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(54) **CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED**
'YOBRIGHTON'

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Varietal Denomination: **Yobrighton**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Chrysanthemum* plant named
'Yobrighton', characterized by its uniform and somewhat
outwardly spreading plant habit; strong and freely branching
growth habit; dark green-colored foliage; uniform flowering
response and habit; can be grown as a spray-type or without
bud removal; early flowering habit; large daisy-type inflorescences
with elongated oblong-shaped ray florets; yellow-colored ray
florets; and good postproduction longevity with plants
maintaining good substance and color for about three
to four weeks in an interior environment.

2 Drawing Sheets

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Botanical designation: *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium*.
Cultivar denomination: 'Yobrighton'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of *Chrysanthemum* plant, botanically known as
Chrysanthemum×*morifolium* and hereinafter referred to by
the name 'Yobrighton'.

The new *Chrysanthemum* is a product of a planned
breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Salinas,
Calif. and Alva, Fla. The objective of the program is to
create or discover new potted *Chrysanthemum* cultivars that
are suitable for year-round production with uniform plant
growth habit, good vigor and strong branching habit, numerous
inflorescences, desirable inflorescence form and floret
colors, fast and uniform flowering response, and good
postproduction longevity.

The new *Chrysanthemum* originated from a cross-
pollination made in April, 1999 in Salinas, Calif., of a
proprietary selection of *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium* identified
as code number YB-4450, not patented, as the female,
or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of
Chrysanthemum×*morifolium* identified as code number
YB-6496, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The
new *Chrysanthemum* was discovered and selected by the
Inventor as a single flowering plant within the progeny of the
stated cross-pollination grown in a controlled environment
in Alva, Fla. in March, 2000. The selection of this plant was
based on its uniform plant growth habit, good vigor and
strong branching habit; desirable inflorescence form and
floret colors, fast and uniform flowering response, and good
postproduction longevity.

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Asexual reproduction of the new *Chrysanthemum* by
vegetative tip cuttings was first conducted in Alva, Fla. in
June, 2000. Asexual reproduction by cuttings has shown that
the unique features of this new *Chrysanthemum* are stable
and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The cultivar Yobrighton has not been observed under all
possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary
somewhat with variations in environment such as
temperature, daylength, and/or light level, without, however,
any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'Yobrighton'.
These characteristics in combination distinguish
'Yobrighton' as a new and distinct *Chrysanthemum*:

1. Uniform and somewhat outwardly spreading plant habit.
2. Strong and freely branching growth habit.
3. Dark green-colored foliage.
4. Uniform flowering response and habit.
5. Can be grown as a spray-type or without bud removal.
6. Early flowering, eight week response time.
7. Large daisy-type inflorescences with elongated oblong-shaped ray florets.
8. Yellow-colored ray florets.
9. Good postproduction longevity with plants maintaining good substance and color for about three to four weeks in an interior environment.

Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* can be compared to
plants of the female parent selection. Plants of the new

Chrysanthemum differ from plants of the female parent selection primarily in plant height.

Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* can be compared to plants of the male parent selection. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* differ from plants of the male parent selection primarily in ray floret color as plants of the male parent selection have white-colored ray florets.

Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* can be compared to plants of the cultivar Yobutterfield, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 12,227. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Alva, Fla., plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* differed from plants of the cultivar Yobutterfield in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* were more outwardly spreading than and not as upright as plants of the cultivar Yobutterfield.
2. Plants of the new *Chrysanthemum* flowered about three to four days later than plants of the cultivar Yobutterfield.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new *Chrysanthemum* showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Chrysanthemum*.

The photograph on the first sheet comprises a side perspective view of typical flowering plants of 'Yobrighton' grown as spray-types.

The photograph on the second sheet comprises a close-up view of typical inflorescences of 'Yobrighton' grown as spray-types.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

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. The aforementioned photographs, following observations and measurements describe plants grown and flowered during the spring in Salinas, Calif., in a fiberglass-covered greenhouse and under conditions which approximate those generally used in commercial potted *Chrysanthemum* production. During the production of these plants, the following conditions were measured: day temperatures, 21° C. to 27° C.; night temperatures, 17° C. to 19° C.; and light levels, 5,000 to 6,000 foot-candles. Four unrooted cuttings were directly stuck in 15-cm containers, exposed to long day/short night conditions, and pinched once about two weeks later. At the time of the pinch, the photoinductive short day/long night treatments were initiated. Plants used for the description were grown as spray-types. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical flowering plants.

Botanical classification: *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium* cultivar Yobrighton.

Commercial classification: Daisy-type potted *Chrysanthemum*.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium* identified as code number YB-4550, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium* identified as code number YB-6496, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—Terminal tip cuttings.

Time to initiate roots.—About four days at 21° C.

Time to produce a rooted cutting.—About ten days at 21° C.

Root description.—Fibrous; white, close to 155D, in color.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; moderately dense.

Plant description:

Appearance.—Herbaceous daisy-type potted *Chrysanthemum* that can be grown as a spray-type or without bud removal. Upright with lateral branches somewhat outwardly spreading; uniformly mounded crown. Strong and freely branching growth habit; about three to four lateral branches develop after removal of terminal apex (pinching); dense and full plants.

Plant height.—About 36 cm.

Plant width.—About 42 cm.

Lateral branches.—Length: About 28 cm. Diameter: About 5 mm. Internode length: About 1.5 cm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Pubescent. Color: 144A to 146A.

Foliage description.—Arrangement: Alternate; simple. Length: About 7.4 cm. Width: About 5.5 cm. Apex: Cuspidate. Base: Truncate with attenuate tendencies. Margin: Palmately lobed, sinuses between lateral lobes parallel to convergent. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent. Color: Developing and fully expanded foliage, upper surface: Darker green than 147A. Developing and fully expanded foliage, lower surface: Close to 147A. Venation, upper surface: Close to 147A. Venation, lower surface: Close to 146A. Petiole length: About 2.3 cm. Petiole diameter: About 3 mm. Petiole texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent. Petiole color, upper surface: Close to 146A. Petiole color, lower surface: 146A to 146B.

Inflorescence description:

Appearance.—Daisy-type inflorescence form with elongated oblong-shaped ray florets. Inflorescences borne on terminals above foliage. Disk and ray florets develop acropetally on a capitulum. Inflorescences slightly fragrant.

Flowering response.—Under natural conditions, plants flower in the autumn/winter in the Northern Hemisphere. At other times of the year, inflorescence initiation and development can be induced under short day/long night conditions (at least 13.5 hours of darkness). Uniform and early flowering habit; plants exposed to two weeks of long day/short night conditions followed by photoinductive short day/long night conditions flower about eight weeks later.

Postproduction longevity.—Inflorescences maintain good color and substance for about three to four weeks in an interior environment.

Quantity of inflorescences.—Grown as a spray-type, about seven per lateral branch.

Inflorescence bud.—Height: About 6 mm. Diameter: About 7.5 mm. Shape: Oblate. Color: 146A to 147A.

Inflorescence diameter.—Large, about 7.5 cm.

Inflorescence height.—About 2.4 cm.

Diameter of disc.—About 1.75 cm.

Receptacle diameter.—About 7.5 mm.

Receptacle height.—About 7 mm.

Ray florets.—Length: About 3.8 cm. Width: About 1 cm. Corolla tube length: About 4 mm. Shape: Elongated oblong. Apex: Acute, mamillate or emarginate. Base: Fused into a corolla tube. Margin: Entire. Orientation: Initially upright to eventually about 70° from vertical. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; velvety. Number of ray florets per inflorescence: About 28 arranged in about two whorls. Color: When opening, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 5A. Fully opened, upper surface: More yellow than 5A. Fully opened, lower surface: Close to 5A to 6A.

Disc florets.—Arrangement: Massed at center of receptacle. Length: About 7 mm. Diameter, apex: About 2 mm. Diameter, base: About 2 mm. Shape: Tubular; elongated. Apex: Five-pointed. Number of disc florets per inflorescence: About 190. Color: Immature: Close to 144A. Mature, apex: Close to 6A to 9A. Mature, mid-section: Close to 145C. Mature, base: Close to 155D.

Phyllaries.—Quantity per inflorescence: About 25 arranged in about two to three whorls. Length: About 9 mm. Width: About 4 mm. Shape: Lanceolate.

Apex: Acute. Base: Truncate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper surface: Waxy, smooth. Texture, lower surface: Pubescent. Color, upper surface: Close to 144A. Color, lower surface: 146A to 147A.

Peduncles.—Length, terminal peduncle: About 3.8 cm. Length, fourth peduncle: About 8.5 cm. Length, seventh peduncle: About 10.3 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Pubescent. Angle: About 45° from vertical. Color: Close to 146A.

Reproductive organs.—Androecium: Present on disc florets only. Anther length: Less than 1 mm. Anther color: Close to 12A. Pollen amount: None observed. Gynoecium: Present on both ray and disc florets. Style length: About 4.5 mm. Style color: Close to 144C. Stigma color: Close to 9A.

Seed/fruit.—Seed and fruit production has not been observed.

Disease/pest resistance: Resistance to pathogens and pests common to *Chrysanthemums* has not been observed on plants grown under commercial greenhouse conditions. It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'Yobrighton', as illustrated and described.

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