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(54) **HEUCHERA PLANT NAMED ‘DARK ‘N’ BRIGHT’**

(50) Latin Name: *Heuchera* hybrid  
Varietal Denomination: **Dark ‘N’ Bright**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct *Heuchera* plant characterized by semi-  
matte, black to dark purple colored leaves, medium size,  
rounded lobes and lightly ruffled leaves, small, bi-colored  
flowers of hot pink and white on medium short spikes, good  
sun tolerance, a medium, low mounding habit with excellent  
crown count, and excellent vigor.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical denomination: *Heuchera* hybrid.  
Variety designation: ‘Dark ‘N’ Bright’.  
Trademark designation: SIRENS’ SONG™ ‘Dark ‘N’  
Bright’.

Cross reference to *Heuchera* ‘Dark Night’, applied for  
concurrently having application Ser. No. 16/501,733.

Cross reference to *Heuchera* ‘Orange Delight’, applied  
for concurrently having application Ser. No. 16/501,732.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of *Heuchera* given the cultivar name of ‘Dark ‘N’ Bright’.  
*Heuchera* is in the family Saxifragaceae. *Heuchera* ‘Dark  
‘N’ Bright’ originated as a controlled cross using *Heuchera*  
‘B122-9’, a proprietary, unpatented, unnamed plant as the  
seed parent, and *Heuchera* ‘B110-5’, a proprietary plant as  
the pollen parent. These parents are a result of breeding plan  
to produce purple leaf *Heuchera* with good crowns.

Compared to the seed parent, *Heuchera* ‘B122-9’, the  
new cultivar has bi-color flowers of pink and white rather  
than solid hot pink flowers.

Compared to the pollen parent, *Heuchera* ‘B110-5’, the  
new cultivar has semi-matte leaves instead of shiny, shorter  
flower peduncles, and more crowns.

Compared to *Heuchera* ‘Obsidian’, U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
14,836, the new cultivar has flowers that are bi-colored hot  
pink and white rather than yellow green.

Compared to *Heuchera* ‘TNHEUNEB’, U.S. Plant Pat.  
No. 30,583, the new cultivar is smaller in size, has brighter  
pink flowers and shorter peduncles, and is more free flow-  
ering.

This new *Heuchera* is uniquely distinguished by:

1. semi-matte, black to dark purple colored leaves,
2. medium size, rounded lobes and lightly ruffled leaves,

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3. small, bi-colored flowers of hot pink and white on  
medium short spikes,
4. good sun tolerance,
5. a medium, low mounding habit with excellent crown  
count, and
6. excellent vigor.

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 by cuttings 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 environmental condi-  
tions. The phenotype may change with variations in envi-  
ronment without a change in the genotype of the plant.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 shows a nine-month-old plant of *Heuchera* ‘Dark  
‘N’ Bright’ growing in part shade in a one-gallon pot in  
December in Canby, Oreg.

FIG. 2 shows a ten-month-old plant of *Heuchera* ‘Dark  
‘N’ Bright’ growing in the trial field in October in Canby,  
Oreg.

**DETAILED PLANT DESCRIPTION**

The following is a detailed description of the new *Heu-  
chera* cultivar based on observations taken in September of  
an eight-month-old specimen growing in a one-gallon pot in  
partial 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*.—14.5 cm tall from top of the foliage to the ground, 26.5 cm from ground to top of flowers, 34 cm wide.

*Number of crowns*.—About 18.

*Habit*.—Medium, low mound.

*Vigor*.—Excellent.

Leaf:

*Type*.—Simple.

*Arrangement*.—Rosette.

*Shape*.—Widely depressed ovate.

*Number*.—About 65.

*Blade size*.—Grows to 11.5 cm long and 11 cm wide.

*Venation*.—Palmate.

*Lobing/Division*.—Palmately lobed with 5 main lobes with secondary lobes.

*Margins*.—Crenate and undulate.

*Apex*.—Mucronulate.

*Base*.—Cordate.

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

*Leaf rugosity*.—Weak.

*Leaf undulation*.—Weak.

*Petiole description*.—Grows to 9 cm long and 3 mm wide, glandular hairs, Greyed Purple 187A.

*Leaf color*.—Topside between Black 203A and Greyed Purple 187A including veins, bottom side Greyed Purple 187A including veins.

Inflorescence:

*Size*.—Grows to 6 cm wide and 12 cm long.

*Type*.—Upright thyrse.

*Number of flowers per thyrse*.—About 50.

*Flower density*.—Moderate to light.

*Number of thyrse*.—Up to 20.

*Peduncle*.—Grows to 14.5 cm long and 3 mm wide at base, glandular hairs, between Black 203A and Greyed Purple 187A.

*Flowering stem attitude*.—Upwards.

*Pedicel*.—Grows to 3 mm long, with glandular hairs, between Black 203A and Greyed Purple 187A.

*Bloom period*.—July to frost in Canby, Oreg.

Flower bud:

*Size*.—4 mm wide and 5 mm long.

*Description*.—Glandular-puberulent, ovoid, horizontal to down facing.

*Color*.—Red Purple 63A tinted White N155C.

Flower:

*Type*.—Perfect.

*Shape*.—Campanulate.

*Attitude*.—Side-facing.

*Size*.—9 mm long and 5 mm wide.

*Corolla description*.—5 petals, each 2 mm long and 1 mm wide, spatulate, margins entire, tip acute, glabrous on topside, glandular-puberulent on bottom side, both sides White N155C.

*Calyx description*.—Campanulate, 7 mm long and 4 mm wide, with 5 lobes with wide sinuses divided ½ way to the base, each 2 mm wide and 3 mm long, oblong in shape, back side glandular-puberulent with glandular hairs, glabrous inside, tip obtuse, margin entire, outside Red Purple 63A on top 2 mm blending to White N155C in middle for 3 mm, blending to Red Purple 63B on bottom 2 mm, inside White N155C.

*Stamen description*.—5 in number, filaments 2.5 mm long, White N155C, anthers 0.5 mm long, Yellow Orange 22A, pollen absent.

*Pistil description*.—1, 2-beaked, 5 mm long and 2 mm wide, Red Purple 65C overall, ovary 2 mm long and 2 mm wide, style 3 mm long.

*Fragrance*.—None.

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

Fruit:

*Type*.—Two-beaked ovoid capsule.

*Fertility*.—Moderate.

*Color*.—Greyed Brown 199C.

Seed:

*Shape*.—Linear.

*Size*.—2 mm long.

*Color*.—Black 202A.

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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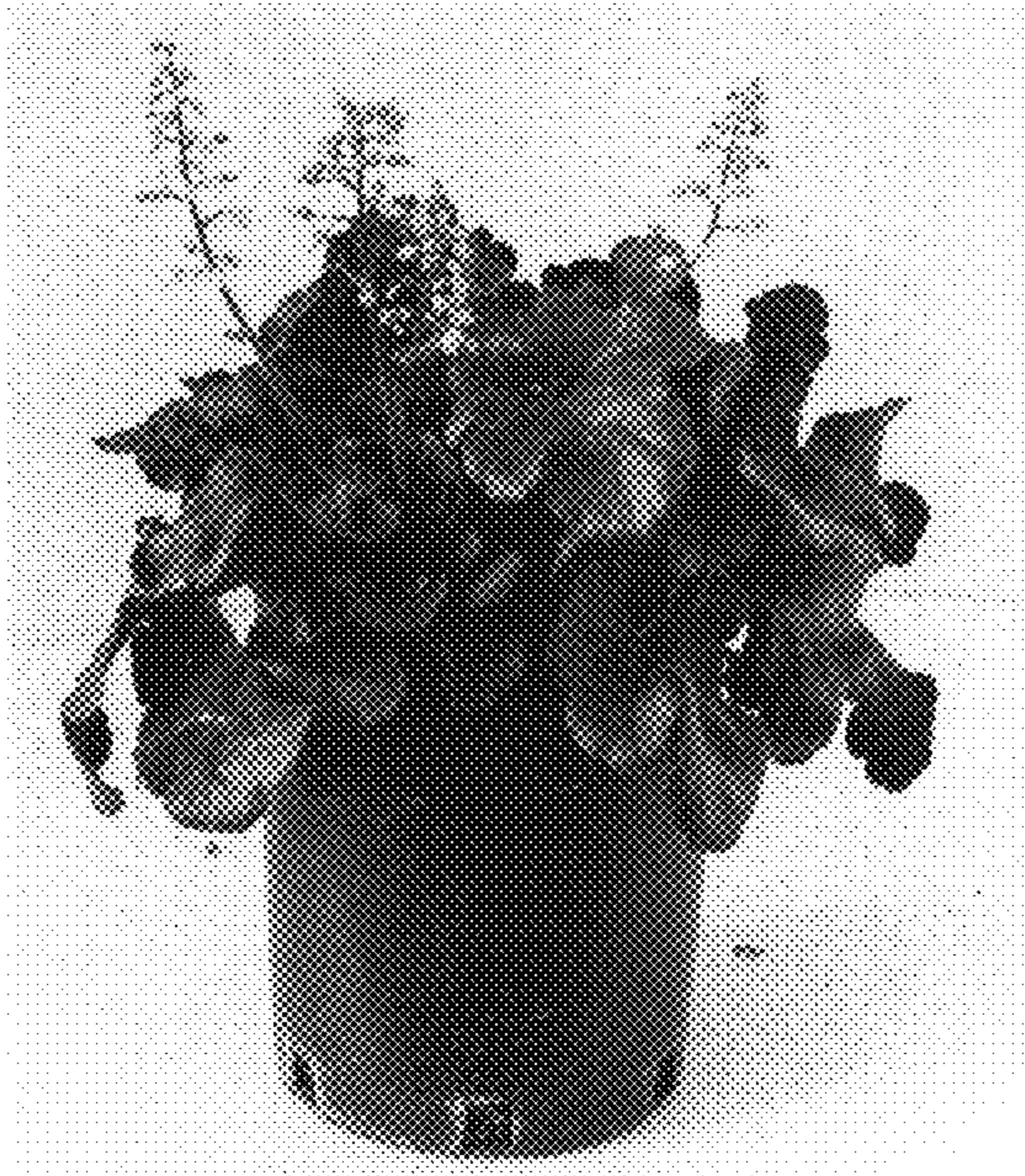


Fig. 1 Left



Fig. 2 Left