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(54) **DIANTHUS PLANT NAMED ‘KLEDG22997’**

(50) Latin Name: *Dianthus allwoodii*
Varietal Denomination: **KLEDG22997**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Dianthus* plant designated ‘KLEDG22997’ particu-
larly distinguished by double purple flowers with purple
centers, very early flowering, and an upright plant habit is
disclosed.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Dianthus allwoodii*.
Variety denominations: ‘KLEDG22997’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct vari-
ety of *Dianthus*, botanically known as *Dianthus* cultivars,
and hereinafter referred to by the variety name
‘KLEDG22997’. ‘KLEDG22997’ originated from a natu-
rally-occurring, whole plant mutation from the *Dianthus*
parent ‘KLEDG12163’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 24,707) in June
2018 in The Netherlands.

In September 2018, ‘KLEDG22997’ was first vegeta-
tively propagated by vegetative stem cuttings in Stuttgart
Germany, and subsequently in Latina, Italy. ‘KLEDG22997’
was found to reproduce true to type in successive genera-
tions of asexual propagation in Stuttgart, Germany and
Latina, Italy via vegetative stem cuttings.

SUMMARY

The following are the most outstanding and distinguish-
ing characteristics of ‘KLEDG22997’ when grown under
normal horticultural practices in Stuttgart, Germany.

1. Pink flowers with purple centers;
2. Very early flowering; and
3. An upright plant habit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

This new *Dianthus* plant is illustrated by the accompa-
nying photograph of a 30-week-old plant taken in May 2019
and grown in a greenhouse in Stuttgart, Germany. The colors
shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conven-
tional photographic procedures. The photograph is a whole
plant photo of ‘KLEDG22997’ and shows the foliage, buds,
and flowers.

DESCRIPTION

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinc-
tive characteristics of ‘KLEDG22997’. The data which

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define these characteristics were collected from asexual
reproductions carried out in Stuttgart, Germany. Data was
collected in May 2019 on 7-month-old plants grown in a
plastic greenhouse. Color references are to The R.H.S.
Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London
(R.H.S.), 5th edition (2007).

Classification:

Family.—Caryophyllaceae.
Botanical.—*Dianthus* cultivars.
Common.—Pot carnation.
Designation.—‘KLEDG22997’.

Parentage: Mutation parent ‘KLEDG12163’ (U.S. Plant Pat.
No. 24,707).

Plant:

Propagation type.—Vegetative cuttings via stem, ter-
minal cuttings.
Time to produce a rooted young plant.—10 to 14 days.
Root description.—Fine roots, young roots are RHS
161D (Greyed-Yellow), mature roots are RHS 199C
(Greyed-Brown).
Rooting habit shape.—Lanceolate.
Plant form.—Upright.
Plant height.—15 cm to 17 cm.
Plant diameter or spread.—22 cm to 25 cm.

Lateral branches/stems:

Shape of the branch in cross-section.—Circular.
Hollowness of the branch.—Absent.
Length.—7 cm to 10 cm.
Diameter.—4 cm to 7 cm.
Internode length.—2 cm to 3 cm.
Internode quantity per branch.—3 to 5.
Number of internodes per branch/stem.—3 to 5.
Node length.—0.2 cm to 0.4 cm.
Node diameter.—0.2 cm to 0.4 cm.

Texture.—Smooth.

Color.—RHS 146B (Yellow-Green).

Flower clustering on the lateral branch.—In some
lateral branches.

Foliage:

Arrangement.—Opposite.
Length.—4 cm to 5 cm.
Width.—0.3 cm to 0.5 cm.
Shape.—Lanceolate.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Obtuse.
Margin.—Entire.
Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth.
Cross-section of the leaf.—Moderately concave.
Curvature of the leaf.—Absent.
Glaucosity of the leaf.—Medium.
Leaf color (both immature and mature).—Upper surface: RHS 138A (Green) for immature and RHS 137A (Green) for mature. Lower surface: RHS 138A (Green) for immature and RHS 137A (Green) for mature.
Venation pattern.—Absent.

Flowers:

Flower type and habit.—Semi-double, small sprays, round.
Fragrance.—Present.
Position of the flowers compared to the foliage of the plant.—Moderately above.
Profile of both the upper and lower part in the lateral view.—Convex.
Diameter of the flower.—2.0 cm to 2.5 cm.
Natural flowering season.—Spring to autumn.
Number of flowers per spray.—3 to 5.
Flower longevity on the plant.—14 to 18 days.

Buds:

Length.—0.5 cm to 1.5 cm.
Diameter.—0.3 cm to 0.4 cm.
Shape.—Elliptic.
Color.—RHS 138A (Green).
Extrusion of the styles at the bud stage.—Absent.

Corolla:

Quantity of petals and arrangement.—7 to 13 and arranged in several whorls.
Corolla height.—0.8 cm to 1.5 cm.
Petal length.—1.8 cm to 2.5 cm.
Petal width.—1.0 cm to 1.5 cm.
Petal shape.—Spoon-shaped.
Petal apex.—Obtuse.
Petal base.—Acute.
Petal margin.—Serrated.
Depth of petal margin.—Shallow.
Petal texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth.
Petal color (both immature and mature).—Upper surface: RHS 68A (Red-Purple) with RHS 72A (Red-Purple) center. Lower surface: RHS 75C (Purple).
Macule.—Present; 1.5 cm to 1.8 cm wide and RHS 72A (Red-Purple).
Calyx.—Quantity of sepals and arrangement: Composed of 5 sepals. Longitudinal axis of the lobes of the calyx: Concave. Shape: Campanulate. Calyx height: 0.8 cm to 1.5 cm. Calyx diameter (at the apex): 0.4 cm to 0.6 cm. Sepal texture (both upper and lower surfaces): Smooth. Sepal color: Upper surface: RHS 137A (Green). Lower surface: RHS 137D (Green).

Position of the outer lobes of the epicalyx in relation to the calyx.—Adpressed and free.
Apex shape of the outer lobes of the epicalyx.—Short acuminate.
Tip length of the outer lobes of the epicalyx.—0.2 cm.
Apex shape of the inner lobes of the epicalyx.—Short acuminate.
Tip length of the inner lobes of the epicalyx.—0.1 cm.

Peduncles:

Length.—5 cm to 8 cm.
Diameter.—0.2 cm.
Strength.—Moderate.
Texture.—Smooth.
Color.—RHS 146B (Yellow-Green).

Reproductive organs:

Stamens.—Quantity per flower: Moderate. Filament length: 0.5 cm to 0.8 cm. Filament color: RHS 157B (Green-White). Anther length: 0.1 cm. Anther diameter: 0.05 cm. Anther color: RHS 155B (White). Pollen amount: None observed.
Pistils.—Not observed.

Fruit and seed set: Sometimes observed but no information is available.

Disease and pest/insect resistance: No disease and pest/insect resistance observed.

COMPARISON OF ‘KLEDG22997’ WITH PARENTAL LINE AND KNOWN VARIETY

‘KLEDG22997’ is distinguished from the mutation parent as described in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Line		
Characteristic	‘KLEDG22997’	Mutation Parent ‘KLEDG12163’
Main flower color	RHS 68A (Red-Purple)	RHS 75B (Purple)
Secondary flower color	RHS 72A (Red-Purple)	RHS 71A (Red-Purple)
Flower color pattern	Bi-color	Bi-color

‘KLEDG22997’ can be compared to the commercial *Dianthus* variety ‘KLEDG18305’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 31,019). Differences between the varieties are described in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘KLEDG22997’	‘KLEDG18305’
Flower type	Double	Single
Flower color	Pink with purple centers	Pink with purple ring
Flowering time	Very early; around 195 days after potting (cold cultivation)	Early-medium; around 205 days after potting (cold cultivation)

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Dianthus* plant designated ‘KLEDG22997’ as illustrated and described herein.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:


On the Title Page

In item (50), Line 1, instead of “allwoodi”; should be - sp. -.

In Column 1, Line 1, instead of “allwoodi”; should be - sp. -.

In Column 1, Line 7, instead of “cultivars”; should be - sp. -.

In Column 2, Line 9, instead of “cultivars”; should be - sp. -.

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