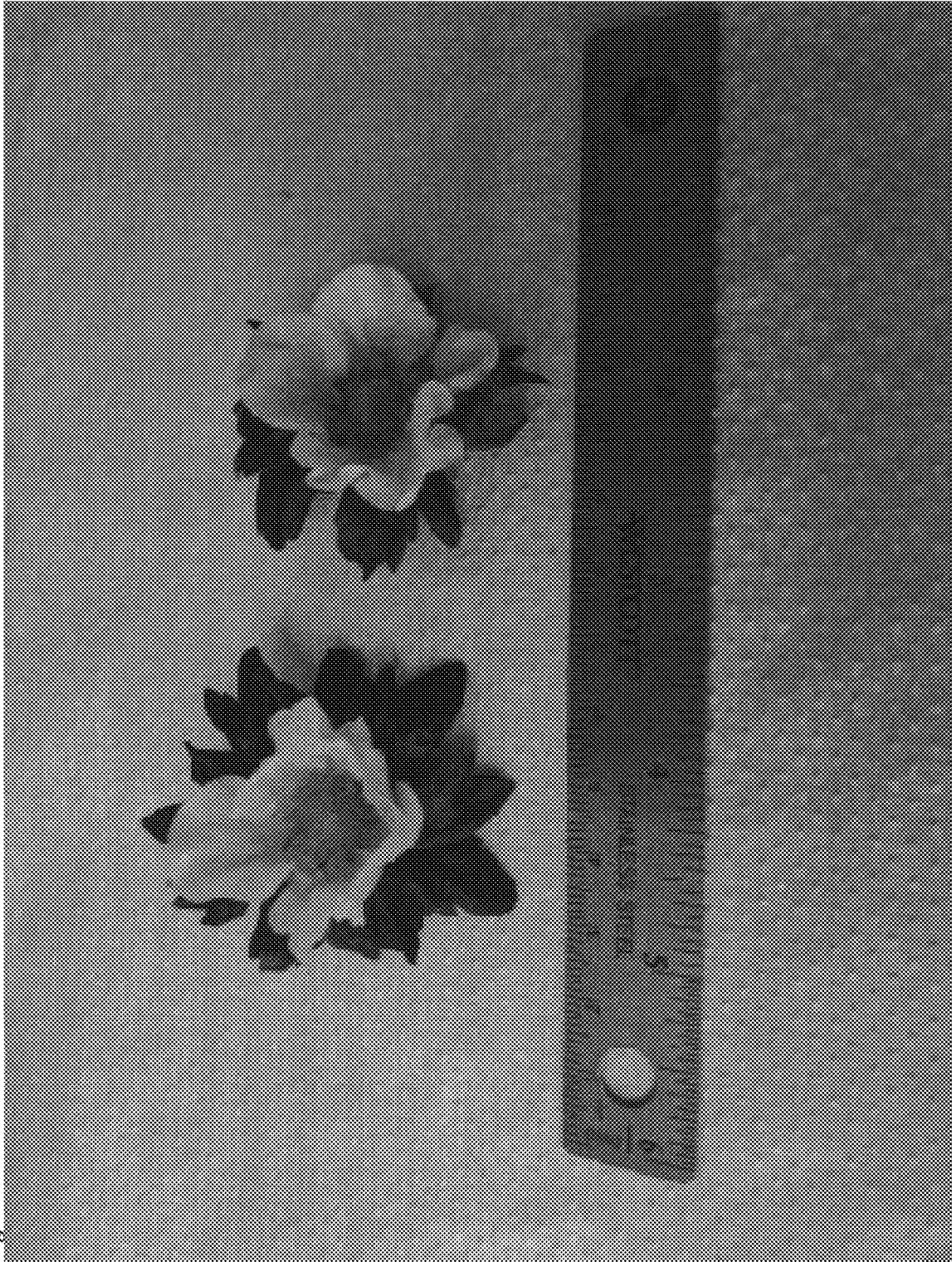


Fig. 2

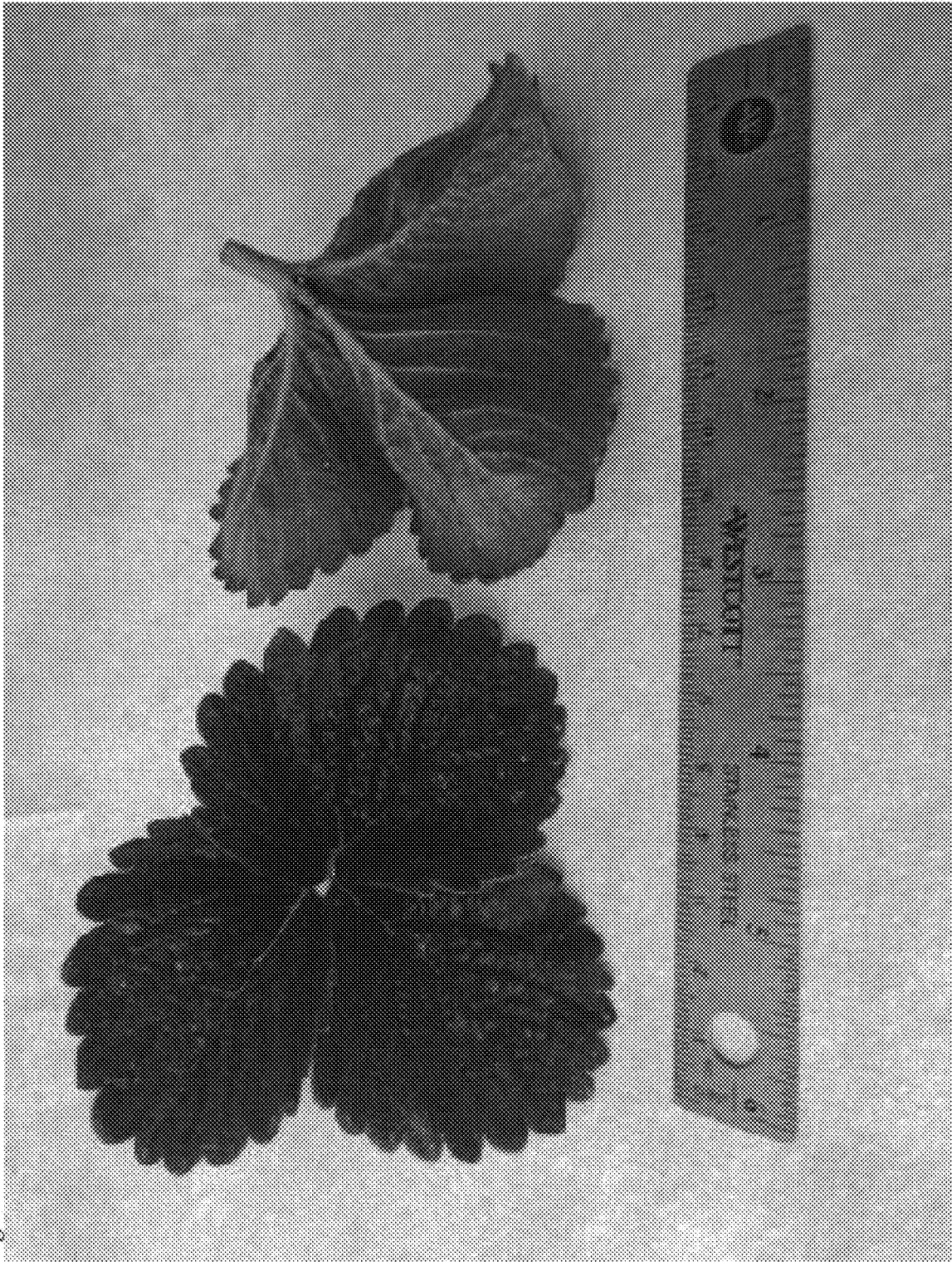


Fig. 3