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(57) ABSTRACT

A new *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'CIFZ0020' particularly distinguished by the small orange-red inflorescences, strong peduncles, medium green foliage, with compact and mounded plant habit.

1 Drawing Sheet

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

Varietal denomination: 'CIFZ0020'.

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 'CIFZ0020'.

'CIFZ0020' is a product of a planned breeding program. The new cultivar has small orange-red inflorescences, strong peduncles, medium green foliage, with compact and mounded plant habit.

'CIFZ0020' originates as a natural whole plant mutation of 'CIFZ0021', U.S. Ser. No. 13/385,260, filed Feb. 10, 2012. 'CIFZ0020' was discovered and selected by the inventor as a single flowering plant within a population of the parent cultivar in a controlled breeding program in Alva, Fla. in November 2009. The parent cultivar 'CIFZ0021' has dark pink inflorescences and a slightly faster blackcloth flowering response time.

The first act of asexual reproduction of 'CIFZ0020' was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated from the initial selection in January 2010 in a controlled 25 environment in Alva, Fla., USA.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Horticultural examination of plants grown from cuttings of the plant initiated in January 2010, and continuing thereafter, has demonstrated that the combination of characteristics as herein disclosed for 'CIFZ0020' are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

'CIFZ0020' 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.

Plant Breeder's Rights for this cultivar were applied for in 40 Canada on Feb. 24, 2011, #11-7182, in CPVO on Mar. 30, 2011, #2011/0793, and in the Republic of Korea on Jan. 31,

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2012, #2012-78. 'CIFZ0020' has not been made publicly available more than one year prior to the filing of this application.

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.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographic drawing shows typical flower and foliage characteristics of 'CIFZ0020' with colors being as true as possible with an illustration of this type.

The photographic drawing shows a flowering plant of the new variety, and a close-up of the flowers.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The plant descriptions, measurements and aforementioned photographs were taken outdoors in Gilroy, Calif. in early August 2011. The plants were growing in an outdoor potted plant trial, in one gallon pots, in full sun. These plants were approximately 9-10 weeks of age. These plants were not pinched.

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

TABLE 1

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW VARIETY 'CIFZ0020' AND A SIMILAR VARIETY

35		'CIFZ0020'	'Delightful Yovictoria' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 17,450)	
4 0	Flower size: Inflorescence color: Overall plant size: Blackcloth flowering response time:	Little smaller Little darker Little smaller Slower	Little larger Little lighter Little larger Faster	

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Immature inflorescence: Plant: Form, growth and habit.—Herbaceous garden-type. *Diameter.*—2.5-2.7 cm. Stems upright and outwardly spreading on short, Color of ray florets, upper surface.—RHS 4B basally mounded and compact plants. Freely branching with with RHS N34A towards the apex. Lower surface.—RHS 5C basally with RHS N34C strong peduncles. *Plant height.*—13.0-14.0 cm. towards the apex. Mature inflorescence: Plant height (inflorescence included).—17.0-18.0 cm. *Plant width.*—32.0-35.0 cm. *Diameter.*—4.0-4.5 cm. *Depth.*—1.3-1.5 cm. Roots: Number of days to initiate roots.—About 4-5 days at 10 Total diameter of 'disc'.—0.3-0.4 cm. Receptacle height.—0.3-0.4 cm. about 22 degrees C. Number of days to produce a rooted cutting.—About 7-9 Receptacle diameter.—0.4-0.5 cm. days at 22 degrees C. Ray florets: Average quantity of florets.—About 150 in several *Type.*—Fine, fibrous, free branching. Color.—RHS N155B but whiter. whorls. Color of florets, upper surface.—RHS 4B overlaid with Foliage: shades of RHS 22B and overlaid heavier with RHS Arrangement.—Alternate, simple. 179A to RHS 179B, more so at the apex and margins. Immature, leaf color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS Lower surface.—RHS 12C basally, overlaid RHS 176C, 137A. 20 especially at the center of the petal, and with RHS Lower surface: Between RHS 138A and RHS 138B. 176A at the apex. Mature, leaf color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS *Length.*—1.4-1.8 cm. 137A. Width.—0.6-0.75 cm. Lower surface.—Between RHS 138A and RHS 138B. *Shape.*—Widely obovate. *Length.*—3.2-3.8 cm. *Apex shape.*—Irregularly praemorse. Width.—2.7-3.0 cm. *Margin*.—Entire. *Shape*.—Ovate. Texture, upper surface.—Papillose. Base shape.—Attenuate. Lower surface.—Papillose. *Apex shape.*—Mucronulate. 30 Disc florets: Margin.—Irregularly and palmately lobed; serrate. Average quantity of florets.—6. Texture, upper surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. Color of florets.—RHS 1C with RHS 13A to RHS 13B Lower surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. upper with marks of RHS N34C. Color of veins, upper surface.—RHS 144B, but indis-Length.—0.3 cm. tinct upper in upper portions. *Width.*—0.1 cm. Color of veins, lower surface.—RHS 144B. Shape.—Tubular, elongated. Petiole color.—RHS 144B. *Apex shape.*—Acute, 5 pointed. Length.—0.7-1.2 cm. Phyllaries: *Diameter.*—0.2-0.25 cm. Quantity.—About 20. Color, upper surface.—RHS 138A but slightly darker. *Texture*.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. 40 Lower surface.—RHS 138B. Stem: Length.—0.4 cm. Quantity of main branches per plant.—About 10. Width.—0.15-0.2 cm. Color of stem.—Closest to RHS 144A. Shape.—Lanceolate. *Length of stem.*—10.0-12.0 cm. *Apex shape.*—Acute. Diameter.—0.5 cm. Base.—Fused. Length of internodes.—0.5-1.0 cm. *Margins.*—Entire; some papery. Texture.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. Texture, upper surface.—Glabrous. Color of peduncle.—Closest to RHS 144A. Lower surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. Length of peduncle.—5.0 cm. 50 Reproductive organs: Peduncle diameter.—0.2 cm. *Pistil.*—1, found on both floret types. *Texture*.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. *Length.*—0.4-0.45 cm. Inflorescence: Style color.—Closest to RHS 1B. *Type.*—Compositae type, solitary inflorescences (deco-Style length.—0.3 cm. rative-type) borne terminally above foliage, ray flo-Stigma color.—RHS 3A. rets arranged acropetally. Stigma shape.—Bi-parted. Quantity of inflorescences per plant.—About 30 open Ovary color.—RHS 155C. and over 100 buds. Ovary width.—0.05 cm. Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—About 4 Ovary length.—0.1 cm. Stamens.—4, found on only disc florets. weeks. 60 Color of filaments.—RHS 1C. Fragrance.—Slightly spicy. Bud (just before opening/showing color): Length filaments.—0.2 cm. Color.—Between RHS 185A and RHS 185B. Anther color.—RHS 15A. Anther length.—0.2 cm. *Length.*—1.0-1.3 cm.

Anther shape.—Oblong.

Color of pollen.—N/A.

Width.—1.0-1.5 cm.

Shape.—Oblate.

Pollen amount.—None.

Fertility/seed set.—Has not been determined to date on this hybrid.

Disease/pest resistance.—Has not been determined to date on this hybrid.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'CIFZ0020' substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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