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(54) **CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED**
‘HALIFAX’

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A Chrysanthemum plant named ‘HALIFAX’ characterized
by its large sized blooms with white ray-florets and a
green-white cushion center disc florets.

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RELATED CULTIVARS

‘HALIFAX’ is related to ‘HALIFAX’ YELLOW (U.S.
plant application Ser. No. 09/561,936). ‘HALIFAX’ YEL-
LOW is a mutant from ‘HALIFAX’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

‘HALIFAX’ is a product of a breeding-program which
had the objective of creating new chrysanthemum cultivars
with a anemone type flower, a 7 week response and a
medium plant height. The new plant of the present invention
comprises a new and distinct cultivar of Chrysanthemum
plant. ‘HALIFAX’ is a seedling from a cross in a breeding
program maintained under the control of inventor. The
female parent is #94.0898—unpatented—, the male parent is
#93.0607 —unpatented—, both unnamed seedlings not avail-
able to inventor for description. The new and distinct
cultivar was discovered and selected as a flowering plant
within the progeny of the stated cross by Rob Noodelijk in
a controlled environment (greenhouse) in Rijnsenhout Hol-
land in September 1997. The first act of asexual reproduc-
tion of ‘HALIFAX’ was accomplished when vegetative
cuttings were taken from the initial selection in December
1997 in a controlled environment in Rijnsenhout Holland.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a new and distinct variety of
chrysanthemum bearing large sized blooms with white ray-
florets and a green-white disc florets.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention of a new and distinct variety of
chrysanthemum is shown in the accompanying drawings,
the color being as nearly true as possible with color photo-
graphs of this type.

FIG. 1 shows a plant of the cultivar in full bloom.

FIG. 2 shows the various stages of bloom of the new
cultivar.

FIG. 3 shows the foliage of the new cultivar.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

This new variety of chrysanthemum is of the botanical
classification *dendranthema grandiflora*. The observations

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and measurements were gathered from 54 days plants grown
in a greenhouse in Rijnsenhout Holland in a photo-periodic
controlled crop under conditions generally used in commer-
cial practice. The greenhouse temperatures during this crop
were at day-time between 18° C. and 25° C. and at night 20°
C. The photo-periodic response time in this crop was 55 days
after an average of eight long days. After this long day
period to flowering growth retardants were applied 6 times
in an average dose of 1.5 gram/liter water. No tests were
done on disease or insect resistance or susceptibility. This
new variety produces large sized blooms with white ray-
florets and a green-white cushion center disc-florets bloom-
ing on the plant for 5 weeks. This new variety of chrysan-
themum has been found to retain its distinctive
characteristics throughout successive propagations however
the phenotype may vary significantly with variations in
environment such as light intensity and temperature. To
show the phenotype as described ‘HALIFAX’ can be planted
without assimilation lightning (high pressure sodium lamps)
between week 50 and week 40 of the next year under
greenhouse conditions in Holland. With assimilation light-
ning (minimum level 2500 lux) it can be planted year round
under greenhouse conditions in Holland.

From the cultivars known to inventor the most similar
existing cultivar in comparison to ‘HALIFAX’ is ‘HALI-
FAX’ YELLOW. When ‘HALIFAX’ YELLOW and ‘HALI-
FAX’ are being compared the following difference is
noticed: The difference of ‘HALIFAX’ YELLOW and
‘HALIFAX’ is the ray-floret color. ‘HALIFAX’ is white
D, ‘HALIFAX’ YELLOW is yellow 7 A. Inventor does not
known any other commercial available variety that is com-
parable with ‘HALIFAX’.

The following is a description of the plant and character-
istics that distinguish ‘HALIFAX’ as a new and distinct
variety.

The color designations are taken from the plant itself.
Accordingly, any discrepancies between the color designa-
tions and the colors depicted in the photographs are due to
photographic tolerances. The color chart used in this
description is: The Royal Horticultural Society color chart,
edition 1995.

Botanical Description of CULTIVAR ‘HALIFAX’

Bud:
Size.—Large ;cross-section 1.5 cm, height 1.5 cm.

Outside color.—White 155 D.
Involucral bracts.—2 rows, length 7 mm, width 3 mm.
Involucral bracts among disc-florets.—Not present.
Involucral bracts color.—Yellow-green 147 B.

Bloom:
Type.—Anemone.
Height.—Medium high.
Size.—Large.
Fully expanded.—7.0 cm.
Number of blooms per branch.—Approx. 4–5 blooms per branch.
Performance on the plant.—5 weeks.
Seeds.—Not produced.
Fragrance.—Typical chrysanthemum.

Color:
Center of the flower (disc-florets).—Immature yellow-green 144 A. Mature white 155 D and yellow-green 146 D in the center.
Color of upper surface of the ray-florets.—White 155 D.
Color of the lower surface of the ray-florets.—White 155 D.
Tonality from distance.—A pot mum with large semi-double pure white flowers and a green disc.
Discoloration to color.—The green part of the center to yellow-green 146 D.

Ray florets:
Texture.—Upper and under side smooth.
Number.—42–45 (3 rows).
Cross-section.—Flat.
Longitudinal axis of majority.—Straight.
Length of corolla tube.—Short.
Ray-floret margin.—Entire.
Ray-floret length.—3.3–3.6 cm.
Ray-floret width.—0.9–1.1 cm.
Ratio length / width.—Medium.
Shape of tip.—Dentate.

Disc florets:
Disc diameter.—2.5 cm.
Distribution of disc florets.—Numerous clearly visible at all stages of flowering.
Shape.—Petaloid.
Color.—White 155 D, yellow-green 146 D at the tip.
Receptacle shape.—Domed raised.

Reproductive organs:
Stamen (present in disc florets only).—Green, thin, 4 mm. In length.
Number of stamen.—Grown together as one.
Stamen color.—Yellow-green 144 B.
Pollen.—None.
Pollen color.—Not applicable.
Styles (present in both ray and disc florets).—Green, thin.

Style color.—Yellow-green 144 B.
Style length.—5 mm.
Stigmas.—Green-yellow.
Stigma width.—2 mm.
Ovaries.—Enclosed in calyx.

Plant:
Form.—A pot mum meant for indoor use.
Growth habit.—Spreading.
Growth rate.—Moderate.
Height.—23–25 cm.
Width.—25–27 cm.
Stem color.—Yellow-green 147 B.
Stem strength.—Strong.
Stem brittleness.—Absent.
Stem anthocyanin coloration.—Absent.
Length of lateral branch.—From top to bottom 12–13 cm.
Lateral branch color.—Yellow-green 147 B.
Lateral branch, attachment.—Strong.
Branching (average number of lateral branches).—Normal with 3–4 breaks after pinching.
Peduncle length.—2.5–3.0 cm.
Peduncle color.—Yellow-green 147 B.
Flowering response (photo-periodic controlled crop, not natural season).—55 Days.

Foliage:
Color.—Upper side green 139 A. Under side yellow-green 146 A.
Size.—Large; length 7.0 cm, width 5.0 cm.
Quantity (number per lateral branch).—7–9.
Shape.—Oval.
Texture upper side.—Glabrous.
Texture under side.—Pubescent.
Venation arrangement.—Palmate.
Shape of the margin.—Serrated.
Shape of base of sinus between lateral lobes.—Acute.
Margin of sinus between lateral lobes.—Diverging.
Shape of base.—Rounded.
Apex.—Mucronate.

Differences with the comparison varieties		
	'HALIFAX'	'HALIFAX YELLOW'
Ray-floret color	White 155 D	Yellow 7A

I claim:
1. A new and distinct variety of chrysanthemum plant as described and illustrated.

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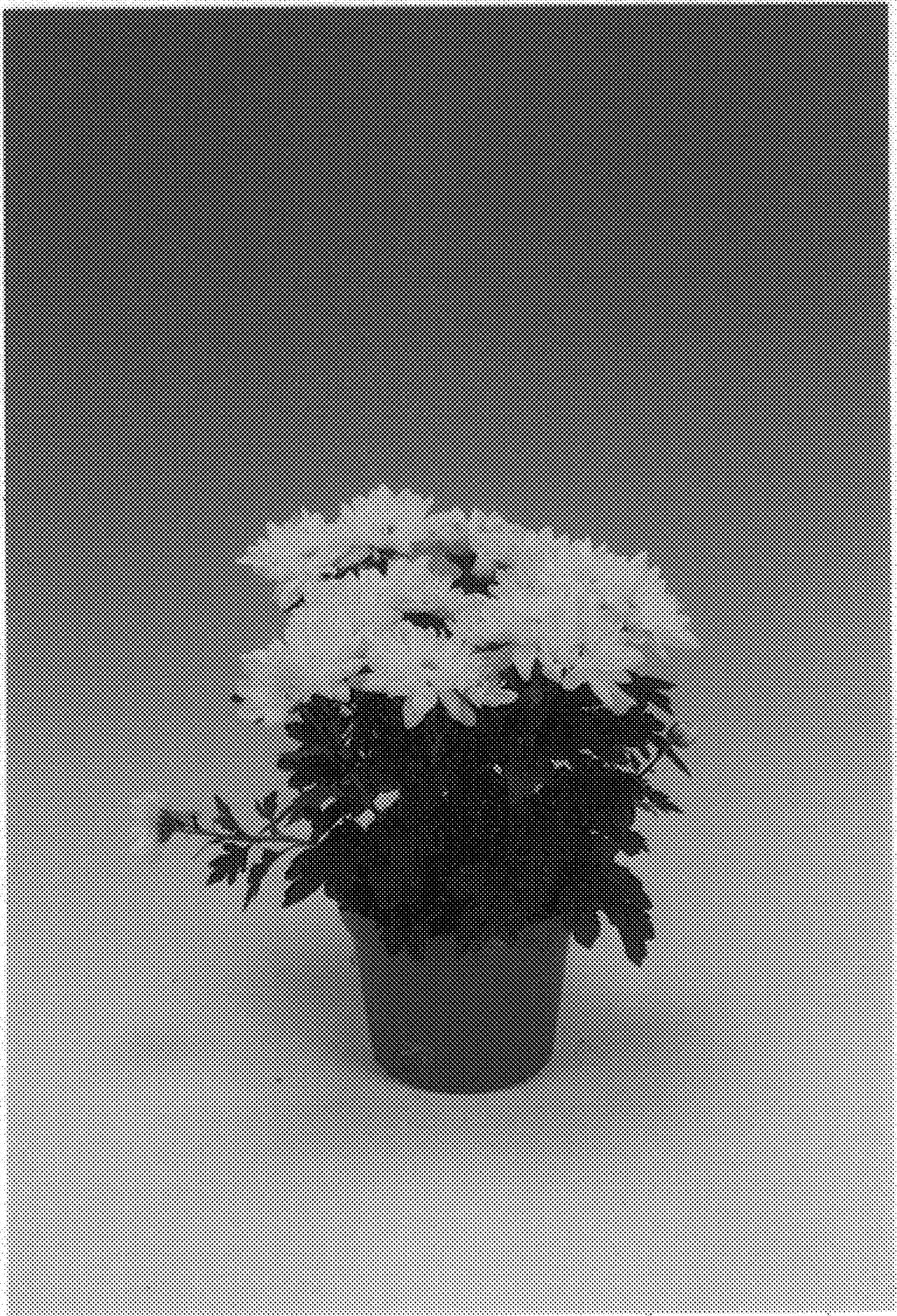


FIG. 1

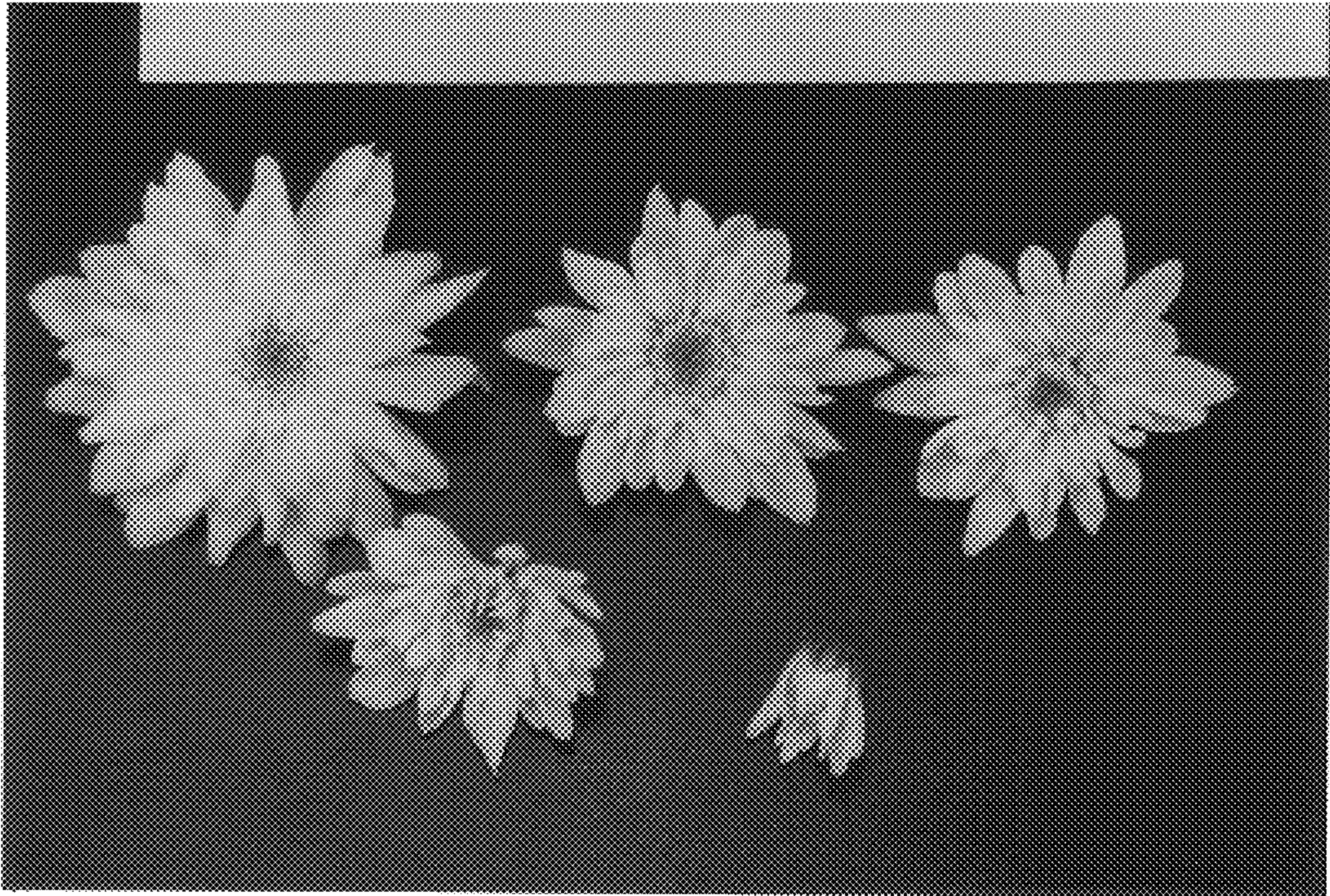


FIG. 2

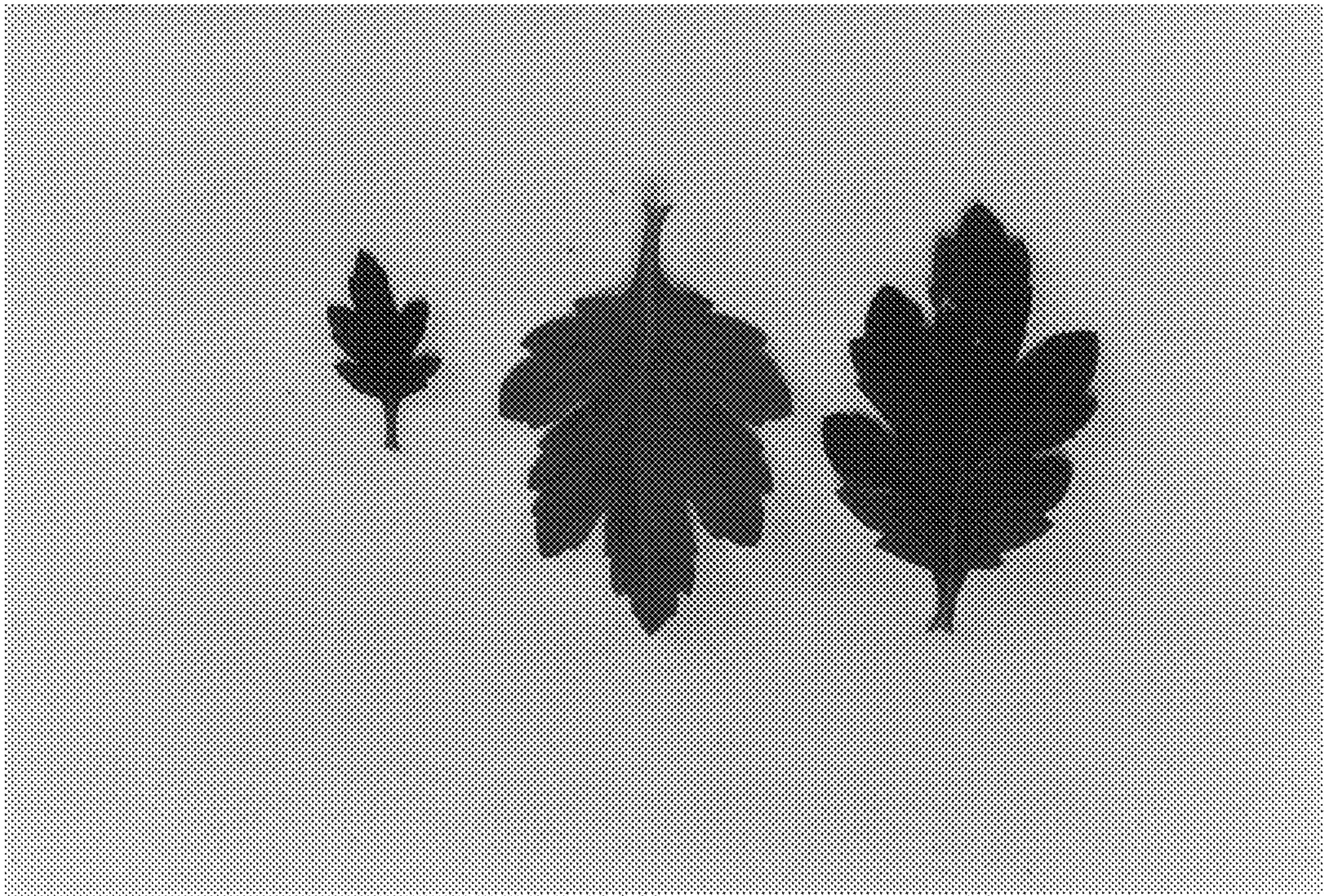


FIG. 3