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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A *chrysanthemum* plant named 'Tatoi' characterized by its medium sized blooms with bronze ray florets and prolific branching; natural season flower date September 13–18; blooming for a period of 5 weeks.

3 Drawing Sheets

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

'Tatoi' 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 flowers date around September 13–18; blooming for a period of 5 weeks. The new plant of the present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar of *chrysanthemum* plant. 'Tatoi' 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 'Tatoi' was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were taken from the initial selection in 2001 and propagated further in a controlled environment in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands. The new cultivar has been found to retain its distinctive characteristics through successive propagations.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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

FIG. 1 shows plants of the cultivar in full bloom.

FIG. 2 shows the various stages of bloom of the near cultivar.

FIG. 3 shows the various stages of foliage of the new cultivar.

The plant shown in the photographic drawings was fifteen (15) weeks old when those photographs were taken.

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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 in week 24 in 2004. The natural blooming date of this crop was September 13–18 (week 38). The average height of the plants was 40 cm. No growth retardants were used. No tests were done on disease or insect resistance or susceptibility. No tests were done on cold or drought tolerance. This new variety produces medium sized blooms with bronze ray florets blooming for a period of 5 weeks.

From the cultivars known to inventor the most similar cultivar in comparison to 'Tatoi' is 'Iduna' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 14,925). When 'Iduna' and 'Tatoi' are being compared the following difference is noticed: The difference of 'Iduna' and 'Tatoi' are (1) Color ray-florets. And (2) Color flower center (1) The ray-florets of 'Iduna' are more soft orange than those of 'Tatoi'. (2) The flower center of 'Iduna' is darker colored than that of 'Tatoi'.

The following is a description of the plant and characteristics that distinguish 'Tatoi' 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 tolerances. The color chart used in this description is: The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, edition 1995.

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TABLE 1

Botanical Description of <i>chrysanthemum</i> plant 'Tatoi'	
<u>Bud</u>	
Size	Small; cross-section 0.8 cm, height 0.6 cm
Outside Color	Yellow-green 145D
Involucral bracts	2 rows, length 7 mm, width 3 mm
Involucral bracts among disc-florets	Not present
Involucral bracts color	Green 138B
<u>Bloom</u>	
Type	Double
Height	2 cm
Size	Medium
Fully Expanded	5.5 cm
Peduncle length	7-11 cm
Peduncle color	Green 138C
Number of blooms per branch	Approx. 5 blooms per branch
Performance on the plant	5 weeks
Seeds	Produced in small quantities, ovate grey-brown 199A, 1½ mm in length.
Fragrance	Typical <i>chrysanthemum</i> , slightly
<u>Color</u>	
Center of the flower	Immature Greyed-orange 172B Mature Greyed-orange 172B
Color of upper surface of the ray-florets	Greyed-orange 163B to 168C
Color of the lower surface of the ray-florets	Greyed-orange 163C-D
Tonality from Distance	A garden mum with bronze flowers
Color of the ray-florets after aging of the plant	Greyed-orange 165 C-D
<u>Ray florets</u>	
Texture	Upper and under side smooth
Number	220-230
Cross-section	Flat to convex
Longitudinal axis of majority	Straight to reflexing
Length of corolla tube	0.7-1 cm
Ray-floret margin	Entire
Ray-floret length	2.5 cm
Ray-floret width	0.6 cm
Ratio length/width	Medium
Shape of tip	Rounded
<u>Disc florets</u>	
Disc diameter	0.1 cm
Distribution of disc florets	Few, only visible in mature stage
Shape	Tubular
Color	Yellow 11D
Receptacle shape	Conical raised
<u>Reproductive Organs</u>	
Stamen	Present in disc florets only
Stamen color	Yellow-green 144A
Pollen	Present
Pollen color	Yellow 7A
Styles	Thin
Style color	Yellow 13A
Style Length	0.3 cm
Stigma color	Yellow-green 144A

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TABLE 1-continued

Botanical Description of <i>chrysanthemum</i> plant 'Tatoi'	
<u>Plant</u>	
Stigma Width	1 mm
Ovaries	Enclosed in calyx
<u>Form</u>	Grown as spray type potmum, outdoor mounded and round
Growth habit	Spherical shape
Growth rate	High
Height	40 cm
Width	45 cm
Stem Color	Greyed-brown 199C
Stem Strength	Strong
Stem Brittleness	Not brittle
Stem Anthocyanin Coloration	Absent
Internode length	3-3.5 cm
Length of lateral branch	From top to bottom 21 cm
Lateral branch color	Green 138B to Yellow-green 147C
Lateral branch, attachment	Medium strength
Branching (average number of lateral branches)	Prolific with 10 breaks after pinching
Natural season blooming date	September 13-18
<u>Foliage</u>	
Leaf color	Upper side Green 137A-138A Lower side Green 138B-139C
Color midvein	Upper side Yellow-green 147D Lower side Yellow-green 148D
Size	Small; length 3.5-5.5 cm, width 2.5-3 cm
Quantity (number per lateral branch)	15-25
Shape	Elliptic-ovate
Texture upper side	Glabrous
Texture under side	Pubescent
Venation arrangement	Palmette
Shape of the margin	Serrated
Shape of Base of Sinus	Rounded
Between Lateral Lobes	
Margin of Sinus Between Lateral Lobes	Diverging
Shape of Base	Acute
Apex	Mucronulate
Petiole length	1-1.5 cm
Petiole color	Green 137A-138A

TABLE 2

Differences with the comparison variety		
	"Tatoi"	'Iduna'
Color ray-florets	Greyed-orange 163B to 168C	Yellow-orange 22C
Color flower center	Greyed-orange 172B	Greyed-red 179A

I claim:

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

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Figure 1



Figure 2

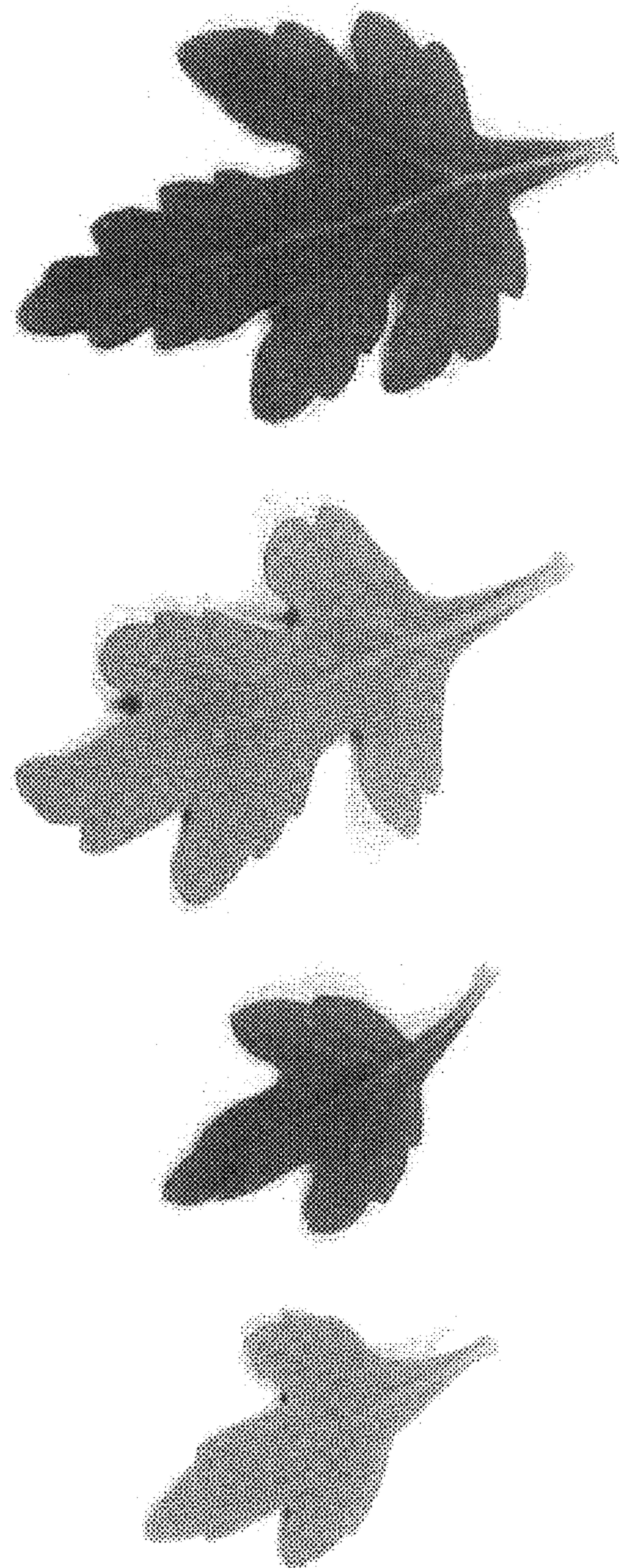


Figure 3