

[54] GROUNDCOVER ROSE PLANT NAMED  
‘FLOWER CARPET’  
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[57] ABSTRACT  
A new and unusual groundcover rose bearing deep pink  
blooms.  
2 Drawing Sheets

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Groundcover rose plants have been known which  
have been usefully included in various landscaping  
plans. However, there is always a place for new variet-  
ies of groundcover roses, especially varieties which  
have desirable groundcover-type growth habit, pro-  
duce attractive flowers and are resistant to disease.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct  
variety of groundcover rose plant bearing miniature  
blooms, which was originated by my crossing as seed  
parent the variety known as “Immensee” and as pollen  
parent the variety known as “Amanda”. The varietal  
denomination of this new rose is “Flower Carpet”.

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this  
new variety which distinguish it from its parents and all  
other varieties of which I am aware are its effective  
groundcover-type habit of growth, attractive deep pink  
decorative miniature blooms and resistance to disease.  
This new groundcover plant grows and covers well,  
and produces lovely pink deep flowers that open reli-  
ably and remain attractive upon aging.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by cuttings of  
the new variety as performed in British Columbia, Can-  
ada shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing  
characteristics come true to form and are established  
and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawings show typical specimens  
of the vegetative growth and flowers of the new variety  
in different stages of development and depicted in color  
as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the  
same in a color illustration of this character.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The following is a detailed description of my new  
variety, with color terminology in accordance with The  
Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (RHSCC).  
The terminology used in color description herein refers  
to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart, e.g.,  
“67B” is plate 67B of The Royal Horticultural Society  
Colour Chart.

Parentage: Seedling.  
Seed parent.—“Immensee”.

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Pollen parent.—“Amanda”.  
Class: Groundcover.

The following observations are made of specimens  
grown outdoors in British Columbia, Canada, during  
the month of July.

FLOWER

- 10 Blooming habit: Continuous.  
A. Bud:  
(1) Size.—Small.  
(2) Form.—Rounded.  
(3) Color.—As sepals divide, bud color is deep pink,  
near 67B to 67A.  
(4) Sepals.—Longer than bud, pointed.  
(5) Penduncle.—Length — short. Aspect —  
crooked. Strength — strong for a groundcover.  
Color — Light green.  
20 Bloom:  
(1) Size.—Average size when fully expanded —  
about 1½ inches.  
(2) Borne.—In large sprays.  
(3) Form.—Cupped at first, becoming flat.  
(4) Petalage.—Number of petals under normal con-  
ditions — about 15.  
(5) Color.—After sepals fall and petals unfurl, pre-  
dominant flower color viewing petals’ top sur-  
face is near 67B to 67A, color of petal undersur-  
face is slightly lighter toned. As flower opens,  
near white center becomes visible due to near  
white coloring of petals toward point of petal  
attachment. Also visibly evident is the yellow  
coloring of pollen and reproductive organs  
which contrast attractively with the near white  
petal coloring approaching the point of attach-  
ment and the predominant deep pink petal color-  
ing, near 67B to 67C. As flowers age, color light-  
ens to near 67D with somewhat more pro-  
nounced color grading (lightening) toward  
flower centers.  
C. Petals:  
(1) Texture.—Medium.  
(2) Appearance.—Inside satiny and outside satiny.  
(3) Form.—Broad, fan shaped, some outer petals  
with indented central margin.  
(4) Arrangement.—Regularly arranged, imbricated.  
(5) Petaloids in center.—Few.  
(6) Persistence.—Drop off cleanly.

- (7) *Fragrance*.—None.
- (8) *Lasting quality*.—Long lasting quality on plant.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

- A. Stamens, filaments and anthers:  
*Arrangement and color*.—Regularly arranged around styles. Color — filaments nearly transparent.
- B. Pollen:  
*Color*.—Yellow.
- C. Styles: Even length, bunched, thin.
- Stigmas:  
*Color*.—Yellow.
- Hips: Round, small, green with reddish tint.

PLANT

- A. Form: Compact, spreading, ideal groundcover growth habit.
- B. Growth: Vigorous and rambling.  
*Height attained*.—About 20 inches.
- C. Foliage: Compound 7 to 9 leaflets.
  - (1) *Size*.—Small.
  - (2) *Quantity*.—Very abundant.
  - (3) *Color*.—New foliage: Upper side — reddish purple-green. Under side — slightly lighter than upper side. Old foliage: Upper side — near 141B. Under side — near 141D.
  - (4) *Shape*.—Oval, pointed.

- (5) *Texture*.—Upper side is leathery and glossy; under side is matte.
- (6) *Edge*.—Serrate.
- (7) *Serration*.—Ordinary.
- (8) *Leaf stem*.—Color — light green with reddish overlay.
- (9) *Stipules*.—Light green.
- (10) *Resistance to disease*.—Blackspot — Excellent. Mildew — Excellent. Rust — Excellent.

- 10 D. Wood:
  - (1) *New wood*.—Color — light green. Bark — smooth.
  - (2) *Old wood*.—Color — medium green. Bark — smooth.
- 15 E. Thorns:
  - (1) *Thorns*.—Quantity (main stalk) — average. On laterals from stalk — average. Form — long, slightly curved downward. Length — medium. Color — pinkish tan. Position — irregular.
  - (2) *Prickles*.—None.
- F. Winter hardiness: Winter hardy.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of groundcover rose plant, substantially as shown and described, characterized particularly by low, spreading, dense growth habit and deep pink flowers.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page,

Item [54], Title, delete “**FLOWER CARPET**” and insert -- **NOATRAUM** --.

Column 1,

Line 16, delete “**FLOWER CARPET**” and insert -- **NOATRAUM** --.

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