

**Form 144 Filer Information**

FORM 144

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549****Form 144****NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933****144: Filer Information**

Filer CIK

0001215870

Filer CCC

XXXXXX

Is this a LIVE or TEST Filing?

 LIVE  TEST**Submission Contact Information**

Name

Phone

E-Mail Address

**144: Issuer Information**

Name of Issuer

Central Garden &amp; Pet Company

SEC File Number

001-33268

Address of Issuer

1340 Treat Boulevard  
Suite 600  
Walnut Creek  
CALIFORNIA  
94597

Phone

925-948-4000

Name of Person for Whose Account the  
Securities are To Be Sold

Metz Christopher T.

See the definition of "person" in paragraph (a) of Rule 144. Information is to be given not only as to the person for whose account the securities are to be sold but also as to all other persons included in that definition. In addition, information shall be given as to sales by all persons whose sales are required by paragraph (e) of Rule 144 to be aggregated with sales for the account of the person filing this notice.

Relationship to Issuer

Director

**144: Securities Information**

Title of the Class of Securities To Be Sold

Class A Common Stock

Name and Address of the Broker

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated  
777 East Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee  
WI  
53202Number of Shares or Other Units To Be  
Sold

10000

Aggregate Market Value

285900

Number of Shares or Other Units  
Outstanding

51618478

Approximate Date of Sale

11/28/2025

Name the Securities Exchange

NASDAQ

any part of the purchase price or other consideration therefor:

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock
Date you Acquired	02/13/2019
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company

Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Date Donor Acquired	
-----------------	--	--

Amount of Securities Acquired	718
Date of Payment	08/13/2019
Nature of Payment	Restricted Stock Award

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock
Date you Acquired	02/11/2020
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company

Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Date Donor Acquired	
-----------------	--	--

Amount of Securities Acquired	705
Date of Payment	08/11/2020
Nature of Payment	Restricted Stock Award

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock
Date you Acquired	02/09/2021
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company

Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Date Donor Acquired	
-----------------	--	--

Amount of Securities Acquired	1591
Date of Payment	08/09/2021
Nature of Payment	Restricted Stock Award

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a

note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock	
Date you Acquired	02/08/2022	
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares	
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company	
Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Donor Acquired
Amount of Securities Acquired	1670	
Date of Payment	08/08/2022	
Nature of Payment	Restricted Stock Award	

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock	
Date you Acquired	02/06/2023	
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares	
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company	
Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Donor Acquired
Amount of Securities Acquired	2940	
Date of Payment	08/07/2023	
Nature of Payment	Restricted Stock Award	

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock	
Date you Acquired	02/09/2024	
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares	
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company	
Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Donor Acquired
Amount of Securities Acquired	1906	
Date of Payment	02/09/2024	

## Nature of Payment

## Stock Dividend

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

## 144: Securities To Be Sold

Title of the Class	Class A Common Stock
Date you Acquired	02/13/2024
Nature of Acquisition Transaction	Shares
Name of Person from Whom Acquired	Central Garden & Pet Company
Is this a Gift?	<input type="checkbox"/> Date Donor Acquired
Amount of Securities Acquired	470
Date of Payment	08/13/2024
Nature of Payment	Restricted Stock Award

If the securities were purchased and full payment therefor was not made in cash at the time of purchase, explain in the table or in a note thereto the nature of the consideration given. If the consideration consisted of any note or other obligation, or if payment was made in installments describe the arrangement and state when the note or other obligation was discharged in full or the last installment paid.

Furnish the following information as to all securities of the issuer sold during the past 3 months by the person for whose account the securities are to be sold.

## 144: Securities Sold During The Past 3 Months

Nothing to Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<h2>144: Remarks and Signature</h2>	
Remarks	
Date of Notice	11/26/2025

**ATTENTION:**

The person for whose account the securities to which this notice relates are to be sold hereby represents by signing this notice that he does not know any material adverse information in regard to the current and prospective operations of the Issuer of the securities to be sold which has not been publicly disclosed. If such person has adopted a written trading plan or given trading instructions to satisfy Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, by signing the form and indicating the date that the plan was adopted or the instruction given, that person makes such representation as of the plan adoption or instruction date.

Signature /s/Filomena Eickstaedt as Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Metz

**ATTENTION: Intentional misstatements or omission of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)**