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(54) **PETUNIA PLANT NAMED ‘PETROSENA’**

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Varietal Denomination: **Petrosena**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named
‘Petrosena’ characterized by its trailing, outwardly spread-
ing and mounded plant habit, freely branching habit, freely
flowering habit, single flowers that are rose in color, and
good garden performance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed:
Petunia hybrida.
Varietal denomination: ‘Petrosena’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of *Petunia* plant botanically known as *Petunia hybrida* and
referred to by the cultivar name ‘Petrosena.’

The new *Petunia* is the product of a planned breeding
program conducted by the inventor in Enkhuizen, Nether-
lands. The new *Petunia* cultivar is freely flowering with
trailing and spreading plant habit and attractive leaf and
flower coloration.

The new *Petunia* originated from a cross-pollination
made by the inventor in August 2000 of a proprietary
selection of *Petunia hybrida* identified as code number
‘A998’ not patented, as the female, or seed parent, with a
proprietary selection of *Petunia hybrida* identified as code
number ‘Y942,’ not patented, as the male, or pollen parent.
The new *Petunia* was selected as a single plant from the
resulting progeny of the cross-pollination in a controlled
environment in Enkhuizen, Netherlands in June 2001.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal
vegetative cuttings since June 2001, in Enkhuizen, Nether-
lands has shown that the unique features of this new *Petunia*
are stable and reproduced true to type in successive genera-
tions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar ‘Petrosena’ have not been observed
under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype
may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as
temperature, light intensity and daylength without, however,
any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of
‘Petrosena.’ These characteristics in combination distinguish
‘Petrosena’ as a new and distinct cultivar:

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1. Trailing, outwardly spreading and mounded plant habit
2. Freely branching habit
3. Freely flowering habit
4. Single flowers that are rose in color
5. Good garden performance

In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Enkhuizen,
Netherlands, plants of the *Petunia* named ‘Petrosena’ dif-
fered from plants of the female parent selection in the
following characteristic:

1. Plants of the *Petunia* named ‘Petrosena’ have rose
flowers whereas flowers of the female parent selection
are rose/purple.

In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Enkhuizen,
Netherlands, plants of the *Petunia* named ‘Petrosena’ dif-
fered from plants of the male parent selection in the follow-
ing characteristic:

1. Plants of the *Petunia* named ‘Petrosena’ and the male
parent selection differed in flower size. The flowers of
the *Petunia* named ‘Petrosena’ are smaller than the
flowers of the male parent selection.

TABLE 1

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW CULTIVAR ‘PETROSENA’
AND A SIMILAR CULTIVAR

	‘Petrosena’	‘Sunroveil’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 16,468)
Flower size	Smaller	Bigger
Petal color	Not veined	Veined
Earliness	Earlier	Later
Plant habit	More upright	More flat

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates 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 photograph may differ

slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Petunia*.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW CULTIVAR

The observations and measurements describe plants grown in Enkhuizen, The Netherlands, practice circumstances indoor in hanging baskets of diameter 25 cm during the early Spring with day temperatures ranging from 14 to 16° C., night temperatures ranging from 12 to 14° C. Plants used for the photographs and description were about 10 weeks 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.

The plant:

Classification.—Botanical: *Petunia hybrida*.

Parentage.—Female parent: Proprietary selection of *Petunia hybrida* identified as code number 'A998,' not patented. Male parent: Proprietary selection of *Petunia hybrida* identified as code number 'Y942,' not patented.

Propagation:

Type cutting.—Terminal vegetative cuttings.

Time to initiate roots.—Summer and winter: About 12 days at 20° C.

Time to develop roots, summer.—About 21 days at 20° C.

Time to develop roots, winter.—About 28 days at 16° C.

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

Rooting habit.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

Form.—Annual flowering plant; indeterminate; initially upright, then trailing and outwardly spreading; uniformly mounded plant form. Freely branching habit; about ten basal branches each with about five to seven lateral branches. Pinching enhances development of lateral branches.

Usage.—Appropriate for hanging baskets, window boxes, patio containers, and landscape applications.

Plant height.—About 17 cm.

Plant diameter (area of spread).—About 45 cm.

Vigor.—Vigorous; rapid growth rate.

Lateral branches.—Length: About 24 cm. Diameter: About 4.5 mm. Internode length: About 3 cm. Texture: Pubescent. Color: 144C.

Foliage description.—Arrangement: Alternate before flowering; opposite after flowers develop; simple. Length: About 5.7 cm. Width: About 3 cm. Shape: Broad elliptic. Apex: Acuminate. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Sparsely pubescent; glandular. Venation pattern: Pinnate, arcuate.

Color.—Developing and fully expanded leaves, upper surface: 147A. Developing and fully expanded leaves, lower surface: 147B. Venation, upper surface: 143C. Venation, lower surface: 147C. Petiole length: About 7 mm. Petiole diameter: About 3 mm. Petiole color, upper and lower surfaces: 144B. Petiole texture: Sparsely pubescent.

Flower description:

Flower type and habit.—Single salverform flowers; flowers face mostly upward and outward; axillary. Freely flowering habit, about two to three open flowers and about three flower buds per lateral branch at a time.

Natural flowering season.—Long day responsive; long flowering period, spring until frost in the autumn; flowering continuous during this period. Plants start flowering about eight weeks after planting rooted cuttings. Flowers persistent.

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

Fragrance.—Faint, sweet.

Flower size.—Diameter: About 5.5 cm. Tube length: About 5.7 cm. Flower depth: 0.6 cm. Throat diameter, distal end: About 1.8 cm. Tube diameter, middle: About 10 mm.

Flower buds.—Length: About 3.5 cm. Diameter: About 7 mm. Shape: Elongated oblong with ruffled apices. Color: Darker than N79B.

Petals.—Quantity/arrangement: About five petals fused in a single whorl, funnel form. Length from throat: About 2.3 cm. Width: About 3 cm. Shape: Roughly fan-shaped. Apex: Acute. Margin: Entire, undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, velvety.

Color.—When opening, upper surface: Darker than N66A, venation N79A. When opening, lower surface: 67B; venation, 144A main veins, N77A side veins. Fully opened, upper surface: Darker than N66A, venation N79A. Fully opened, lower surface: 67B; venation, 144A main veins, N77A side veins. Flower throat (inside): 155C with lots of veins: 187A. Flower tube (outside): 69D with lots of veins: 187A.

Sepals.—Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five sepals fused at base, star-shaped. Length: About 2 cm. Width: About 5 mm. Shape: Ligulate. Apex: Rounded. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent. Color, upper surface: 147A. Color, lower surface: 147B.

Peduncles.—Length: About 2.8 cm. Width: About 2 mm. Angle: About 45 to 60° from the stem. Strength: Strong. Texture: Pubescent. Color: 144A.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens, quantity per flower: About five. Anther shape: Ovoid. Anther size: About 1.5 mm by 2 mm. Anther color: 158A. Pollen amount: Scarce. Pollen color: 158A. Pistils, quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 2 cm. Style length: About 1.8 cm. Style color: 144D. Stigma shape: Anvil-shaped. Stigma color: 145C. Ovary color: 145A. Seed/fruit: Seed and/or fruit production has not been observed.

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

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Petunia* have been observed to have good garden performance. Plants of the new *Petunia* have been noted to tolerate rain, wind, and temperatures from 0 to 30° C.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named 'Petrosena', as substantially illustrated and described herein.

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