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- (54) **CHRYSANTHEMUM PLANT NAMED 'CIFZ0062'**
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ABSTRACT

A new garden type *Chrysanthemum* plant named 'CIFZ0062' particularly distinguished by medium size plant with round mound plant habit, a medium-small size, decorative flower, bronze flower color, and a natural season response in early-mid October.

1 Drawing Sheet**1**

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

Varietal denomination: 'CIFZ0062'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new *Chrysanthemum*, botanically known as *Chrysanthemum x morifolium*, and hereinafter referred to by the variety name 'CIFZ0062'.

'CIFZ0062' is a product of a planned breeding program. The new cultivar has medium size plant with round mound plant habit, a medium-small size, decorative flower, bronze flower color and a natural season response in early-mid October.

'CIFZ0062' originated from a mutation: Stock x-rayed at 1750 RAD in October of 2014. Single cutting sport from the stock.

The female parent was 'CIFZ0050', 'Nikki Orange' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 29,658, filed Jan. 25, 2017. When compared to the female parent, 'CIFZ0062' has:

- 1) Similar flower type and size but darker bronze flower color that holds color better under high temperatures than the sport parent
- 2) Blackcloth is similar and natural season response is similar compared to the sport parent
- 3) Similar plant habit and similar to a bit smaller overall plant size than the sport parent

No male parent.

The first act of asexual reproduction of 'CIFZ0062' was accomplished when vegetative cuttings were propagated from the initial selection, this initial selection took place on Mar. 3, 2015 in Gilroy, Calif.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Horticultural examination of plants grown from cuttings of the plant initiated in April, 2015 in Gilroy, Calif., and continuing thereafter, has demonstrated that the combination

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of characteristics as herein disclosed for 'CIFZ0062' are firmly fixed and are retained through successive generations of asexual reproduction.

'CIFZ0062' 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.

A Plant Breeder's Right for this cultivar has not been applied for. 'CIFZ0062' has not been made publicly available prior to the effective filing date of this application, notwithstanding any disclosure that may have been made less than one year prior to the effective filing date of this application by the inventor or another who obtained 'CIFZ0062' directly from the inventor.

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 'CIFZ0062' with colors being as true as possible with an illustration of this type. The photographic drawing shows in FIG. 1 a close view of flower of the new variety and in FIG. 2 a flowering plant from an outdoor trial.

The aforementioned photographs: FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 were taken in August 2017 both showing a plant from the same blackcloth indoor trial in Gilroy, Calif. These plants were about 10 weeks of age. One rooted cutting per pot had been planted in a one gallon pot, not pinched in week 24, and black clothed from week 25. Plants started flowering in August.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The measurements were taken in Gilroy, Calif. in August 2017 on the plants from the aforementioned trial.

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

TABLE 1

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE NEW VARIETY 'CIFZ0062'
AND TWO MOST SIMILAR VARIETIES:

	'CIFZ0062'	'Spicy Yocheryl', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 13,221	10
Flowering response (blackcloth):	3 days slower	3 days faster	
Flowering response (natural):	5 days slower, one week in south USA	5 days faster, one week in south USA	
Flower color:	No two-tone color	Two-tone color	15
Flower size:	Smaller	Bigger	
Plant habit or size:	Larger plant in blackcloth but smaller plant natural with more full and more round plant habitless	Smaller plant in blackcloth but bigger plant natural with less full and less round plant habit	
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	'CIFZ0062'	'Amiko Bronze', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 24,201	
Flowering response (blackcloth):	Similar	Similar	25
Flowering response (natural):	Similar	Similar	
Flower color:	Initially similar, but less fading	Initially similar, but more fading	
Flower size:	Smaller	Bigger	
Plant habit or size:	Bit shorter and bit wider plant creates more round overall plant habit	Bit longer and bit less wide plant creates more upright overall plant habit	30

Plant:

Form, growth and habit.—Herbaceous garden-type, stems upright and outwardly spreading, freely branching, strong and moderately vigorous growth habit.

Plant height (above soil).—17-20 cm.

Plant height (inflorescence included).—18-24 cm.

Plant width.—35-38 cm.

Roots:

Number of days to initiate roots.—About 4 days at about 22° C.

Number of days to produce a rooted cutting.—14-16 days at 22° C.

Type.—Fine, fibrous, free branching.

Color.—RHS N155B but whiter.

Foliage:

Arrangement.—Alternate.

Immature leaf, color upper surface.—Closest to RHS 137A.

Immature leaf, color lower surface.—RHS 137C.

Mature leaf, color, upper surface.—Closest to RHS 137A.

Mature leaf, color lower surface.—RHS 137C.

Length.—4.5-5.2 cm.

Width.—3.0-5.0 cm.

Shape.—Ovate, with distinct lobes.

Base shape.—Attenuate.

Apex shape.—Mucronate.

Margin.—3 main lobes, irregularly serrated.

Texture, upper surface.—Bifid hairs.

Texture, lower surface.—Bifid hairs.

Color of veins, upper surface.—RHS 138B.

Color of veins, lower surface.—RHS 137C.

Pattern of veining.—Palmate.

Petiole color.—RHS 138A.

Petiole length.—1.2-1.5 cm.

Diameter.—0.3 cm.

Texture.—Covered with bifid hairs.

Stem:

Quantity of main branches per plant.—7-9.

Color of stem.—RHS 138A.

Length of stem.—7-10 cm.

Diameter.—0.5 cm.

Length of internodes.—0.5-1.0 cm.

Texture.—Bifid hairs.

Color of peduncle.—RHS 138A.

Length of peduncle.—4.5-5.2 cm.

Peduncle diameter.—0.2 cm.

Texture.—Bifid hairs.

Inflorescence:

Type.—Compositae, solitary, decorative-type inflorescences borne terminally above foliage, ray florets arranged on a capitulum.

Quantity of short days to flowering (response time).—Approximately 6 weeks.

Natural season flowering.—Early-mid October.

Quantity of inflorescences per plant.—65-80.

Lastingness of individual blooms on the plant.—About five weeks from first color.

Fragrance.—Slightly spicy.

Bud (when showing color):

Color.—Closest to RHS 163A.

Length.—1.2 cm.

Width.—1.1 cm.

Shape.—Oblate.

Immature inflorescence:

Diameter.—2.8-3.2 cm.

Color of ray florets, upper surface.—RHS 11A, overlain with RHS N170A.

Color of ray florets, lower surface.—RHS 11A through margin.

Mature inflorescence:

Diameter.—4.5-4.8 cm.

Depth.—1.5-1.8 cm.

Total diameter of disc.—No disc present.

Receptacle color.—RHS 145A.

Receptacle height.—0.25 cm.

Receptacle diameter.—0.4 cm.

Ray florets:

Average quantity of florets.—Between 250 and 280 in several whorls.

Color of florets, upper surface (abaxial).—RHS 11A overlain with RHS N170A.

Color inner surface (adaxial).—RHS 11A.

Length.—1.6-1.8 cm.

Width/diameter.—0.4-0.7 cm.

Shape.—Elliptical.

Apex shape.—Mostly obtuse and dentate.

Base shape.—Tube.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture, upper surface.—Papillate.

Lower surface.—Papillate.

Disc florets: None present.

Phyllaries:

Quantity.—100-120.

Color, upper surface.—RHS 138A.

Color, lower surface.—RHS 137B.

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Length.—0.6-0.7 cm.
Width.—0.1-0.2 cm.
Shape.—Lanceolate.
Apex shape.—Acute.
Base.—Fused.
Margins.—Entire.
Texture, upper surface.—Glabrous.
Texture, lower surface.—Canescent.
Reproductive organs:
Pistil.—One.
Length.—0.3-0.45 cm.
Style color.—RHS 1D.
Style length.—0.3-0.4 cm.
Stigma color.—RHS 7D.
Stigma shape.—Bi-parted.

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Ovary color.—RHS 145C.
Ovary length.—0.15 cm.
Ovary width.—0.1 cm.
Androecium:
5 *Stamens.*—None, as they are usually present in disc florets only, which are not developed.
Fertility/seed set.—Has not been determined to date.
Disease/pest resistance.—Has not been determined to date.
10 What is claimed is:
1. A new and distinct variety of *Chrysanthemum* plant named ‘CIFZ0062’ substantially as illustrated and described herein.
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FIG. 1



FIG. 2