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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person – NOVOTNY GLENN W	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY [CENT]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) 3697 MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVA 310	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2003						X_Officer (give title below)Other (specify below) Pres./ Chief Executive Officer			
(Street) LAFAYETTE, CA 94549		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2003						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
(Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed 3. Transaction 4. Securities Acquired (A) Execution Date, if Code or Disposed of (D) any (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) 6. 7. Natur Ownership of Indire Form: Benefici		
		(Month/Day/Year)	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/13/2003		М		5,000	A <mark>(1)</mark>	\$15.875	91,147 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2003		S		5,000	D <mark>(3)</mark>	\$26.535	86,147 <u>⁽⁴⁾</u>	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

	(<i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of	2.		3A. Deemed	4.			umber	6. Date Exercisab	le and	7. Title and	Amount	8. Price of	9. Number of		11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transact	tion	of		Expiration Date		of Underlyin	ıg	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code		Der	ivative	(Month/Day/Year	<i>:</i>)	Securities		Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8))	Sec	urities			(Instr. 3 and	4)	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative					Acq	uired						Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security					(A)	or						Following	Direct (D)	
	-					Dis	oosed						Reported	or Indirect	
						of (D)						Transaction(s)	(I)	
						(Ins	tr. 3, 4,						(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
						and	5)								
											Amount				
											or				
									Expiration		Number				
								Exercisable	Date		of				
				Code	v	(A)	(D)				Shares				
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Employee															
Stock										~					
Option	\$15.875	08/13/2003		М			5 000	01/02/1999(5)	01/02/2004	Common	5,000	\$ 0	95,000	D	
	\$13.675	08/13/2003		11/1			5,000	01/02/1999	01/02/2004	Stock	5,000	\$0	95,000	D	
(right to															
buy)															

Reporting Owners

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address		10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NOVOTNY GLENN W 3697 MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVARD, SUITE 310 LAFAYETTE, CA 94549	Х		Pres./ Chief Executive Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Glenn W. Novotny	08/18/2003
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

(1) Options exercised through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- (2) Includes shares of Central Garden & Pet Company's Common Stock held in the Reporting Person's 401(k) plan and acquired under Central Garden & Pet Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (4) Includes shares of Central Garden & Pet Company's Common Stock held in the Reporting Person's 401(k) plan and acquired under Central Garden & Pet Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(5) These options were awarded as part of an option grant that provided for vesting in five equal annual installments commencing on January 2, 1999.

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