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- **CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED 'LIPSI'** (54)
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ABSTRACT (57)

A *chrysanthemum* plant named 'Lipsi' characterized by its medium sized blooms with salmon ray florets and prolific branching, natural season flower date August 23–30; blooming for a period of 5 weeks.

3 Drawing Sheets

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

'Lipsi' is a product of a breeding and selection program for outdoor pot mums (garden mums) which had the objective of creating new *chrysanthemum* cultivars with a decorative type flower, a natural season flower date around August 23–30; blooming for a period of 5 weeks. The new plant of the present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar of *chrysanthemum* plant 'Lipsi' is a seedling resulting from a crossing program, set up by a previous breeder, and which records are unknown to the inventor. The new and distinct cultivar was discovered and selected as a flowering plant by Mark Roland Boeder on a cultivated field in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands in 2001. The first act of asexual production of 'Lipsi' was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were taken from the intial selection in 2001 in a 15 controlled environment in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands, and propagated further at this location. The new cultivar has been found to retain its distinctive characteristics through successive propagations.

retardants were used. No tests were done on disease or insect resistance or susceptibility. No tests were done on color or drought tolerance. This new variety produces medium sized blooms with salmon ray florets blooming for a period of 5 weeks.

From the cultivars known to inventor the most similar existing cultivar in comparison to 'Lipsi' is 'Stella' (U.S. Plant Pat. Nos. 15, 421). When 'Stella' and 'Lipsi' are being compared the following differences are noticed: The differences of 'Stella' and 'Lipsi' are (1) Color ray-florets. The flowers of 'Stella' are more salmon colored than those of 'Lipsi' which have an orange hue in its soft colored florets. (2) Width ray-florets. The ray-florets of 'Stella' wider than those of 'Lipsi'. (3) Natural blooming date. Under natural conditions, 'Lipsi' flowers earlier than 'Stella'.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The present invention of a new and distinct variety of *chrysanthemum* is shown in the accompying drawings, the color being as nearly true as possible with color photographs 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.

The following is a description of the plant and characteristics that distinguish 'Lipsi' as a new and distinct variety. The color designations are taken from the plant itself. Accordingly, any discrepancies between the color designations and the colors depicted in the photographs are due to photographic tolerance. The color chart used in this description is: The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, edition 1995.

TABLE 1

Botanical Description of chrysanthemum plant 'LIPSI'

Bud

Type

Size

Height

FIG. 3 shows the foliage of the new cultivar.

Size 30

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

This new variety of *chrysanthemum* is of the botanical classification Chrysanthemum morifolium L. The observations and measurements were gathered from plants grown out door in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands under natural day length and temperature and planted week 24 in 2004. The natural blooming date of this crop was August 23–30 (week 35). The average height of the plants was 25 cm. No growth

Outside Color Involucral bracts Involucral bracts among disc-florets Involucral bracts color 35 Bloom

Small; cross-section 0.5 cm, height 0.7 cm Yellow-green 145C 2 rows, length 7 mm, width 3 mm Not present

Green 138A

Decorative 1.5 cm Medium

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TABLE 1-continued

TABLE 1-continued

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Botanical Description of chrysanthemum plant 'LIPSI'		Botanical Description of chrysanthemum plant 'LIPSI'	
Fully Expanded	5.5 cm	Height	25 cm
Peduncle length	9–12 cm	Width	35 cm
Peduncle color	Yellow-green 146C	Stem Color	Greyed-brown 199C
Number of blooms per branch	Approx. 5–6 blooms per branch	Stem Strength	Strong
Performance on the plant	5 weeks	Stem Brittleness	Not brittle
Seeds	Produced in small quantities,	Stem Anthocyanin Coloration	Absent
	ovate grey-brown	Internode length	3–4 cm
	199A, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm in length	Length of lateral branch	From top to bottom 18 cm
Fragrance	Typical chrysanthemum, slightly	Lateral branch color	Yellow-green 146D
Color		Lateral branch, attachment	Medium strength

Center of the flower

Color of upper surface of the ray-florets Color of the lower surface of the ray-florets

Tonality from Distance Discoloration to color

Ray florets

Texture	Upper and under side smooth
Number	160–180
Cross-section	Flat
Longitudinal axis of majority	Straight
Length of corolla tube	0.3 cm
Ray-floret margin	Entire
Ray-floret length	2.5 cm
Ray-floret width	0.4 cm
Ratio length/width	High
Shape of tip	Pointed
Disc florets	

0.3–0.4 cm Few, only visible in mature stage Tubular Yellow 11D at base to Yellow-orange 23C at top Conical raised

Immature Greyed-yellow 162C

Greyed-orange 174D to Orange 24D

blending to Greyed-orange 173D at

A garden mum with salmon flowers

Mature Yellow-orange 23C

Greyed-orange 163D at base

Greyed-orange 164D to

Greyed-orange 173D

lateral branches) Natural season blooming date Foilage

Leaf color

Color midvein

Size

Quantity (number per lateral 15 branch) Shape Texture upper side Texture under side Venation arrangement Shape of the margin Shape of Base of Sinus Between Lateral Lobes Margin of Sinus Between Lateral Lobes Shape of Base Apex Petiole length Petiole color

Branching (average number of Good with 6–8 breaks after pinching

August 23–30

Upper side Green 139A Lower side Green 138A Upper side Yellow-green 148D Lower side Yellow-green 147D Small.; length 4.5–6 cm, width 2-3.5 cm

Elliptic Glabrous Pubescent Palmate Serrated Rounded

Diverging

Acute Mucronulate 1-2 cm Yellow-green 148D

Distribution of disc florets

tip

Shape	
Color	

Disc diameter

Receptacle shape

Reproductive Organs

Stamen Stamen color Pollen Pollen color Styles Style color Style Length Stigma color Stigma Width Ovaries Plant

Present in disc florets only Yellow-green 144A Present Yellow 7A Thick Yellow 13A 0.4 cm Yellow-green 144A 1 mm Enclosed in calyx

Form

Growth habit Growth rate

Grown as a spray type potmum, outdoor mounded and round Spherical shape Medium

TABLE 2

Differences with the comparison varieties			
	'Lipsi'	'Stella'	
Color upper surface ray-florets	Greyed-orange 174D to Orange 24D	Orange 29C	
Width ray-florets Start blooming date (planted in week 24)	0.4 cm Week 35	0.7 cm Week 38–39	

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *chrysanthemum* plant as described and illustrated.

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