

FORM 4

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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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 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) 05/09/2005		
(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	05/09/2005		M		15,000	A (1)	\$ 7.54	97,148 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2005		S		15,000 (3)	D (4)	\$ 44.5752 (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	05/09/2005		M		15,000		07/22/2004	07/22/2005	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 0	30,000	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

/s/ Nadine MacPhail, as Attorney-in-Fact for Glenn W. Novotny	05/10/2005
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 May 9, 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 May 9, 2005 by Glenn W. Novotny

Sold
Shares Price Shares Beneficially Owned After Transaction

96	44.10	97,052
404	44.13	96,648
500	44.15	96,148
500	44.23	95,648
300	44.34	95,348
1400	44.35	93,948
500	44.36	93,448
48	44.44	93,400
200	44.51	93,200
3000	44.56	90,200
100	44.57	90,100
100	44.58	90,000
300	44.59	89,700
500	44.60	89,200
417	44.61	88,783
783	44.62	88,000
752	44.63	87,248
400	44.64	86,848
100	44.65	86,748
100	44.67	86,648
400	44.70	86,248
300	44.71	85,948
100	44.72	85,848
300	44.74	85,548
300	44.75	85,248
300	44.76	84,948
100	44.77	84,848
500	44.79	84,348
200	44.80	84,148
400	44.81	83,748
400	44.82	83,348
100	44.83	83,248
300	44.84	82,948
100	44.90	82,848
100	44.91	82,748
75	44.92	82,673
201	44.93	82,472
200	44.94	82,272
24	44.98	82,248
100	44.99	82,148