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(54) CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED 'YOYOLANDA'

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(57) ABSTRACT

A new *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'Yoyolanda,' particularly distinguished by the medium to large yellow decorative-type inflorescence; upright, mounded and compact plant habit that is freely branching; and medium to dark green foliage.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed: *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium*.

Varietal denomination: 'Yoyolanda'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new *Chrysanthemum*, botanically known as *Chrysanthemum*×*morifolium*, and hereinafter referred to by the variety name 'Yoyolanda'.

'Yoyolanda' is a product of a planned breeding program. ¹⁰ The new cultivar has medium to large yellow decorative-type inflorescence; upright, mounded and compact plant habit that is freely branching; and medium to dark green foliage.

'Yoyolanda' originated from a hybridization made in January 2005 in a controlled breeding program in Salinas, Calif. 15 'Yoyolanda' was selected as a single flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross in October 2005 in a controlled environment in Alva, Fla.

The female parent was the proprietary plant designated 'Gedi One Ces' (Cesaro), U.S. Plant Pat. No. 13,797 with 20 larger, more golden-yellow flower color; slightly lighter colored foliage with a larger plant habit.

The male parent of 'Yoyolanda' was an unpatented hybrid seedling identified as '00-M389' with lavender flower color. '00-M389' has a smaller plant habit and a faster natural flowering response than 'Yoyolanda'.

The first act of asexual reproduction of 'Yoyolanda' was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated from the initial selection in December 2005 in a controlled environment in Alva, Fla.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Horticultural examination of plants grown from cuttings of the plant initiated in December 2005, and continuing thereafter, has demonstrated that the combination of characteristics as herein disclosed for 'Yoyolanda' are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

'Yoyolanda' has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary significantly with variations in environment such as temperature, light intensity and day length.

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The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be basic characteristics of the new variety. The combination of these characteristics distinguishes this *Chrysanthemum* as a new and distinct variety.

Plant Breeder's Rights for this cultivar have not been applied for. 'Yoyolanda' has not been made publicly available more than one year prior to the filing of this application.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographic drawing shows typical flower and foliage characteristics of 'Yoyolanda' with colors being as true as possible with an illustration of this type. The photographic drawing shows a flowering potted plant of the new variety and a close-up of the flowers.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The plant description and measurements were taken in Salinas, Calif. in late May 2009 under natural light, and the aforementioned photographs were taken in Gilroy, Calif. in late May 2009 in a greenhouse.

These plants were started and grown in six inch pots, in Alva, Fla. and were shipped in mid-May 2009 to California. Plants were grown under conditions which approximate those generally used in commercial potted *Chrysanthemum* production, including the use of short day/long night treatments and the pinching of terminal apices. These plants used in the photograph and descriptions were about ten weeks old.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (R.H.S.) 2001.

TABLE 1

		DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW VARIETY 'YOYOLANDA' AND A SIMILAR VARIETY		
35		'Yoyolanda'	'Janice' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 9,817)	
	Flower size: Plant habit:	Little larger Little and rounder	Little smaller Little taller and less	
4 0	Flower lastingness:	Longer than	round Shorter than	

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Bud (just before opening/showing color):
Plant:
                                                                  Color.—RHS 9A.
    Form, growth and habit.—Herbaceous decorative gar-
       den-type. Stems upright and outwardly spreading,
                                                                  Length.—0.8-1.0 cm.
                                                                  Width.—0.9-1.1 cm.
       freely branching, strong and moderately vigorous
       growth habit.
                                                                  Shape.—Oblate.
                                                             Immature inflorescence:
    Plant height.—22-24 cm.
    Plant height (inflorescence included).—24-26 cm.
                                                                  Diameter.—3.5 cm.
    Plant width.—35-40 cm.
                                                                  Color of ray florets, upper surface.—RHS 6A with RHS
                                                                    7B apex.
    Garden performance and tolerance to weather.—Good.
    Crop time to flowering.—About 40-46 days.
                                                                  Lower surface.—RHS 6B.
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                                                             Mature inflorescence:
Roots:
                                                                  Diameter.—5.4-5.8 cm.
    Number of days to initiate roots.—4 days at about 21
                                                                  Depth.—1.5 cm.
       degrees C.
    Number of days to produce a rooted cutting.—10-12
                                                                  Total diameter of 'disc'.—Cannot see disc florets.
       days at 21 degrees C.
                                                                  Recepticle height.—0.4 cm.
     Type.—Fine, fibrous, free branching.
                                                                  Receptacle diameter.—0.4-0.5 cm.
     Color.—RHS N155B but whiter.
                                                             Ray florets:
                                                                  Average quantity of florets.—About 150 in numerous
Foliage:
    Arrangement.—Alternate, simple.
                                                                    whorls.
    Immature, leaf color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS 20
                                                                  Color of florets, upper surface.—RHS 6B.
       137A.
                                                                  Lower surface.—Between RHS 4A and RHS 4B.
     Lower surface.—RHS 147B.
                                                                  Length.—1.3-2.8 cm.
     Mature, leaf color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS
                                                                  Width.—0.5-0.6 cm.
       147A but a little lighter.
                                                                  Shape.—Narrowly elliptical when young to more
     Lower surface.—RHS 147B.
                                                                    oblong when mature.
     Length.—5.7-6.2 cm.
                                                                  Apex shape.—Slightly praemorse.
     Width.-4.0-4.4 cm.
                                                                  Margin.—Entire.
    Shape.—Ovate.
                                                                  Texture, upper surface.—Papillose.
    Base shape.—Attenuate.
                                                                  Lower surface.—Papillose.
                                                          30 Disc florets:
    Apex shape.—Mucronulate.
     Margin.—Palmately lobed, slightly incised and serrate.
                                                                  Average quantity of florets.—About 7, very immature,
     Texture, upper surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs.
                                                                    and irregularly spaced on recepticle.
     Lower surface.—Bifid t-shaped hairs.
                                                                  Color of florets.—Closest to RHS 155D, but translucent.
                                                                  Length.—Less than 0.1 cm.
     Color of veins, upper surface.—RHS 146D.
     Color of veins, lower surface.—RHS 146D.
                                                                  Width.—Less than 0.1 cm.
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    Petiole color.—RHS 146D.
                                                                  Shape.—Tubular.
    Length.—1.9-2.2 cm.
                                                                  Apex shape.—5-pointed.
     Diameter.-0.2 \mathrm{~cm}.
                                                             Phyllaries:
     Texture.—Bifid T-shaped hairs.
                                                                  Quantity.—18-21.
Stem:
                                                                  Color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS 137A.
    Quantity of main branches per plant, after removal of
                                                                  Lower surface.—Closest to RHS 137A.
                                                                  Length.—0.6-0.7 cm.
       terminal apex (pinching).—5-7.
                                                                  Width.—0.15-0.2 cm.
     Quantity of leaves per branch.—About 10-12.
                                                                  Shape.—Lanceolate.
     Color of stem.—Between RHS 146A and RHS 146B.
                                                                  Apex shape.—Acute.
    Length of stem.—16-19 cm.
                                                                  Base.—Fused.
     Diameter.—0.3-0.45 cm.
                                                                  Margins.—Entire, papery and translucent.
     Length of internodes.—1-3 cm.
                                                                  Texture, upper surface.—Glossy and smooth.
     Texture.—Heavily covered with Bifid T-shaped hairs.
                                                                  Lower surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs.
     Color of peduncle.—Between RHS 146A and RHS
                                                          50 Reproductive organs:
       146B.
                                                                  Gynoecium.—Found on both florets.
    Length of peduncle.—3.5-4.5 cm.
                                                                  Pistil quantity.—1.
     Peduncle diameter.—0.2 cm.
                                                                  Length.—0.3 cm.
     Texture.—Heavily covered with Bifid T-shaped hairs.
                                                                  Style color.—RHS 155C.
Inflorescence:
                                                                  Style length.—0.2 cm.
    Type.—Compositate type, solitary inflorescences (deco-
                                                                  Stigma color.—RHS 3B.
       rative-type) borne terminally above foliage, ray flo-
                                                                  Stigma shape.—Bi-parted.
       rets arranged acropetally on a capitulum.
                                                                  Ovary color.—About RHS 157B.
    Blooming habit.—Natural season flowering around mid
                                                                  Androecium.—Found on only disc florets.
       September.
                                                                  Stamen quantity.—4-5.
    Average quantity of inflorescences per plant.—100.
                                                                  Color of filaments.—RHS 155C.
    Average quantity of inflorescences per lateral stem.—
                                                                  Length filaments.—Less than 0.1 cm.
       About 30.
                                                                  Anther color.—About RHS 17B.
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Anther length.—About 0.15 cm.

Anther shape.—Ligulate.

Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—About 4

weeks.

Fragrance.—Slightly spicy.

Color of pollen.—About RHS 2D.

Pollen amount.—Very scarce.

Fertility/seed set.—Has not been observed on this hybrid.

Disease/pest resistance: Disease resistance or susceptibility 5 has not been observed on this hybrid.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'Yoyolanda,' substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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