

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NOVOTNY GLENN W | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Pres./ Chief Executive Officer | |
| (Last) 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/11/2005 | | |
| (Street) WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 04/11/2005 | | M | | 15,000 | A | \$ 7.54 | 97,148 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/11/2005 | | S | | 15,000 (3) | D | \$ 42.91 (5) | 82,148 | 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 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.54 | 04/11/2005 | | M | | 15,000 | | 07/22/2004 | 07/22/2005 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 0 | 45,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NOVOTNY GLENN W 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 | X | | Pres./ Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

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| /s/ By Nadine MacPhail, as Attorney-in-Fact for Glenn W. Novotny | 04/12/2005 |
| Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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

(2) This total number and all totals reflected in this Column 5 of Table I include 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) Reflects total shares sold by the Reporting Person on the date indicated. See Exhibit 99.1 for details of individual trade executions.

(4) Sale (and all sales reported in this table) effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(5) Reflects weighted average price of total shares sold by the Reporting Person on the date indicated. See Exhibit 99.1 for details of individual trade executions.

Remarks:

Exhibit List

99.1 -- Details of Sale Transactions on April 11, 2005 by Glenn W. Novotny

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Exhibit 99.1

All transactions listed below relate to sales of Common Stock of Central Garden & Pet Company on April 11, 2005 by Glenn W. Novotny

Shares Price Shares Beneficially Owned After Transaction

| | | |
|------|-------|--------|
| 595 | 42.88 | 96,553 |
| 300 | 42.89 | 96,253 |
| 100 | 42.91 | 96,153 |
| 800 | 42.92 | 95,353 |
| 249 | 42.93 | 95,104 |
| 600 | 42.94 | 94,504 |
| 200 | 42.96 | 94,304 |
| 32 | 42.97 | 94,272 |
| 368 | 42.98 | 93,904 |
| 400 | 43 | 93,504 |
| 600 | 43.02 | 92,904 |
| 200 | 43.04 | 92,704 |
| 200 | 43.05 | 92,504 |
| 300 | 43.06 | 92,204 |
| 500 | 43.07 | 91,704 |
| 463 | 43.09 | 91,241 |
| 232 | 43.1 | 91,009 |
| 668 | 43.11 | 90,341 |
| 37 | 43.14 | 90,304 |
| 600 | 43.15 | 89,704 |
| 100 | 43.18 | 89,604 |
| 48 | 43.25 | 89,556 |
| 200 | 43.28 | 89,356 |
| 700 | 42.71 | 88,656 |
| 700 | 42.74 | 87,956 |
| 509 | 42.75 | 87,447 |
| 600 | 42.76 | 86,847 |
| 444 | 42.77 | 86,403 |
| 800 | 42.78 | 85,603 |
| 200 | 42.79 | 85,403 |
| 100 | 42.8 | 85,303 |
| 500 | 42.81 | 84,803 |
| 200 | 42.82 | 84,603 |
| 300 | 42.83 | 84,303 |
| 305 | 42.84 | 83,998 |
| 1549 | 42.85 | 82,449 |
| 100 | 42.86 | 82,349 |
| 201 | 42.87 | 82,148 |