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(54) **ROSE PLANT NAMED ‘YOLITOR’**
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A distinctive cultivar of Hybrid Tea Rose plant named ‘Yolitor’, characterized by its glossy dark green leaves; long and dark red stems; large light orange flowers; and good postproduction longevity.

1 Drawing Sheet

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BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION/CULTIVAR DESIGNATION

Rosa hybrida cultivar Yolitor.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of Hybrid Tea Rose plant, botanically known as *Rosa hybrida*, commercially produced as a cut flower, and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Yolitor’.

The new cultivar is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Salinas, Calif. The objective of the breeding program was to develop new cut Rose cultivars with attractive flower petal colors, long and strong stems, dark green leaves and good postproduction longevity.

The new cultivar originated from a cross made by the Inventor in 1996 of the cultivar Pareo, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with the cultivar Mango, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The cultivar Yolitor was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross in a controlled environment in April, 1998, in Madrid, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

Since December, 1998, asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by grafting on *Rosa Manetti* rootstocks in Madrid, Cundinamarca, Colombia, has shown that the unique features of the new cultivar are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduction.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Yolitor’. These characteristics in combination distinguish the new Hybrid Tea Rose as a new and distinct cultivar:

1. Glossy dark green leaves.
2. Long and dark red stems.
3. Large light orange flowers.
4. Good postproduction longevity.

Plants of the Hybrid Tea Rose can be compared to plants of the female parent, the cultivar Pareo. In side-by-side comparisons conducted by the Inventor in Salinas, Calif.,

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plants of the new cultivar differed from plants of the cultivar Pareo in the following characteristics:

1. Flowering stems of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have more thorns than flowering stems of the cultivar Pareo.

2. Plants of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have longer flowering stems than plants of the cultivar Pareo.

3. Plants of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have light orange-colored flower petals whereas plants of the cultivar Pareo have apricot-colored flower petals.

Plants of the Hybrid Tea Rose can be compared to plants of the female parent, the cultivar Mango. In side-by-side comparisons conducted by the Inventor in Salinas, Calif., plants of the new cultivar differed from plants of the cultivar Mango in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have much longer flowering stems than plants of the cultivar Mango.

2. Flowering stems of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have more thorns than flowering stems of the cultivar Mango

3. Plants of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have light orange-colored flower petals whereas plants of the cultivar Mango have golden yellow-colored flower petals.

Plants of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary significantly with variations in environment such as temperature, light, water status and/or fertilizer type and rate, without, however, any variance in genotype.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the new Hybrid Tea Rose plant, showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photograph may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new Hybrid Tea Rose. The photograph comprises a side perspective view of a typical flowering stem of the new Hybrid Tea Rose grown in Madrid, Cundinamarca, Colombia.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The following observations and measurements describe cut flowering stems of plants grown in Madrid, Cundinamarca, Colombia, in polyethylene-covered greenhouse with day temperatures ranging from 14 to 20° C.,

night temperatures ranging from 4 to 8° C., and light levels ranging from 3,000 to 5,000 foot-candles. Flowering stems used in the photograph and the description were about 70 days old. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Classification:

Botanical.—*Rosa hybrida* cultivar Yolitor.

Commercial.—Hybrid Tea Rose used as a cut flower.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—*Rosa hybrida* cultivar Pareo, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—*Rosa hybrida* cultivar Mango, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—Cuttings grafted onto *Rosa Manetti* rootstocks.

Plant Description:

Form.—Upright; narrow.

Growth habit.—Moderately vigorous.

Plant height.—About 81 to 91 cm.

Plant width.—About 32 cm.

Stem and lateral branches (peduncles).—Lateral branch length: About 81 to 91 cm. Lateral branch diameter: Base: About 7 mm. Apex: About 5.5 mm. Internode length: About 6.2 cm. Texture: Smooth. Strength: Strong. Color: Young: 144A overlain with 187A. Mature: 187A. Thorns: Quantity: About 5 per 12 cm of stem. Height: About 1 cm. Width at base: About 1.1 cm. Shape: Deltoid. Color, immature and mature: Close to 59A.

Foliage description.—Arrangement: Alternate, compound with typically three to seven leaflets per leaf. Leaf length, five-leaflet leaves: Terminal leaves: About 8.1 cm. Lateral leaves: About 6.9 cm. Leaf width, five-leaflet leaves: Terminal leaves: About 4.8 cm. Lateral leaves: About 4.5 cm. Leaflet shape: Ovate. Leaflet apex: Acuminate. Leaflet base: Obtuse. Leaflet margin: Sharply serrate. Leaflet texture: Smooth, leathery, glabrous. Occasional small thorns on lower petiole and midrib of terminal leaflet, about 3 by 2 mm in size and 146B overlain with 59A in color. Petiole length, 5-leaflet leaves: About 11.1 cm. Petiole diameter: At stem attachment: About 7.25 mm. At base of terminal leaves: About 1.75 mm. Stipules: Quantity: Two at base of petiole. Length: About 2.6 cm. Length of appendages: About 6 mm. Width: About 2 mm. Color: Young and mature foliage, upper surface: Darker than 147A, glossy; venation, 147A to 147B. Young and mature foliage, lower surface: Close to 147B; venation, close to 147C. Petiole: Upper surface: 147A; nodes, close to 59A. Lower surface: 146A; nodes, close to 59A. Stipule, upper surface: Darker than 147A. Stipule, lower surface: Close to 147B.

Flower description:

Flower type and habit.—Large light orange flowers. Consistently symmetrical rosette flowers. Freely and

recurrent flowering. Flowers arranged singly at terminal apices. Flowers persistent.

Flowering season/time to flower.—Year-round under greenhouse conditions. Depending on environmental conditions and season, time to flower is about 70 days.

Flower diameter, fully opened.—About 12.3 cm.

Flower depth (height), fully opened.—About 5.4 cm.

Flower longevity as a cut flower.—At least 10 to 12 days.

Fragrance.—Moderate, typical Hybrid Tea Rose fragrance.

Flower buds.—Shape: Ovoid. Length: About 5.1 cm. Color: 144A.

Petals and petaloids.—Petaloids vary in size, but similar to petals in shape and coloration. Quantity: About 34. Length, outer petals: About 6.1 cm. Width, outer petals: About 6.8 cm. Shape: Broadly obovate to almost circular. Apex: Mostly rounded, slightly emarginate. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Entire, slightly emarginate, ruffled appearance. Texture: Smooth, satiny. Color: When opening, upper surface: Center and apex, close to 25A and towards base, 7A. When opening, lower surface: Center and apex, close to 24C and towards base, close to 5B. Fully opened, upper surface: Center and apex, close to 25A and towards base, 9A. With subsequent development, center and apex, 25A to 25B and towards base, 9A. Fully opened, lower surface: Center and apex, close to 24C to 24D and towards base, close to 4A.

Sepals.—Quantity: Five. Length: About 4.8 cm. Diameter: About 1.1 cm. Shape: Sharply lanceolate. Apex: Elongated, acuminate. Base: Fused at receptacle. Margin: Ciliate with occasional sharply acuminate appendages. Texture: Upper surface, pubescent; lower surface, slightly pubescent. Color: Upper surface: Closest to 144B. Lower surface: 144A.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity: About 107 per flower. Anther length: About 3 mm. Anther diameter: About 1.5 mm. Anther shape: Cordate, concave. Anther color: Close to 14A. Filament length: About 3 mm. Filament color: Close to 12A. Pollen amount: None. Pistils: Quantity: About 51 per flower. Pistil length: About 1.1 cm. Style color: Close to 4D. Stigma shape: Bi-lobed. Stigma color: Close to 5D. Ovary color: 145D to 155D. Receptacle height: About 1.4 cm. Receptacle diameter: About 1.4 cm. Receptacle texture: Smooth. Receptacle color: 144A.

Seed.—None observed.

Disease resistance: Plants of the new Hybrid Tea Rose have been observed to be somewhat resistant to Powdery Mildew.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant named 'Yolitor', as illustrated and described.

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