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(54) **PORTULACA PLANT NAMED ‘SAKPOR003’**

(50) Latin Name: *Portulaca oleracea*
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A *Portulaca* plant particularly distinguished by having pink
flowers, a flower blooming period from spring to fall, and a
semi-mounding, upright, and vigorous plant growth habit, is
disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Portulaca oleracea*.
Variety denomination: ‘SAKPOR003’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety
of *Portulaca* plant, botanically known as *Portulaca oleracea*,
and referred to by the variety name ‘SAKPOR003’. ‘SAKPOR003’
originated from a hybridization in Kakegawa, Japan in 2006
between the female *Portulaca* line ‘Mo04-24B-V2’, an unpatented
proprietary *Portulaca* breeding line having a gold flower color
and a bush growth habit, and the male *Portulaca* line ‘BB03-36A-
V4’, an unpatented proprietary *Portulaca* breeding line with a
rose flower color and bushy growth habit.

In August 2006, the female parent line ‘Mo04-24B-V2’ and
male parent line ‘BB03-36A-V4’ were crossed and F₁ seeds were
obtained. In May 2007, the F₁ seed was sown in the greenhouse,
cultivated and plant lines were produced with red, scarlet, pink,
and white flowers having a bushy plant habit. The plants were
evaluated and plant line ‘K2008-172’ was selected for its pink
flower color, flower blooming period from spring to fall, and
vigorous plant growth habit.

In May 2008, ‘K2008-172’ was vegetatively propagated,
cultivated, and evaluated. In August 2008, ‘K2008-172’ was
confirmed to be fixed and stable. In May 2009, May 2010, and
May 2011, ‘K2008-172’ was vegetatively propagated to reconfirm
its stability. ‘K2008-172’ was subsequently named ‘SAKPOR003’
and its unique characteristics were found to reproduce true to
type in successive generations of asexual propagation via
vegetative cuttings.

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SUMMARY

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing
characteristics of this new variety when grown under normal
horticultural practices in Salinas, Calif.

1. Pink flower color;
2. Flower blooming period from spring to fall; and
3. A semi-mounding, upright, and vigorous plant growth
habit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This *Portulaca* plant is illustrated by the accompanying
photographs which show the plant’s overall plant habit
including form, foliage, and flowers. The photographs are of
a twelve-month-old plant grown in Salinas, Calif. under
greenhouse conditions in the fall of 2012. The colors shown
are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional
photographic procedures.

FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit of the plant grown in a
pot.

FIG. 2 shows a close-up of the mature inflorescence of the
plant.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive
characteristics of ‘SAKPOR003’. The data which define these
characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions
carried out in Salinas, Calif. Data was collected on
twelve-month-old plants grown under greenhouse conditions
in Salinas, Calif. in the fall of 2012. Color references are to

The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.), 4th edition (2001).

Classification:

- Family*.—Portulacaceae.
Botanical.—*Portulaca oleracea*.
Common.—Purslane.
Designation.—‘SAKPOR003’.

Parentage:

- Female parent*.—Proprietary *Portulaca* line ‘Mo04-24B-V2’ (unpatented).
Male parent.—Proprietary *Portulaca* line ‘BB03-36A-V4’ (unpatented).

Growth:

- Time to produce a rooted cutting*.—About 2 weeks.
Environmental conditions for plant growth.—The terminal 1.0 to 1.5 inches of an actively growing stem was excised. The vegetative cuttings were propagated in five to six weeks. The base of the cuttings were dipped for 1 to 2 seconds in a 1:9 solution of Dip ‘N Grow (1 solution:9 water) root inducing solution immediately prior to sticking into the cell trays. Cuttings were stuck into plastic cell trays having 98 cells, and containing a moistened peat moss-based growing medium. The cuttings were misted with water from overhead for 10 seconds every 30 minutes until sufficient roots were formed. Rooted cuttings were transplanted and grown in 20 cm diameter plastic pots in a glass greenhouse located in Salinas, Calif. Pots contained a peat moss-based growing medium. Soluble fertilizer containing 20% nitrogen, 10% phosphorus and 20% potassium was applied once a day or every other day by overhead irrigation. Pots were top-dressed with a dry, slow release fertilizer containing 20% nitrogen, 10% phosphorus and 18% potassium. The typical average air temperature was 24° C.

Plant description:

- Habit and form*.—Semi-mounding, vigorous, and upright.
Life cycle.—Annual.
Height (from soil line to top of foliage).—Approximately 9.0 cm.
Spread.—Approximately 45.0 cm.
Flowering requirements.—Blooms repeatedly from spring to fall.

Stems:

- General description*.—Round, slightly rough with lateral ridges.
Stem length.—20.0 cm.
Diameter.—0.4 cm.
Internode length (average).—1.0 cm.
Color.—RHS 182B (Greyed-Red).
Pubescence.—Absent.
Anthocyanin color.—RHS 182B (Greyed-Red).
Branching.—Abundant.

Leaves:

- Arrangement*.—Alternate.
Shape.—Oblanceolate with cuspidate tip in mature leaves and acute tips in younger leaves near the apex of the stem.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Rounded.
Margin.—Entire.
Surface appearance (both surfaces).—Dull, soft.
Surface pubescence (both surfaces).—Absent.
Length.—2.0 cm.

Width.—0.9 cm.

Texture (both surfaces).—Smooth.

Thickness.—Less than 0.1 cm.

Color.—Upper surface: Mature leaves: Closest to RHS 146C (Yellow-Green) with RHS 59B (Red-Purple) at edge. Young leaves: RHS 146C (Yellow-Green). Lower surface: Mature leaves: Closest to RHS 146C (Yellow-Green) with RHS 59B (Red-Purple) at edge. Young leaves: RHS 146C (Yellow-Green).

Venation.—Absent.

Petiole.—Absent.

Fragrance.—Absent.

Inflorescence:

Inflorescence type.—Solitary, sessile.

Flowering habit.—Determinate.

Time to bloom from propagation.—6 to 8 weeks.

Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—1 day.

Fragrance.—Absent.

Flower bud:

Surface appearance and texture.—Shiny, pubescent.

Length.—0.8 cm.

Diameter.—0.4 cm.

Shape.—Lanceolate.

Color.—RHS 146C (Yellow-Green) with RHS 59C (Red-Purple).

Corolla:

Shape.—Five distinct petals, free with an indent at tip of petal.

Flower diameter.—3.0 cm.

Flower depth.—1.0 cm.

Petals.—Shape: Heart-shaped with a square base. Apex: Retuse. Base: Square. Margin: Double lobed, slightly sinuate. Surface texture (both surfaces): Glabrous. Length: 1.9 cm. Width: 1.0 cm. Color: Upper surface: RHS N66B (Red-Purple). Lower surface: RHS N66C (Red-Purple). Upper base: RHS 9A (Yellow). Lower base: RHS 9C (Yellow).

Calyx:

Arrangement.—Composed of two sepals, free.

Sepals.—Shape: Elliptic. Apex: Cuspidate. Margin: Entire, slightly sinuate. Color (both surfaces): Closest to RHS 146D (Yellow-Green). Texture (both surfaces): Smooth. Appearance: Double lobed, slightly sinuate. Length: 0.8 cm. Diameter: 0.7 cm.

Reproductive organs: Androecium.

Stamen number.—Many.

Stamen color.—RHS 2A (Yellow).

Stamen form.—Free.

Stamen length.—0.6 cm.

Filament color.—RHS 2A (Yellow).

Pollen color.—RHS 17A (Yellow-Orange).

Pollen amount.—Abundant.

Ovary diameter.—0.3 cm.

Ovary color.—RHS 143C (Yellow-Green).

Placental arrangement.—Central.

Pistil number.—1 (per inflorescence).

Pistil length.—0.9 cm.

Stigma color.—RHS 2A (Yellow).

Stigma length.—0.2 cm.

Style length.—0.3 cm.

Style color.—RHS 2A (Yellow).

Seed production.—Absent.

Disease and insect resistance: None observed.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINES AND
KNOWN VARIETY

‘SAKPOR003’ is a new and unique variety of *Portulaca* owing to its pink flower color, flower blooming period from spring to fall and semi-mounding, upright, and vigorous plant growth habit. ‘SAKPOR003’ is distinguished from its parents mainly by plant growth habit as shown in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Lines			
Characteristic	‘SAKPOR003’	Female Parent ‘Mo04-24B-V2’	Male Parent ‘BB03-36A-V4’
Flower color	Pink	Gold	Rose
Plant growth habit	Semi-mounding, upright, and vigorous	Bushy	Bushy

‘SAKPOR003’ is a new and unique variety of *Portulaca* owing to its pink flower color, flower blooming period from spring to fall and semi-mounding, upright, and vigorous plant growth habit. ‘SAKPOR003’ is most similar to the commercial *Portulaca* variety PAZZAZ™ ‘Pink Glow’ (unpatented); however there are differences as described in Table 2 below.

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘SAKPOR003’	PAZZAZ™ ‘Pink Glow’
Flower petal color, upper surface	RHS N66B (Red-Purple)	Darker than ‘SAKPOR003’
Plant growth habit	Semi-mounding, upright, and vigorous	Semi-trailing, medium

We claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Portulaca* plant as shown and described herein.

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FIG. 1

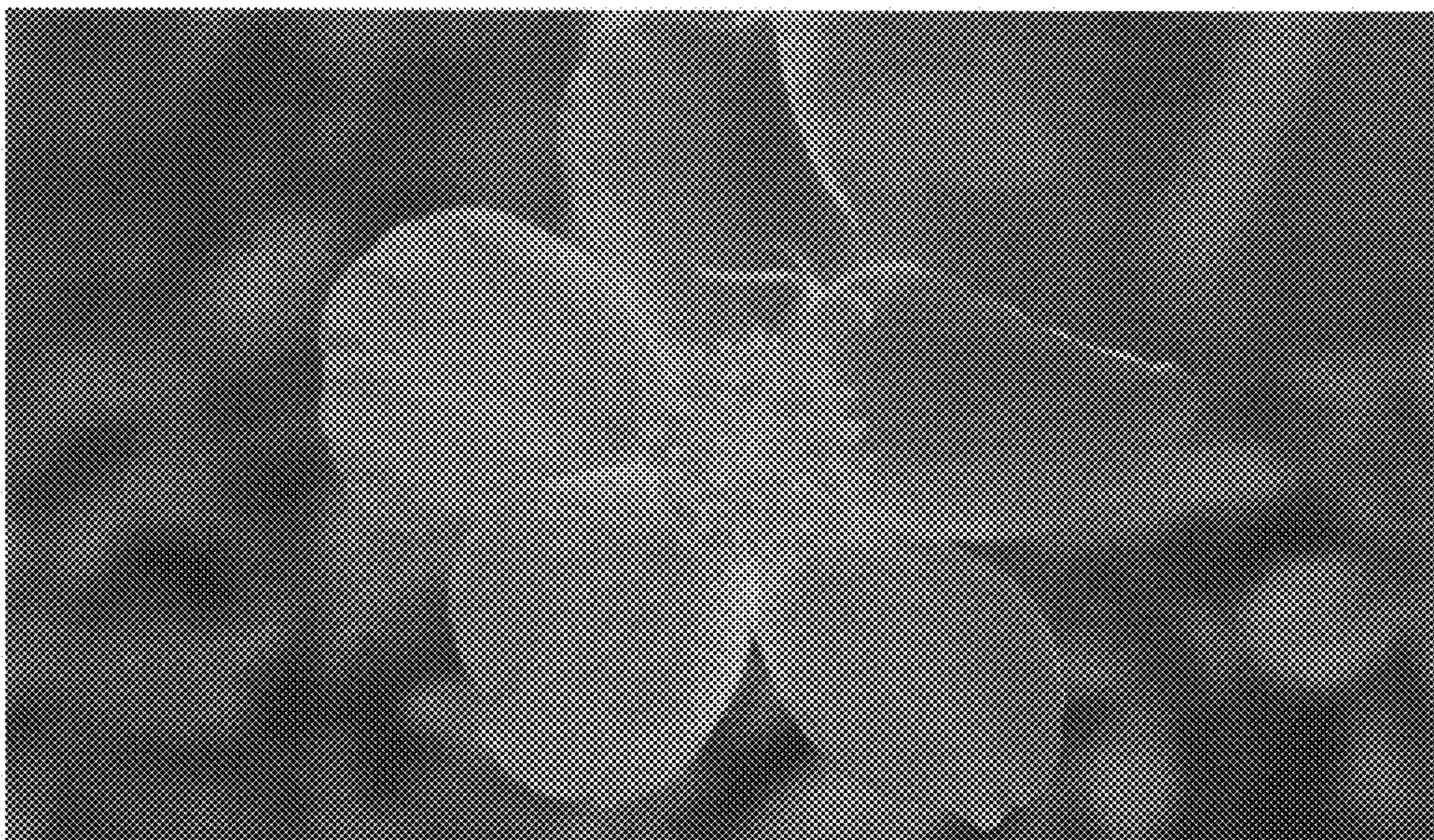


FIG. 2