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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 14, 2014**

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**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-33268**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94597**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000**

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

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4<sup>©</sup> under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02**      **Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Steven LaMonte, Executive Vice President and President, Garden of Central Garden & Pet Company (the “Company”), is expected to depart the Company on or before February 14, 2014.

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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/ John R. Ranelli  
John R. Ranelli  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 14, 2014