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(54) **GERANIUM PLANT NAMED ‘AMRI DEROSE TWO’**

(50) Latin Name: *Pelargonium×hortorum*  
Varietal Denomination: **Amri Derosé Two**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Geranium* plant named ‘Amri Derosé Two’, characterized by its upright, outwardly spreading and rounded growth habit; freely basal branching habit; dark green-colored leaves; freely flowering habit with many flower umbels per plant; and flower umbels with numerous dark red purple-colored semi-double flowers.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical classification/cultivar designation: *Pelargonium×hortorum* cultivar Amri Derosé Two.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Geranium* plant, botanically known as *Pelargonium×hortorum*, commercially known as a *Zonal Geranium*, and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Amri Derosé Two’.

The new *Geranium* is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Gilroy, Calif. The objective of the breeding program is to develop new *Zonal Geranium* cultivars with good basal branching, freely flowering habit and attractive flower and foliage coloration.

The new *Geranium* originated from a cross-pollination made by the Inventor in January, 1999 of a proprietary *Pelargonium×hortorum* selection identified as code number 7722-1, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary *Pelargonium×hortorum* selection identified as code number 7889-6, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The cultivar Amri Derosé Two was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a flowering plant within the progeny from this cross-pollination in a controlled environment in Gilroy, Calif. in June, 1999.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal cuttings at Gilroy, Calif., since June, 1999 has shown that the unique features of this new *Geranium* 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 ‘Amri Derosé Two’. These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘Amri Derosé Two’ as a new and distinct *Geranium* cultivar:

1. Upright, outwardly spreading and rounded growth habit.
2. Freely basal branching habit.
3. Dark green-colored leaves.

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4. Freely flowering habit with many large flower umbels per plant.

5. Flower umbels with numerous dark red purple-colored semi-double flowers.

In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Gilroy, Calif., plants of the new *Geranium* differed from plants of the female parent selection in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Geranium* were more vigorous than plants of the female parent selection.
2. Plants of the new *Geranium* had darker green-colored leaves than plants of the female parent selection.
3. Plants of the new *Geranium* and the female parent selection differed in flower color as plants of the female parent selection had red-colored flowers.

In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Gilroy, Calif., plants of the new *Geranium* differed from plants of the male parent selection in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Geranium* were more compact than plants of the male parent selection.
2. Plants of the new *Geranium* were more freely basal branching than plants of the male parent selection.
3. Plants of the new *Geranium* had darker colored flowers than plants of the male parent selection.

The new *Geranium* can be compared to the cultivar, Americana Deep Rose, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 9,383. However, in side-by-side comparisons conducted in Gilroy, Calif., plants of the new *Geranium* differed from plants of the cultivar Americana Deep Rose in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Geranium* had larger flower umbels than plants of the cultivar Americana Deep Rose.
2. Plants of the new *Geranium* had longer peduncles than plants of the cultivar Americana Deep Rose.
3. Plants of the new *Geranium* had darker colored flowers than plants of the cultivar Americana Deep Rose.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new cultivar, showing the colors as



true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type.

The photograph at the top of the sheet comprises a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Amri Derosé Two'.

The photograph at the bottom of the sheet is a close-up view of typical flowers and leaves of 'Amri Derosé Two'.

Flower and foliage colors in the photographs may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Geranium*.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Plants of the cultivar Amri Derosé Two have not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as temperature and light intensity, without, however, any variance in genotype. The aforementioned photographs and following observations and measurements describe plants grown in Gilroy, Calif., under commercial practice in a fiberglass-covered greenhouse during the late spring with day temperatures about 27 to 29° C., night temperatures about 16 to 18° C. and light levels about 2,000 foot-candles. Plants used for the photographs and description were about six months from planting rooted cuttings. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Pelargonium×hortorum* cultivar Amri Derosé Two.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—Proprietary *Pelargonium×hortorum* selection identified as code number 7722-1, not patented.

*Male parent*.—Proprietary *Pelargonium×hortorum* selection identified as code number 7889-6, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type cutting*.—Terminal cuttings.

*Time to initiate roots*.—About 12 to 14 days at 24° C.

*Time to develop roots*.—About four weeks at 18 to 24° C.

*Root description*.—Fibrous, fine; white in color.

*Rooting habit*.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

*General appearance*.—Upright, outwardly spreading and rounded growth habit.

*Growth and branching habit*.—Vigorous and very freely basal branching with about 22 lateral branches. Pinching, that is, removal of terminal apices, is typically not required.

*Plant height to top of foliage*.—About 30 cm.

*Plant height to top of flower umbels*.—About 36 cm.

*Plant width*.—About 50 cm.

*Lateral branches*.—Length: About 23 cm. Diameter: About 1 cm. Internode length: About 2.2 mm. Texture: Pubescent. Color: 145A.

*Foliage description*.—Arrangement: Alternate, simple. Length: About 6.3 cm. Width: About 10.5 cm. Shape: Reniform with slight round lobing. Apex: Rounded. Base: Cordate; somewhat imbricate. Margin: Crenate and somewhat sinuate. Venation: Palmate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Velvety; pubes-

cent. Color: Developing and fully expanded foliage, upper surface: 147A. Developing and fully expanded foliage, lower surface: 147B. Venation, upper surface: 144A. Venation, lower surface: 147D. Petiole: Length: About 9 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent. Color, upper and lower surfaces: 144B.

Flower description:

*Flower arrangement and type*.—Semi-double rounded flowers arranged in hemispherical umbels arising from apical leaf axils. Umbels displayed above the foliage. At full flowering, usually about 22 open and developing umbels per plant. Flowers not persistent; umbels persistent. Flowers not fragrant.

*Flowering season*.—Year-round under greenhouse conditions. In the garden, flowering is continuous from spring until fall. Plants start flowering about eight weeks after planting.

*Flower longevity*.—Flowers last about one week on the plant.

*Umbels*.—Height: About 5.5 cm. Diameter: About 11 cm. Number of flowers and flower buds per umbel: Freely flowering, about 41. Flower diameter: About 4.25 cm. Flower depth (height): About 2.2 cm.

*Flower buds*.—Length: About 1.8 cm. Diameter: About 1 cm. Shape: Ovoid. Color: 80B.

*Petals*.—Quantity/arrangement: About five petals in a single whorl with typically three petaloids per flower; imbricate. Length: About 2.6 cm. Width: About 2.1 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Rounded. Base: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth; satiny. Aspect: Slightly cupped. Color: When opening, upper surface: Brighter than 71B. When opening, lower surface: 72C. Fully opened, upper two petals, upper surface: 74B; towards the center, 77B to 77C; center, 155D; at the base, 69A; venation, 74A. Fully opened, upper two petals, upper surface: 74B; towards the center, 77B to 77C; at the base, 69A to 155D; venation, 74B. Fully opened, lower surface: 72C; at the base, 69A; venation, 74A.

*Petaloids*.—Length: About 1.8 cm. Width: About 1 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Rounded. Base: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth; satiny. Aspect: Slightly cupped. Color: When opening, upper surface: Brighter than 71B. When opening, lower surface: 72C. Fully opened, upper surface: 74B; towards the center, 77B to 77C; at the base, 69A to 155D; venation, 74B. Fully opened, lower surface: 72C; at the base, 69A; venation, 74A.

*Sepals*.—Quantity/arrangement: Five to six per flower in a single whorl; not imbricate on open flowers. Length: About 1.2 cm. Width: About 4 mm. Shape: Lanceolate. Apex: Acuminate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper and lower surfaces: 144A.

*Peduncle (umbel stem)*.—Length: About 17 cm. Diameter: About 3.5 mm. Angle: About 30° from vertical. Strength: Strong. Texture: Pubescent. Color: 144A.

*Pedice (individual flower stem)*.—Length: About 3 cm. Diameter: About 1.5 mm. Angle: Erect to about 60° from vertical. Strength: Strong. Texture: Pubescent. Color: 185A to 185B.

*Reproductive organs*.—Androecium: Anther quantity: About eight per flower. Anther size: About 1 by 2 mm. Anther shape: Oval. Anther color: 50A. Pollen

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amount: Scarce. Pollen color: 44B. Gynoecium: Pistil quantity: One per flower. Pistil length: About 1 cm. Stigma shape: Five-parted, star-shaped. Stigma color: 53B. Style length: About 2 mm. Style color: 54B. Ovary color: 139C.

*Seed/fruit*.—Seed and fruit development has not been observed.

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Disease/pest resistance: Resistance to pathogens and pests common to *Pelargonium* has not been observed.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Geranium* plant named ‘Amri Derosé Two’, as herein illustrated and described.

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