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(54) *SPATHIPHYLLUM* PLANT NAMED '98286-29'

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new cultivar of *Spathiphyllum* plant named '98286-29' that is characterized by small white spathes and dark green leaves.

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**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical Classification: *Spathiphyllum Schott*.  
Variety Denomination: '98286-29'.

the female parent *Spathiphyllum* '97007-14' in having darker leaves.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Spathiphyllum* plant botanically known as *Spathiphyllum Schott*. and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name '98286-29'.

The accompanying photograph illustrates the distinguishing traits of *Spathiphyllum* '98286-29'. The plant in the photograph shows an overall view of a 29 week old plant. The photograph was taken using conventional techniques and although colors may appear different from actual colors due to light reflectance it is as accurate as possible by conventional photographic techniques.

'98286-29' is a hybrid that originated from the hybridization of the female or seed parent a proprietary *Spathiphyllum Schott*. identified as '97007-14' (not patented) and the male or pollen parent a proprietary *Spathiphyllum Schott*. identified as '96361-5' (not patented). The cultivar '98286-29' was selected by the inventor in February of 2000 as a single plant within the progeny of the stated cross in Honselersdijk, The Netherlands.

**BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT**

Asexual reproduction by tissue culture of the new cultivar '98286-29' was first performed in February of 2001 in Honselersdijk, The Netherlands. Since that time, under careful observations, the unique characteristics of the new cultivar have been uniform, stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduction.

The following is a detailed description of the new *Spathiphyllum* cultivar named '98286-29'. Data was collected in Honselersdijk, The Netherlands from 29 week old greenhouse grown plants in 2 liter containers. The time of year was Spring and the average temperature was 22 degree Centigrade during the day and 20 degrees Centigrade at night. No photoperiodic treatments were used. 80 PPM of Gibberallic acid was applied for flower initiation. Color determinations are in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart 2001 edition, except where general color terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The growing requirements are similar to the species. '98286-29' has not been tested under all possible conditions and phenotypic differences may be observed with variations in environmental, climatic, and cultural conditions, however, without any variance in genotype.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following represent the distinguishing characteristics of the new *Spathiphyllum* cultivar '98286-29'.

1. *Spathiphyllum* '98286-29' exhibits white spathes.
2. *Spathiphyllum*, '98286-29' exhibits dark green leaves.
3. *Spathiphyllum*, '98286-26' exhibits small spathes.

The closest comparison cultivar is *Spathiphyllum* 'Sweet Pablo' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 10,817). The new cultivar '98286-29' is distinguishable from 'Sweet Pablo' by the following characteristics:

1. '98286-29' has darker leaves than those of 'Sweet Pablo'.
2. '98286-29' has smaller spathes than 'Sweet Pablo'.

The new cultivar '98286-29' is distinguishable from the male parent *Spathiphyllum* '96361-5' in having darker leaves. The new cultivar '98286-29' is distinguishable from

Botanical classification: *Spathiphyllum Schott*. '98286-29'.  
Use: Ornamental.

Parentage: '98286-29' is a hybrid plant that resulted from the hybridization of the following parent plants:

*Female parent*.—A proprietary *Spathiphyllum Schott*. identified as '97007-14'.

*Male parent*.—A proprietary *Spathiphyllum Schott*. identified as '96361-5'.

Vigor: Moderate.

Growth rate: Moderate.

Growth habit: Freely branching from base, bushy and dense.

Plant shape: Inverted triangle with inflorescences on top.  
 Suitable container size: 17 cm container.  
 Height: Average 59 cm to top of leaf plane, 77 cm to top of inflorescences.  
 Width: Average 85.3 cm in width.  
 Hardiness: USDA Zone 10.  
 Propagation: Tissue Culture.  
 Time to initiate roots (summer and winter): Approximately 14 days to produce roots on an initial cutting.  
 Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner (summer and winter): Approximately 38 days.  
 Root system: Fine and fibrous.  
 Stem: No stems, Leaves grow directly from base, Average 9 clumps, clump color 144A to 144B.  
 Foliage:  
*Texture.*—Smooth, slightly leathery.  
*Appearance.*—Glossy.  
*Leaf arrangement.*—Alternate.  
*Compound or single.*—Single.  
*Leaf shape.*—Elliptic to narrow elliptic.  
*Leaf apex.*—Apiculate.  
*Leaf base.*—Attenuate.  
*Leaf length.*—Average 27.7 cm in length.  
*Leaf width.*—11.5 cm in width.  
*Quantity of leaves per clump.*—Average 7.  
*Pubescence.*—Absent.  
*Leaf margin.*—Entire, undulant; 4 waves per leaf.  
*Vein pattern.*—Pinnate.  
*Young leaf color (upper surface).*—141A to 143A.  
*Young leaf color (lower surface).*—138B.  
*Mature leaf color (upper surface).*—137A to 139A.  
*Mature leaf color (lower surface).*—137C.  
*Vein color (upper surface).*—141A.  
*Vein color (lower surface).*—145A.  
*Leaf attachment.*—Petiolate.  
*Petiole dimensions.*—Average 24.4 cm in length excluding geniculum, 4 mm in diameter below geniculum to 6 mm in diameter above clump.  
*Petiole aspect.*—Round.  
*Petiole color.*—137A, light towards the base 144A.  
*Geniculum dimensions.*—Average 3.2 cm in length and 5 mm in diameter.  
*Geniculum aspect.*—Rounded, glossy, glabrous.  
*Geniculum color.*—145A to 145B.  
*Petiole sheath dimensions.*—Average 15.8 cm in length and 7 mm in diameter.  
*Petiole sheath color.*—137A, lighter towards the base, 144A.  
*Durability of foliage to stress.*—High.  
 Inflorescence:  
*Inflorescence arrangement.*—Spathes with spadices held above the foliage on erect peduncles arising from the petiole sheath.  
*Flowering habit.*—Continuous.  
*Quantity of spathes per plant.*—Average 8.

*Natural flowering season.*—Autumn to winter to spring.  
*Time to flower or response time.*—6 months.  
*Fragrance.*—Moderate, sweet and pleasant.  
*Self-cleaning or persistent.*—Persistent.  
*Flower longevity.*—Lasts approximately 3 weeks on plant.  
*Spathe aspect.*—Slightly cupped.  
*Spathe dimensions.*—Average 16.1 cm in length, 7 cm in width and 2.8 cm in depth.  
*Spathe texture.*—Glabrous, slightly leathery.  
*Spathe shape.*—Elliptic to broad elliptic.  
*Spathe margin.*—Entire.  
*Spathe apex.*—Apiculate.  
*Spathe base.*—Cuneate.  
*Spathe color when opening (front side).*—155C, apex 144C to 144D.  
*Spathe color when opening (rear side).*—155C.  
*Spathe color when fully opened (front side).*—155C, apex 144C to 144D; main vein 143C.  
*Spathe color when fully opened (rear side).*—155C, base and main vein 143C.  
*Spathe color fading to.*—144C.  
*Spadix shape.*—Columnar, arising from top of peduncle.  
*Spadix tip.*—Obtuse.  
*Spadix base.*—Obtuse.  
*Spadix dimensions.*—Average 6.7 cm in length and 1.6 mm in diameter.  
*Spadix color when opening.*—4D.  
*Spadix color when fully opened.*—158C to 158D.  
*Quantity of flowers per spadix.*—Average 180.  
*Spadix flower arrangement.*—Bisexual, rounded.  
*Spadix flower dimensions.*—3 mm in diameter and 2.5 mm in depth.  
 Reproductive organs:  
*Anther color.*—158D.  
*Amount of pollen.*—Low.  
*Pollen color.*—155D.  
*Stigma color.*—158C.  
*Ovary color.*—158C.  
 Peduncle:  
*Peduncle dimensions.*—Average 56.9 cm in length and 5.0 mm. in diameter.  
*Peduncle angle.*—20° from vertical.  
*Peduncle color.*—144A.  
*Peduncle strength.*—Strong.  
 Seed: Seed production has not been observed.  
 Disease and insect resistance: Plants of the new *Spathiphyllum* have not been observed for disease or insect resistance.  
 It is claimed:  
 1. A new and distinct variety of *Spathiphyllum* plant named '98286-29' as described and illustrated.

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