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(57) ABSTRACT

A new *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'CIFZ0006' particularly distinguished by the medium sized decorative-type inflorescences with bicolored greyed-red ray floret color, medium to large sized and round plant habit with a natural season flowering response of mid-late September.

1 Drawing Sheet

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

Varietal denomination: 'CIFZ0006'.

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 'CIFZ0006'.

'CIFZ0006' is a product of a planned breeding program. ¹⁰ The new cultivar has medium sized decorative-type inflorescences with bicolored greyed-red ray floret color, medium to large sized and round plant habit with a natural season flowering response of mid-late September.

'CIFZ0006' originates as a whole plant mutation of an unnamed mutation designated as '05-M162A'. 'CIFZ0006' was discovered and selected by the inventor in November 2009 as a single flowering plant within a population of the parent cultivar grown in pots outdoors in Alva, Fla. The parent cultivar '05-M162A' has light lavender inflorescence color and a natural season flowering response time that is 2-5 days slower than that of 'CIFZ0006'.

The first act of asexual reproduction of 'CIFZ0006' was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated from the initial selection in January 2010 in a greenhouse in Alva, Fla.

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 'CIFZ0006' are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

'CIFZ0006' 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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Plant Breeder's Rights for this cultivar were applied for in Canada on Feb. 24, 2012 (12-7525) and at the Community Plant Variety Office on May 10, 2012 (2012/1025). 'CIFZ0006' 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 'CIFZ0006' 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 a mature inflorescence.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The plant descriptions, measurements and aforementioned photographs were taken in Gilroy, Calif. in early August 2012 outdoors. These plants were about 12-14 weeks of age grown in 1 gallon pots in an outdoor trial.

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

TABLE 1

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW VARIETY 'CIFZ0006' AND A MOST SIMILAR VARIETY		
	'CIFZ0006'	'Zesty Yovictoria' (U.S. Plant Pat. No, 15,323)
Blackcloth and natural season response:	Few days slower	Few days faster
Inflorescence size:	Larger	Smaller
Inflorescence color:	Lighter shades	Deeper shades
Disc floret quantity:	More	Fewer

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Immature inflorescence: Plant: Form, growth and habit.—Herbaceous garden-type, Diameter.—4-4.5 cm. stems upright and outwardly spreading, freely Color of ray florets, upper surface.—Light hues of RHS branching, strong and moderately vigorous growth 180B to RHS 180C. habit. Color of ray florets, lower surface.—RHS 180D. Plant height.—18-20.0 cm. Mature inflorescence: Plant height (inflorescence included).—27-30.0 cm. *Diameter.*—5.5-6.1 cm. *Plant width.*—38-41.0 cm. *Depth.*—1.5-1.8 cm. Roots: Total diameter of disc.—0.3-0.4 cm. *Number of days to initiate roots.*—About 4 days at about 10 Receptacle color.—RHS 144C. 22 degrees C. Receptacle height.—0.4 cm. Number of days to produce a rooted cutting.—4-6 days Receptacle diameter.—0.4 cm. at 22 degrees C. Ray florets: *Type.*—Fine, fibrous, free branching. Average quantity of florets.—150 in several whorls. Color.—RHS N155B but whiter. Color of florets, upper surface.—Light shades of RHS Foliage: 181C to RHS 181D with margins of RHS 181C; and Arrangement.—Alternate. all fading to less color and more RHS N155B to RHS Immature, leaf color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS 137A. Lower surface: Closest to RHS 137C. 155B background color. Lower surface: Very lights Mature, leaf color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS 20 shades of RHS 180D fading to mostly RHS N155B. 137A. Lower surface: Closest to RHS 137C. Length.—2.7-3.0 cm. *Length.*—2.2-3.4 cm. Width.—0.5-0.7 cm. Width.—3.1-4.0 cm. Shape.—Elliptical. Shape.—Ovate. Apex shape.—Praemorse. Base shape.—Attenuate. Base shape.—Cuneate. *Apex shape.*—Acute to slightly mucronulate. *Margin*.—Entire. *Margin.*—Palmately lobed; dentate. Texture, upper surface.—Papillose. Lower surface: Pap-Texture, upper surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. Lower illose. surface: Bifid T-shaped hairs. Disc florets: Color of veins, upper surface.—RHS 146C. Average quantity of florets.—1-15. Color of veins, lower surface.—RHS 146C. Color of florets.—RHS 1C with an RHS 13A apex. Pattern of veining.—Palmate. *Length.*—0.35-0.4 cm. Petiole color.—RHS 146C. Width.—0.1 cm. *Length.*—1-1.3 cm. Shape.—Tubular, elongated. Diameter.-0.2 cm. Apex shape.—Acute, 5 pointed. *Texture*.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. Texture, inner surface.—Glabrous. Outer surface: Gla-Stem: Quantity of main branches per plant.—8-10. brous. Color of stem.—Closest to RHS 137A but a little Phyllaries: brighter green. Quantity.—20. Length of stem.—15-18.0 cm. Color, upper surface.—RHS 137C. Diameter.—0.3-0.5 cm. Color, lower surface.—RHS 137A. Length of internodes.—0.5-1.0 cm. *Length.*—0.9-1.1 cm. *Texture*.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. Width.—0.17-0.25 cm. Color of peduncle.—Closest to RHS 137A. Shape.—Lanceolate. Length of peduncle.—8-9.0 cm. *Apex shape.*—Acute. Peduncle diameter.—0.2 cm. Based.—Fused. *Texture*.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. *Margins*.—Entire. Inflorescence: Texture, upper surface.—Glabrous. Type.—Solitary decorative-type inflorescences borne 50 Textures, lower surface.—Bifid T-shaped hairs. terminally above foliage, ray florets arranged acro-Reproductive organs: petally on a capitulum. Gynoecium.—Pistil: 1, found on both types of florets. Quantity of short days to flowering (response time).— Length: 0.5 cm. Style color: RHS 1C. Style length: About 48 days. 0.4 cm. Stigma color: RHS 13A. Stigma shape: Bi-*Natural season flowering.*—Mid to late September. parted. Ovary color: Not observed to date. Ovary Quantity of inflorescences per plant.—About 75 with an length: Not observed to date. Ovary width: Not additional 100 buds. observed to date. Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—Little Androecium.—Stamens: 4, found on only on the disc less than 6 weeks from the first color. florets. Color of filaments: RHS 155C. Length fila-Fragrance.—Slightly spicy. 60 ments: 0.2-0.3 cm. Anther color: RHS 15B. Anther Bud (just when opening/showing color): Color.—Varying hues of RHS 181C with some having length: 0.15 cm. Anther shape: Oval. Color of pollen:

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date.

more of a tan color.

Length.—0.9-1.1 cm.

Width.—1-1.1 cm.

Shape.—Oblate.

RHS 15A. Pollen amount: Normal.

Fertility/seed set.—Has not been observed to date.

Disease/pest resistance.—Has not been observed to

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What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'CIFZ0006' substantially as illustrated and described herein.

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