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# (54) VARIETY OF CALLA LILY PLANT NAMED 'FANGIO'

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#### (57) ABSTRACT

'Fangio' is a new variety of calla lily plant having inflorescences with a pink-colored spathe that produces 3-20 inflorescences per tuber. The inflorescence of the top of an inflorescence above the soil can reach up to 40 cm, and the leaves are dark green with numerous maculations and have a leathery texture.

#### 2 Drawing Sheets

Botanical classification: Zantedeschia sprengeri. Varietal denomination: 'FANGIO'.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar of calla lily, botanically known as *Zantedeschia sprengeri* and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'Fangio'.

'Fangio' is a product of a planned breeding program, which had the objective of creating *Zantedeschia* hybrids for pot flower production in a wide range of colors with a large, classic flower shape. The breeding program began in 1989, and the new cultivar is a seedling selected from the crossing of a *Zantedeschia sprengeri* selection referred to as Z000548 (female parent, unpatented) with a *Zantedeschia sprengeri* selection referred to as Z010437 (male parent, unpatented). 'Fangio' was selected in 2007 by the inventor in 't Zand, The Netherlands as one flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross.

The first act of asexual reproduction of 'Fangio' by tissue culture was performed by the inventor in September of 2010 in 't Zand, The Netherlands. Subsequent asexual reproductions by tissue culture at the same location have demonstrated that the combination of characteristics as herein disclosed for the new cultivar are retained and reproduced true to type through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

The following observations, measurements and comparisons describe plants grown in 14 cm pots in 't Zand, The

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Netherlands under greenhouse conditions, which approximate those generally used in horticultural practice. Color references are made to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticulture Society of London, except where general color terms of ordinary significance are used.

The present invention has not been evaluated under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary with variations in environment without a change in the genotype of the plant.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and determined to be basic characteristics of 'Fangio' which, in combination, distinguish this calla lily as a new and distinct cultivar:

- 1. Pink and cream-colored spathe;
- 2. Green leaves with linear white spots; and
- 3. High inflorescence production.

Further, when compared to calla lily plant names 'Yellow Jacket BLZ' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 20,217), 'Yellow Jacket BLZ' has an upper surface spathe color of Yellow Group RHS 7A and a lower surface spathe color of Yellow Group RHS 7B, whereas 'Fangio' has an upper surface spathe color that varies between Yellow Group RHS 4A to 4D and Red-Purple Group RHS 60B.

Table 1 provides similarities and differences of 'Fangio' to its parents, *Zantedeschia sprengeri* selections Z000548 and Z010437.

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#### TABLE 1

'Fangio'	Similarities	Differences
Z000548	Number of inflorescences Leaf color Spathe shape	Spathe color Leaf shape
Z010437	Leaf shape Spathe color	Spathe shape Number of inflorescences

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying photographic drawings illustrate the new variety, with the colors being as nearly true as is possible with color illustrations of this type:

FIG. 1 is a photograph of a plant of the new variety; and FIG. 2 is a photograph of a group of multiple plants of the new variety.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PLANT

#### The Plant

Size:

Height of the leaf canopy above the soil.—3-40 cm. Height of top of inflorescence above the soil.—15-40 cm.

Diameter.—20-50 cm.

Form: Erect.

Number of inflorescences per tuber:

Size 14-16 cm in diameter.—3-7 inflorescences.

Size 16-18 cm in diameter.—6-15 inflorescences.

Size 18-20 cm in diameter.—8-20 inflorescences.

Branches:

Character.—Many; like the variety 'Odessa' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 18,833).

Color.—Between Green Group RHS 143A and 143B. Leaves:

Size.—Width: 2-10 cm. Length: 8-23 cm.

Number per plant.—15-30.

Shape.—Lanceolate.

Color.—Upper surface: Green Group RHS 137A to 137B, having transparent maculations between White Group RHS N155A and Greyed-White Group 45 Seeds: RHS 156C. Lower surface: Green Group RHS 137A to 137B, having transparent maculations between White Group RHS N155A and Greyed-White Group RHS 156C.

Margin.—Undulate; having a color of Green Group 50 RHS 137A to 137B.

*Veins.*—Configuration: Pinnate. Color: Green Group RHS 143A to 143B.

Surface quality.—Leathery.

Petiole.—Length: 4-19 cm. Color: The base is White 55 Group RHS 155A, and the upper part is Green Group RHS 143A to 143B.

Roots:

Color.—White.

Branching.—Similar to other Zantedeschia varieties. 60

The Inflorescence and Seeds

#### Spathe:

Size.—Length (measured from opening to tip): 4-6 cm. 65 Width: 3-5 cm. Height: 4-8 cm.

Color.—Upper surface: Varies between Yellow Group RHS 4A to 4D and Red-Purple Group RHS 60B. Lower surface: Varies between Green Group RHS 143A and 143B.

Vein color.—Between White Group RHS 155A and 155D.

Shape.—Cupped.

Spadix:

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Size.—Length: 20-40 mm. Diameter: 3-12 mm. Color.—Between Yellow Group RHS 8A and 8C. Position relative to spathe.—Upright.

Peduncle:

Size.—Length: 15-35 cm. Diameter: 4-12 mm.

Color.—The upper part is between Green Group RHS 143A and 143C, and the lower part is Green-White Group RHS 157C.

Reproductive organs:

Location of female organs.—Basal position of the spadix.

Location of male organs.—Upper position of the spadix.

Perianth.—Conspicuous.

Stamens.—Presence: Not visible before pollen release. Number: More than 20. Pollen amount: Similar to 'Picasso' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 15,282). Color: Between White Group RHS 155A and 155B.

Anther.—Shape: Round. Length: Less than 1 mm. Color: Between Yellow Group RHS 8A and 8C.

Filament.—Length: Less than 1 mm. Color: Between White Group RHS 155A and 155B.

Pistils.—Number: 15 to 30. Length beyond perianth: About 1 mm.

Stigma.—Shape: Round. Size: Less than 1 mm.

Style.—Length: Less than 1 mm. Color: Between Yellow Group RHS 8C and 8D.

Ovaries.—Texture: Smooth. Length: Between 1 to 10 mm. Width: Between 1 to 10 mm. Color: Top color is between Yellow-Green Group RHS 144D and Green-White Group RHS 157C, bottom color is from White Group RHS 155B to Green-White Group RHS 157C.

Length.—4-7 mm.

*Width.*—3-6 mm.

Color.—Between Yellow-Green Group RHS 150A and 151A.

Amount.—Between 1-50.

#### General

Disease resistance: No unusual susceptibility to diseases noticed to date.

Pest resistance: No unusual susceptibility to pests noticed to date.

Heat tolerance: No heat tolerance.

Hardiness: Not hardy.

Flowering: Tubers planted in a greenhouse in The Netherlands in February produce inflorescences in April. Tubers planted outdoors in The Netherlands in May produce inflorescences in July.

Lastingness: About two weeks on the plant.

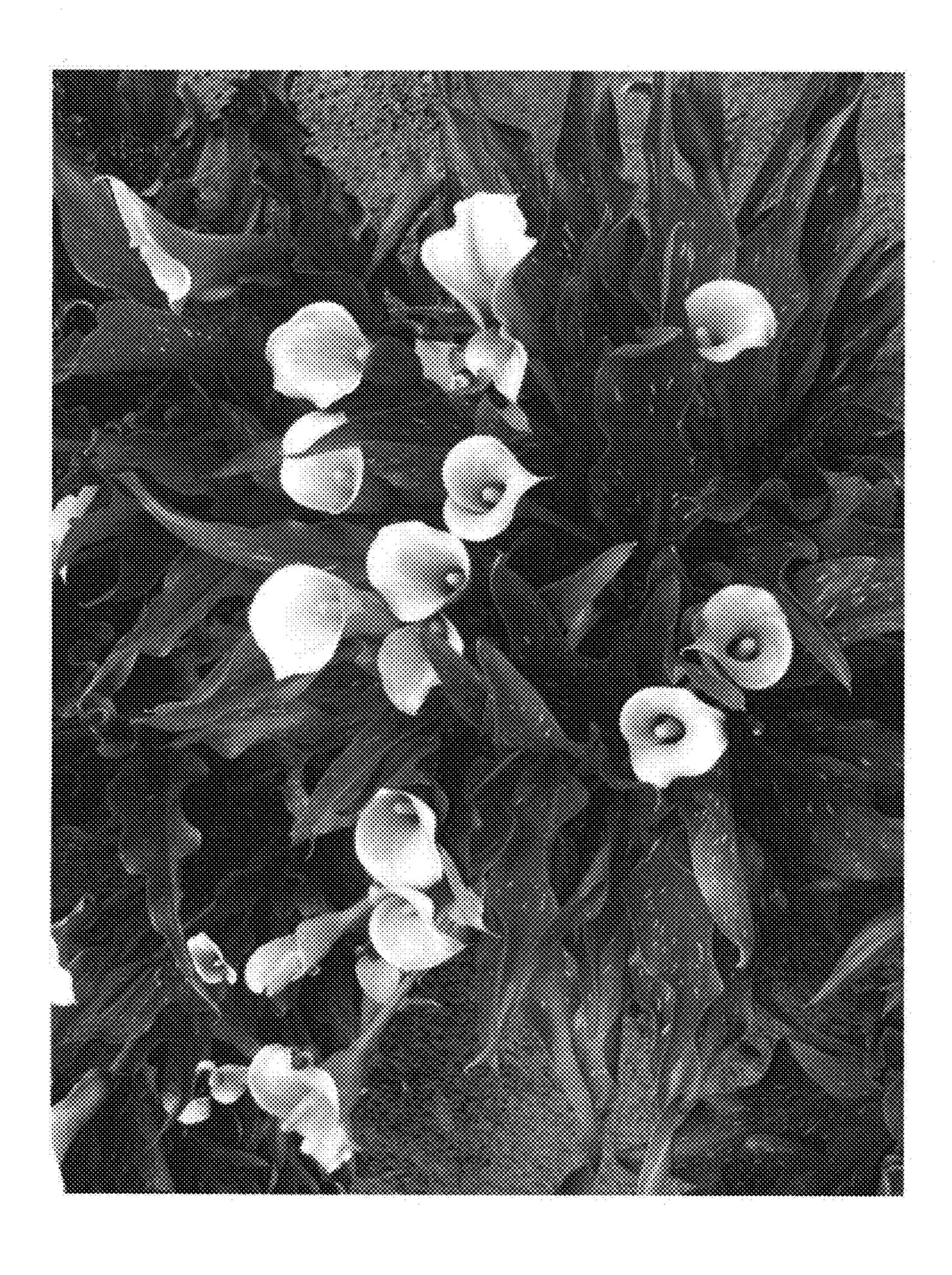
Fragrance: None.

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I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of calla lily plant named 'Fangio' as herein described and illustrated.

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Fig. 2