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(54) **HEUCHERA PLANT NAMES ‘TNHEUNES’**

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Varietal Denomination: **TNHEUNES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct *Heuchera* plant characterized by purple  
to silver colored leaves with dark to green veins, medium  
large, slightly lobed, geranium-like leaves, light pink flow-  
ers in spring on upright flowering stems in spring on upright  
flowering stems, good sun tolerance, a large, mounding habit  
with excellent crown count, and excellent vigor.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical denomination: *Heuchera* hybrid.  
Variety designation: ‘TNHEUNES’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of *Heuchera* and given the cultivar name of ‘TNHEUNES’.  
*Heuchera* is in the family Saxifragaceae. *Heuchera* ‘TNHE-  
UNES’ originated as a controlled cross using *Heuchera*  
‘K967-3’, a proprietary, unpatented, unnamed plant as the  
seed parent, and *Heuchera* ‘K973-4’, a proprietary,  
unpatented, unnamed plant as the pollen parent. These  
parents are a result of breeding using hardy *Heuchera*  
*richardsonii* with proprietary hybrid lines. *Heuchera*  
‘TNHEUNES’ was bred to be a hardy, large, landscape  
plant.

Compared to the seed parent, *Heuchera* ‘K967-3’, the  
new cultivar has a larger habit.

Compared to the pollen parent, *Heuchera* ‘K973-4’, the  
new cultivar has a larger habit and larger brighter silver  
leaves.

Compared to *Heuchera* ‘Silver Light’, U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
15,067, the new cultivar has larger, rounder leaves with less  
prominent lobing and a bigger habit.

Compared to *Heuchera* ‘Silver Scrolls’, U.S. Plant Pat.  
No. 12,066, the new cultivar has a larger habit and leaves  
and more upright inflorescences.

Compared to *Heuchera* ‘Saturn’, an unpatented plant, the  
new cultivar has a larger habit and leaves.

This new *Heuchera* is uniquely distinguished by:

1. purple to silver colored leaves with dark to green veins,
2. medium large, slightly lobed, geranium-like leaves,
3. light pink flowers in spring on upright flowering stems,
4. good cold and sun tolerance,
5. a large, mounding habit with excellent crown count,  
and
6. excellent vigor.

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This new cultivar has been reproduced only by asexual  
propagation (tip cuttings and tissue culture using growing  
tips). Each of the progeny exhibits identical characteristics  
to the original plant. Asexual propagation in 2013 by cut-  
tings and tissue culture using standard micropropagation  
techniques with terminal and lateral shoots, as done in  
Canby, Oreg., shows that the foregoing characteristics and  
distinctions come true to form and are established and  
transmitted through succeeding propagations. The present  
invention has not been evaluated under all possible envi-  
ronmental conditions. The phenotype may change with  
variations in environment without a change in the genotype  
of the plant.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 shows a three-year-old plant of *Heuchera* ‘TNHE-  
UNES’ growing in the trial bed in partial shade in July in  
Canby, Oreg.

FIG. 2 shows two-year-old plants the new cultivar in late  
June in the trial beds in part shade in Canby, Oreg.

**DETAILED PLANT DESCRIPTION**

The following is a detailed description of the new *Heu-  
chera* cultivar based on observations taken in July of two-  
year-old specimens growing in the trial field in part shade in  
Canby, Oreg. Canby is Zone 8 on the USDA Hardiness map.  
Temperatures range from a high of 95° F. in August to an  
average of 32° F. in January. Normal rainfall in Canby is  
42.8 inches per year. The color descriptions are all based on  
*The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition,  
2007.

Plant:

*Form*.—Basal rosette, herbaceous perennial.

*Hardiness*.—USDA Zone 4 to 9.

*Size*.—32 cm tall from top of the foliage to the ground  
and 53 cm wide.

*Number of crowns*.—About 17.

*Habit*.—Medium large, mounding.

*Vigor*.—Excellent.

## Leaf:

*Type*.—Simple.

*Arrangement*.—Rosette.

*Shape*.—Broadly ovate to orbicular.

*Number*.—About 300.

*Blade size*.—Grows to 11 cm long and 11 cm wide.

*Venation*.—Palmate.

*Lobing/division*.—7 shallow palmate lobes.

*Margins*.—Crenate.

*Apex*.—Mucronulate.

*Base*.—Cordate, strongly overlapping.

*Surface texture*.—Glandular-puberulent on both sides.

*Leaf rugosity*.—Absent.

*Petiole description*.—Grows to 19 cm long and 4 mm wide, glandular hairs, Greyed Purple 187A.

*Leaf color*.—New leaves, topside Grey 101D tinted Purple N79B to N77C with veins Greyed Purple 186A, bottom side Greyed Purple 187A; older leaves Grey 201C with veins Greyed Green N189B, bottom side Greyed Purple 187A.

## Inflorescence:

*Size*.—Grows to 6.5 cm wide and 17 cm long.

*Type*.—Upright thyrse.

*Number of flowers per thyrse*.—About 90.

*Flower density*.—Moderate to light.

*Number of thyrse*.—About 20.

*Peduncle*.—Grows to 44 cm long and 3.5 mm wide at base, glandular hairs, Greyed Purple 187A.

*Pedicel*.—Grows to 5 mm long, with glandular hairs, Greyed Purple 187A.

*Bloom period*.—Late April to July in Canby, Oreg.

## Flower bud:

*Size*.—3 mm wide and 5 mm long.

*Description*.—Glandular puberulent, ovoid, down facing.

*Color*.—Red Purple 61A on bottom  $\frac{1}{3}$  and 64A on top  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

## Flower:

*Type*.—Perfect.

*Shape*.—Campanulate.

*Attitude*.—Side and down-facing.

*Size*.—6 mm long and 3 mm wide.

*Corolla description*.—5 petals, each 1.5 mm long and 0.8 mm wide, spatulate, margins entire, tip acute, glandular-puberulent on back side, glabrous on the inside, Red Purple 69C on both sides.

*Calyx description*.—Campanulate, 6 mm long and 3 mm wide, with 5 lobes with wide sinuses divided  $\frac{1}{2}$  way to the base, each 2 mm wide and 3 mm long, oblong in shape, back side glandular-puberulent, glabrous inside, tip obtuse, margin entire, Red Purple 70D inside, Red Purple 63C blending to 64A at tips on outside.

*Stamen description*.—5 in number, filaments 3 mm long, White NN155A, anthers 0.7 mm long, Greyed Orange 172A, pollen Orange 25A.

*Pistil description*.—1, 2-beaked, 5 mm long and 2 mm wide, ovary 2 mm long and 2 mm wide, Green Yellow 1C, style 3 mm long, White N155A.

*Fragrance*.—None.

*Lastingness*.—Each thyrse blooms for about 3 weeks on the plant.

Fruit and seed: None seen.

Pest and disease tolerance: The new cultivar is typical to the genus. No known resistances to pests or diseases. No problems have been found in Canby, Oreg.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct *Heuchera* plant as herein illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1 above,  
FIG. 2 below

