

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 5, 1999

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-20242

68-0275553

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File
Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California

94549

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(925) 283-4573

Inapplicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events

On October 5, 1999, Central Garden & Pet Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors has authorized an increase of \$25 million in the Company's share repurchase program, bringing the existing program from \$130 million to \$155 million. To date, the Company has repurchased 11.4 million shares for approximately \$127 million.

Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) See attached Exhibit Index.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release dated October 5, 1999.	5

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ Robert B. Jones

Robert B. Jones, Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Secretary

Dated: October 6, 1999

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CENTRAL GARDEN & PET INCREASES SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM
BY ADDITIONAL \$25 MILLION

LAFAYETTE, CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 5, 1999 - Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT), the nation's leading supplier of consumer lawn and garden and pet supply products, announced today that the Company's Board of Directors has authorized an increase of \$25 million in the Company's share repurchase program, bringing the existing program from \$130 million to \$155 million. To date, the Company has repurchased 11.4 million shares for approximately \$127 million.

Purchases will be made through brokers and dealers in the public market or privately negotiated transactions with nonaffiliated stockholders.

Central Garden & Pet Company is the nation's leading supplier of consumer lawn and garden and pet supply products and a manufacturer of proprietary branded products, including Pennington Seed(R), Kaytee(R), TFH(R), Nylabone(R), Zodiac(R), and Four Paws(R) pet products, Island(R) aquariums, Matthews(R) Four Seasons products and Grant's(R) ant control products. Central offers customers a wide array of value-added services designed to increase the sales and profitability of both manufacturers and retailers, including inventory management, advertising and promotional programs, in-store service and display building and sales program development.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements contained in this release which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by forward-looking statements. These risks are described in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

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