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(54) **COLEUS PLANT NAMED ‘BALFLAMSIRA’**

(50) Latin Name: *Solenostemon scutellarioides*
Varietal Denomination: **Balflamsira**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of Coleus plant named ‘Bal-
flamsira’, characterized by its dark greyed-red and deep
yellow-green colored foliage, and moderately vigorous,
upright growth habit, is disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Latin name of genus and species of plant claimed: *Sole-
nostemon scutellarioides*.

Variety denomination: ‘Balflamsira’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of Coleus plant botanically known as *Solenostemon scutel-
larioides* and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name
‘Balflamsira’.

The new cultivar originated in a controlled breeding
program in Guadalupe, Calif. during September 2016. The
objective of the breeding program was the development of
Coleus cultivars with unique foliage coloration and leaf
shape, upright growth habit, and good sun tolerance.

The new Coleus cultivar was the result of a self-pollina-
tion of COLORBLAZE ROYALE APPLE BRANDY
‘ApBran’, not patented, characterized by its burgundy
brown and chartreuse-colored foliage, and moderately vig-
orous, compact-upright growth habit. The new cultivar was
selected as a single flowering plant within the progeny of the
above stated self-pollination during August 2017 in a con-
trolled environment in Guadalupe, Calif.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal stem
cuttings since August 2017 in Arroyo Grande, Calif. and
West Chicago, Ill. has demonstrated that the new cultivar
reproduces true-to-type with all of the characteristics, as
herein described, firmly fixed and retained through succes-
sive generations of such asexual propagation.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following characteristics of the new cultivar have
been repeatedly observed and can be used to distinguish
‘Balflamsira’ as a new and distinct cultivar of Coleus plant:

1. Dark greyed-red and deep yellow-green colored foli-
age, and
2. Moderately vigorous, upright growth habit.

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Plants of the new cultivar differ from plants of the parent
primarily in foliage color shades.

Of the many commercially available Coleus cultivars, the
most similar in comparison to the new cultivar is Flame-
Thrower Serrano ‘UF15-6-28’, U.S. Plant Pat. No. 30,970.
However, in side by side comparisons, plants of the new
cultivar differ from plants of ‘UF15-6-28’ in at least the
following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new cultivar have a lighter shade of
greyed-red leaf color than plants of ‘UF15-6-28’;
2. Plants of the new cultivar have more leaf margin lobes
than plants of ‘UF15-6-28’; and
3. Plants of the new cultivar have a stem color that is
mottled with a greyed-red coloration unlike plants of
‘UF15-6-28’.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographs show, as nearly true as it
is reasonably possible to make the same in color illustrations
of this type, the overall growth habit and typical foliage
characteristics of the new cultivar. Colors in the photographs
differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed
description, which accurately describes the colors of ‘Bal-
flamsira’. The approximately 3-month-old plants were
grown in 4.5-inch pots for 10 weeks in a greenhouse in West
Chicago, Ill. Plants were given one pinch one week before
transplant.

FIG. 1 illustrates a side view of the overall growth habit
of ‘Balflamsira’.

FIG. 2 illustrates a close-up view of an individual leaf of
‘Balflamsira’.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The new cultivar has not been observed under all possible
environmental conditions to date. Accordingly, it is possible
that the phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in the

environment, such as temperature, light intensity, and day length, without, however, any variance in genotype.

The chart used in the identification of colors described herein is The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society, London, England, 2015 edition, except where

general color terms of ordinary significance are used. The color values were determined in January 2020 under natural light conditions in West Chicago, Ill. The following descriptions and measurements describe approximately 3-month-old plants produced from cuttings from stock plants and grown in a glass-covered greenhouse under conditions comparable to those used in commercial practice. The plants were grown in West Chicago, Ill. in 4.5-inch pots for 10 weeks utilizing a soilless growth medium. Plants were given one pinch one week before transplant. Greenhouse temperatures were maintained at approximately 67° F. to 72° F. (19° C. to 22° C.) during the day and approximately 64° F. to 66° F. (18° C. to 19° C.) during the night. Supplemental lighting was used. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plants.

Botanical classification: *Solenostemon scutellarioides* 'Balfamsira'.

Parentage:

Female and male parent.—COLORBLAZE ROYALE APPLE BRANDY 'ApBran'.

Propagation:

Type cutting.—Terminal stem.

Time to initiate roots.—Approximately 4 to 6 days.

Time to produce a rooted cutting.—Approximately 21 to 24 days.

Root description.—Fibrous.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

Commercial crop time.—Approximately 5 to 7 weeks from a rooted cutting to finish in a 10 cm pot.

Growth habit and general appearance.—Moderately vigorous, upright.

Size.—Height from soil level to top of plant plane: Approximately 15.5 cm. Width: Approximately 26.0 cm.

Branching habit.—Freely branching, pinching not required but improves basal branching. Quantity of lateral branches per plant: Approximately 9.

Branch.—Strength: Strong. Shape: Square in cross section. Length of lateral branch: Approximately 7.5 cm. Diameter of lateral branch at central internode:

Approximately 5.0 mm. Length of central internode of lateral branch: Approximately 1.0 cm. Texture: Dense minute pubescence. Color of young and mature stems: 146C with mottling of 187A.

Foliage description:

General description.—Quantity of leaves per lateral branch: Approximately 12. Fragrance: None. Form: Simple. Arrangement: Opposite.

Leaves.—Aspect: Petiole is at an acute angle to stem; leaf blade is perpendicular to stem, and transitions to an obtuse angle with age. Appearance: Matte. Shape: Elliptic. Margin: Lobed. Apex: Acute. Base: Attenuate. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Length of mature leaf: Approximately 9.0 cm. Width of mature leaf: Approximately 3.3 cm. Texture of upper surface: Sparsely pubescent. Texture of lower surface: Sparsely pubescent with moderate pubescence on venation. Pubescence color: A mixture of colorless, transparent and 187A. Color of upper surface of young foliage: 144A, with irregular mottling 183A and 178A to 178B, mottling primarily in center of leaf; venation coloration indistinguishable from leaf lamina. Color of lower surface of young and mature foliage: Closest to 147C with 187A at margins edges; venation coloration indistinguishable from leaf lamina or sometimes tinted with 187A. Color of upper surface of mature foliage: 144A, with an irregular and heavy overlay of 183A and 178A to 178B; venation coloration indistinguishable from leaf lamina.

Petiole.—Length: Approximately 3.0 cm. Width: Approximately 2.0 mm. Texture: Moderately pubescent. Pubescence color: A mixture of colorless, transparent and 187A. Color: 146C with mottling of 187A to 187B.

Flowering description: To date, flower development has not been observed on plants of the new Coleus.

Disease and pest resistance: To date, resistance to pathogens and pests common to Coleus has not been observed.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of Coleus plant named 'Balfamsira', substantially as herein illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1

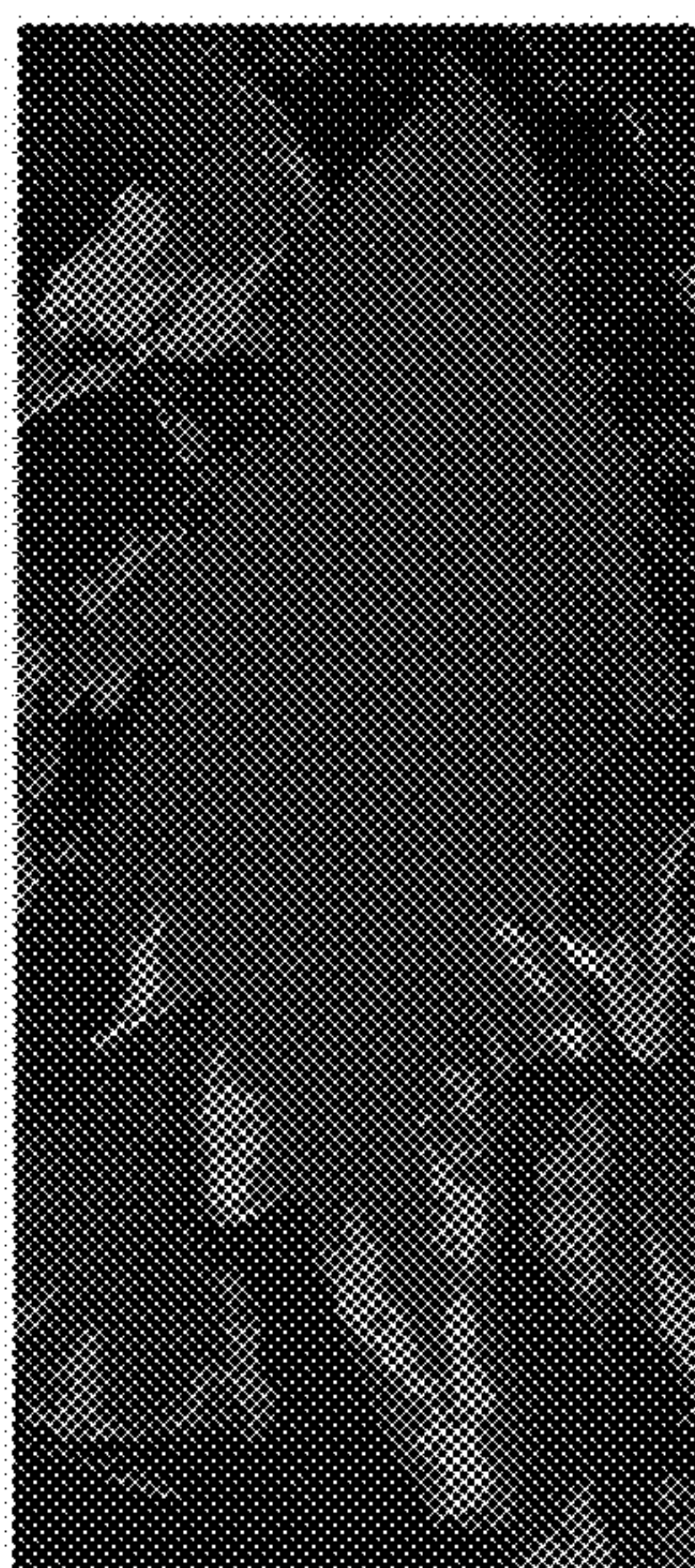


FIG. 2