

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13	12/13/2004		M		15,000	(4)	01/06/2005	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 0	0	D	
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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

/s/ By Nadine MacPhail, as Attorney-in-Fact for Glenn W. Novotny		12/14/2004
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

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- ** 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) 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.
- (4) The options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on January 6, 2000.

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