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(54) *SUTERA* PLANT NAMED ‘DANOVA906’

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Sutera* plant named
‘Danova906’, characterized by its outwardly spreading and
low mounding plant habit; vigorous growth habit; freely
branching habit; early and continuous flowering habit; large
white-colored flowers; and good garden performance.

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Botanical designation: *Sutera hybrida*.
Cultivar denomination: ‘Danova906’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-
var of *Sutera* plant, botanically known as *Sutera hybrida*,
and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name
‘Danova906’.

The new *Sutera* is a product of a planned breeding
program conducted in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel.
The objective of the breeding program is to develop new
uniform *Sutera* cultivars with large and numerous flowers.

The new *Sutera* originated from an open-pollination in
November, 2001 of a proprietary selection of *Sutera hybrida*
identified as code number BA-1-4, not patented, as the
female, or seed, parent with an unidentified selection of
Sutera hybrida, as the male, or pollen, parent. The cultivar
Danova906 was discovered and selected by the Inventor as
a flowering plant within the progeny from the aforemen-
tioned open-pollination in a controlled environment in
Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel in May, 2002.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal
cuttings in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel since June,
2002, has shown that the unique features of this new *Sutera*
are stable and reproduced true to type in successive genera-
tions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar Danova906 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 vari-
ance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of
‘Danova906’. These characteristics in combination distin-
guish ‘Danova906’ as a new and distinct cultivar of *Sutera*:

1. Outwardly spreading and low mounding plant habit.
2. Vigorous growth habit.
3. Freely branching habit.

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4. Early and continuous flowering habit.
5. Large white-colored flowers.
6. Good garden performance.

Compared to plants of the female parent selection, plants
of the new *Sutera* flower earlier and have larger flowers.

Plants of the new *Sutera* can be compared to plants of the
Sutera hispida cultivar Dancoplace, disclosed in U.S. Plant
Pat. No. 14,458. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the
new *Sutera* differed from plants of the cultivar Dancoplace
in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Sutera* flowered earlier than plants of
the cultivar Dancoplace.
2. Plants of the new *Sutera* had larger flowers than plants
of the cultivar Dancoplace.

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 repro-
ductions of this type. 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
Sutera.

The photograph at the bottom of the sheet comprises a
side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of
‘Danova906’ grown in a container.

The photograph at the top of the sheet comprises a
close-up view of typical flowers and leaves of ‘Danova906’.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photographs and following observa-
tions and measurements describe plants grown in Bonsall,
Calif., in an outdoor nursery during the summer with day
temperatures ranging from 18° C. to 35° C. and night
temperatures ranging from 13° C. to 18° C. Plants were
grown in 15-cm containers and were about three months old.
Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Soci-

ety Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Sutera hybrida* cultivar Danova906.
Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Sutera hybrida* identified as code number BA-1-4, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—An unidentified selection of *Sutera hybrida*, not patented.

Propagation:

Type cutting.—Terminal vegetative cuttings.

Time to initiate roots, summer.—About seven days at 24° C.

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About ten days at 18° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.—About 15 days at 24° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.—About 18 days at 18° C.

Root description.—Fine, fibrous; white in color.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; dense.

Plant description:

Form.—Outwardly spreading and low mounding plant habit. Freely and continuously branching with about nine primary lateral branches each with about six secondary lateral branches. Vigorous growth habit.

Plant height.—About 9 cm.

Plant diameter.—About 70 cm.

Lateral branches.—Length: About 44 cm. Diameter: About 2.5 mm. Internode length: About 1.8 cm. Texture: Pubescent; minute. Strength: Strong. Color: 146A.

Foliage description.—Arrangement: Opposite; simple. Length: About 2.4 cm. Width: About 2.8 cm. Shape: Broadly elliptic to nearly deltoid. Apex: Acute. Base: Truncate to attenuate. Margin: Irregularly serrated. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent; minute. Venation pattern: Pinnate, arcuate. Color: Developing foliage, upper surface: 146A. Developing foliage, lower surface: 146B. Fully expanded foliage, upper surface: 147A; venation, 146B. Fully expanded foliage, lower surface: 147B; venation, 146C. Petiole length: About 8 mm. Petiole diameter: About 2 mm. Petiole texture, upper and lower surfaces: Sparsely pubescent. Petiole color, upper and lower surfaces: 147B.

Flower description:

Flower type and habit.—Solitary axillary flowers; salverform; slender corolla tubes flare abruptly into five rounded lobes. Flowers persistent. Very freely flowering; typically about 42 flower buds and open flowers per lateral branch. Flowers face mostly upward or outward. Flowers persistent.

Natural flowering season.—Plants typically flower from spring until fall; flowering continuous during this period.

Flower longevity on the plant.—About five to seven days.

Fragrance.—None detected.

Flower diameter.—About 1.8 cm.

Flower depth.—About 1.3 cm.

Flower buds.—Length: About 1 cm. Diameter: About 6 mm. Shape: Obovate. Color: 155D.

Corolla.—Quantity/arrangement: Five fused petals; slender corolla tube flaring abruptly into five rounded lobes. Petal lobe length from throat: About 5 mm. Petal lobe width: About 5 mm. Petal lobe shape: Roughly spatulate. Petal lobe apex: Rounded. Petal lobe margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color: When opening, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 155D. Fully opened, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 155D. Flower throat (inside): 21A. Flower tube (outside): 19A.

Sepals.—Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five sepals fused at base; star-shaped calyx. Length: About 5 mm. Width: About 1 mm. Shape: Narrow, linear. Apex: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent, minute; slightly rough. Color, upper surface: 146A. Color, lower surface: 146B.

Peduncles.—Length: About 8 mm. Width: Less than 1 mm. Angle: About 30° from the stem. Strength: Strong. Texture: Pubescent; minute. Color: 146C.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Four. Anther shape: Oval. Anther length: About 1.5 mm. Anther color: 17A. Pollen amount: Scarce. Pollen color: 15A. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 1 cm. Style length: About 8 mm. Style color: 145C to 145D. Stigma shape: Round. Stigma color: 146B. Ovary color: 146A.

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

Disease/pest resistance: Plants of the new *Sutera* have not been noted to be resistant to pathogens or pests common to *Sutera*.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Sutera* have been observed to have good garden performance. Plants of the new *Sutera* tolerate temperatures from about 2° C. to 38° C. and to tolerate wind and rain.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Sutera* plant named 'Danova906', as illustrated and described.

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