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[54] OMPHALODES CAPPADOCICA PLANT
NAMED 'PARISIAN SKIES'

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[57] ABSTRACT

A new and distinct form of Omphalodes plant characterized
by unique flower color.

1 Drawing Sheet

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct sport
of Omphalodes which originated as a tissue culture mutation
of *Omphalodes cappadocica* 'Starry Eyes' (unpatented).
This new Omphalodes is a result of a tissue culture sport
at Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc., in Canby, Oreg. This sport was
selected from a large group of clonally propagated *Ompa-*
lodes cappadocica 'Starry Eyes' plants that were retained to
observe habit and to compare with the new variety. The new
variety has been reproduced only by asexual propagation
(tissue culture). Each of the progeny exhibits identical
characteristics to the original plant and is unlike any Ompha-
lodes offered by any American nursery or book known to me
as evidenced by the following characteristic: Unique flower
color. Asexual propagation by tissue-culture as done in
Tigard, Oreg., shows that the foregoing characteristics and
distinctions come true to form and are established and
transmitted through succeeding propagations. Omphalodes is
in the family Boraginaceae.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The drawing shows plant in full bloom in April in Oregon.
The drawing depicts the plant as true to type as is photo-
graphically possible.

DETAILED PLANT DESCRIPTION

The following is a detailed description of the new Ompha-
lodes based on observations of specimens in Canby, Oreg.
The color descriptions are all based on *The Royal Horticul-*
tural Society Colour Chart and the *American Rhododendron*
Society publication: *A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD STAN-*
DARDIZATION OF COLOR NAMES IN HORTICULTURE.

Foliage:
Type.—Herbaceous.
Shape.—Ovate to cordate.
Length.—8–8.5 cm.
Width.—5 cm.
Petiole length.—7–8 cm.
Margins.—Entire, ciliate.
Apex.—Acute-acuminate.
Base.—Obtuse.
Texture.—Finely pilose.
Petiole texture.—Sericeous.
Leaf arrangement.—Basal clump.
Venation.—Camptodromus, lateral veins prominent.

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Size:
Height.—20 cm (2-year-old plant in Oregon).
Width.—40 cm (2-year-old plant in Oregon).
Flower:
Petal count.—5 petals.
Petal shape.—Rounded.
Flower type.—Complete, rotate (wheel-shaped); calyx
5-parted.
Flower size.—0.9 cm to 1 cm (from petal tip to petal
tip).
Flower number.—10–15 per raceme.
Flower stem girth.—3 mm tapering to 1 mm.
Flower stem texture.—Sericeous.
Height of plant in bloom.—21 cm.
Blooming habit.—Racemes, no tendency towards fas-
ciation observed.
Bloom period.—In Oregon, early March to late April,
some rebloom in fall.
Disease: Plants grown in Canby, Oreg., show no sign of
disease susceptibility except for root rot when grown
under wet conditions.
Color characteristics:
Foliage.—Mature leaves upper surface. Spring:
R.H.S.143 B Yellow Green Group (Strong Yellow
Green ARS). Mature leaves upper surface, summer
through winter: R.H.S. 146A Yellow Green Group
(Moderate Olive Green ARS). Mature leaves lower
surface: R.H.S. 147C Yellow Green Group
(Moderate Yellow Green ARS).
Flowers.—Buds are R.H.S. 76A, Purple Group (Light
Purple ARS) open to R.H.S. 101A, Blue Group
(Vivid Purplish Blue ARS) and fade to 100B, Blue
Group (Strong Blue).
Flower stem.—R.H.S. 144A Yellow Green Group.

DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL PLANT

Omphalodes cappadocica 'Starry Eyes' is identical in all
aspects except for the flower color. *Omphalodes cappa-*
docica 'Starry Eyes' has white to pink centered blooms with
a brilliant blue edge, whereas *Omphalodes cappadocica*
'Parisian Skies' has even, bright blue coloring throughout
the flower.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct hybrid of Omphalodes plant sub-
stantially as shown and described, characterized by its
unique flower color.

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