

NOVOTNY GLENN W

Form 4

April 12, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/11/2005

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
Pres./ Chief Executive Officer

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 04/11/2005                              |                                                             | M                                    | Amount<br>15,000<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>A<br>(1)                        | \$ 7.54 97,148 (2)                                                                                                 | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 04/11/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    | 15,000<br>(3)                                                           | \$<br>42.91<br>(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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 7.54                                                | 04/11/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 15,000                                                                                  | 07/22/2004 07/22/2005                                    | Common Stock 15,000                                           |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/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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