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(54) **PELARGONIUM PLANT NAMED ‘CLIPS DARED’**

(50) Latin Name: *Pelargonium*×*hortorum*
Varietal Denomination: **Clips Dared**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A *Pelargonium* cultivar particularly distinguished by its dark
red flower color, dark green leaves, and vigorous growth
habit is disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Pelargonium*×*hortorum* L. H. Bailey.
Variety denomination: ‘Clips Dared’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct cul-
tivar of *Pelargonium*, botanically known as *Pelargonium*×
hortorum L. H. Bailey, and hereinafter referred to by the
cultivar name ‘Clips Dared’. The new cultivar was propa-
gated from a single seedling resulting from the open polli-
nation of 8691-2, a red-flowered, unnamed, unpatented
proprietary *Pelargonium* line and an unknown, proprietary,
unpatented *Pelargonium* line.

The new cultivar was created in 2000 in Gilroy, Calif. and
has been asexually reproduced repeatedly by vegetative
cuttings in Gilroy, Calif. over a four year period. It has also
been trialed at Gilroy, Calif., Litchfield, Mich., and Andijk,
The Netherlands. It has been found to retain its distinctive
characteristics through successive asexual propagations.

DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPH

This new geranium plant is illustrated by the accompa-
nying photograph which shows blooms, buds, and foliage of
the plant; the colors shown are as true as can be reasonably
obtained by conventional photographic procedures. The
photograph is of a four-month-old plant grown in a lexan-
covered greenhouse with normal zonal *pelargonium* culture.

FIG. 1 shows overall plant habit while the inset photo-
graph shows a closer view of the mature inflorescence.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW CULTIVAR

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinc-
tive characteristics of ‘Clips Dared’. The data which defines
these characteristics were collected from asexual reproduc-
tions carried out in Gilroy, Calif. The plant history was taken

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on seven-month-old plants grown in one-gallon pots in a
poly-covered greenhouse during the fall/winter season. The
color readings were taken under natural light in the green-
house in the late winter season. Color references are prima-
rily to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural
Society of London (R.H.S.) (2001). Texture description data
were collected by viewing plant parts with a dissecting
microscope.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Classification:

Botanical.—*Pelargonium*×*hortorum* L. H. Bailey.

Common name.—Geranium.

Growth:

Form.—Upright, outwardly spreading and rounded
growth habit.

Growth and branching habit.—Good vigorous habit,
well branched.

Height.—15 cm to 18 cm as measured from soil level
to top of plant, excluding blooms; 16 cm to 20 cm
soil level to top of umbels.

Width.—30 cm to 40 cm excluding umbels.

Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—8 to 10
weeks.

Outdoor plant performance.—Has good weather toler-
ance; used in hanging baskets, patio or mixed con-
tainers.

Time to initiate and develop roots.—12 to 28 days.

Root description.—White, slightly pubescent, fibrous
yet coarse.

Leaves:

Arrangement.—Alternate, simple.

Immature leaf.—Color: Upper surface: RHS 137A.
Lower surface: RHS 146B. Length: 3.4 cm to 4.0
cm. Width: 6.5 cm to 8.0 cm.

Mature leaf.—Color: Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 146B. Length: 4.0 cm to 5.0 cm. Width: 7.0 cm to 8.5 cm.

Zonation color.—None.

Apex description.—Rounded.

Base description.—Cordate.

Shape.—Reniform.

Margin.—Crenate; somewhat sinuate.

Texture.—Pilose, velvety.

Venation.—Palmate.

Venation color.—RHS 144A.

Petioles.—Length: 6.0 cm to 7.0 cm. Diameter: 0.2 cm.

Color: RHS 146B. Texture: Pilose; villous.

Stems:

Length.—20 cm to 25 cm.

Internode length.—0.75 cm to 1.0 cm.

Color.—RHS 144B.

Texture.—Pilose; villous; few glandular hairs.

Flower buds:

Length.—1.2 cm to 1.5 cm.

Diameter.—0.6 cm to 0.8 cm.

Shape.—Elliptical.

Color when sepals first divide.—RHS 45A.

Inflorescence:

Type.—An umbel composed of 11 to 15 flowers.

Umbel diameter.—8.0 cm to 9.0 cm.

Umbel depth (height).—6.0 cm to 7.0 cm.

Blooming habit.—Continuous blooming throughout the growing season; good floriferousness.

Peduncle.—Length: 8 cm to 11 cm. Diameter: 0.3 cm to 0.4 cm. Texture: Pilose; villous; many glandular hairs. Color: RHS 144A.

Pedice.—Length: 2.9 cm to 3.3 cm. Diameter: 0.15 cm. Texture: Many glandular hairs, some with an orange hue. Color: RHS 144A, pigmented by anthocyanin giving it a color of RHS 183A.

Flowers:

Flower form.—Polypetalous; mostly imbricate petals and petaloids, semi-double form consisting of 8 to 10 petals and 1 to 2 petaloids.

Flower diameter.—5.0 cm to 5.5 cm.

Flower persistence.—An open flower will hold its petals until the flower begins to dehisce, 7 to 10 days.

Fragrance.—None.

Petals/petaloids:

Petal size.—Length: 2.8 cm to 2.9 cm. Width: 2.7 cm to 2.9 cm.

Shape.—Obovate.

Apex.—Rounded.

Base.—Acute.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture.—Papillose.

Upper petal color.—Upper surface: Velvety RHS 45B; basal veining RHS 45A. Lower surface: RHS 46C with streaks of RHS 46A basally.

Lower petal color.—Upper surface: Velvety RHS 45B; basal veining RHS 45A. Lower surface: RHS 46C with streaks of RHS 46A basally.

Upper petaloid color.—Upper surface: Velvety RHS 45B; basal veining RHS 45A.

Lower petaloid color.—Upper surface: Velvety RHS 45B; basal veining RHS 45A.

Color change with age.—Colors do not change with age but may change with temperature and time of year.

Sepals:

Number of sepals.—5, one larger than the others; fused at base.

Length of sepals.—1.0 cm to 1.2 cm.

Width of sepals.—0.2 cm to 0.4 cm.

Shape.—Linear.

Apex.—Acute.

Texture.—Villous; many glandular hairs, some with an orange hue.

Color.—RHS 143; some anthocyanin in irregular blotches.

Reproductive organs:

Stamens.—4 to 6, sometimes fused to petaloids.

Filament color.—RHS N155B but whiter with a blush of RHS 54C.

Filament length.—0.6 cm.

Pollen color.—RHS N30A.

Pollen amount.—Moderate.

Pistil.—1.

Pistil length.—1.0 cm.

Stigma color.—RHS 53C.

Style color.—RHS 53D.

Style length.—0.4 cm.

Fruit set.—Not observed.

Disease and insect resistance: Not observed.

Comparison with Known Cultivars

‘Clips Dared’ differs from the female parent 8691-2 by having darker red flowers, darker green leaves, and a more vigorous growth habit than 8691-2.

‘Clips Dared’ differs from the comparison variety, ‘Rocky Mountain Dark Red’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 15,513) by having smaller but darker green leaves without a zone.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Pelargonium* plant as shown and described herein.

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FIG 1