

BOOTH STUART W  
Form 4  
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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, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BOOTH STUART 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)  
11/16/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, CFO & Secretary

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/16/2005		M		7,000 A (1) \$ 7.64	17,000	D
Common Stock	11/16/2005		S		1,000 D (2) \$ 41.98	16,000	D
Common Stock	11/16/2005		S		500 D \$ 41.93	15,500	D
Common Stock	11/16/2005		S		1,000 D \$ 41.88	14,500	D
Common Stock	11/16/2005		S		500 D \$ 41.89	14,000	D

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Common Stock	11/16/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 41.8	12,000	D
Common Stock	11/16/2005	S	500	D	\$ 41.84	11,500	D
Common Stock	11/16/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 41.84	10,000	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	M	7,000	A	\$ 7.64	17,000	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 45.7	15,000	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	S	500	D	\$ 45.67	14,500	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 45.65	13,000	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.62	12,000	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.67	11,000	D
Common Stock	12/14/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 45.68	10,000	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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.64	11/16/2005		M	7,000	01/31/2005 01/31/2006	Common Stock	7,000
Stock Option	\$ 7.64	12/14/2005		M	7,000	01/31/2005 01/31/2006	Common Stock	7,000

(right to buy)

Stock

Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup>

\$ 45.44

12/14/2005

A

13,000

<sup>(3)</sup>

12/14/2013

Common Stock

13,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BOOTH STUART W  
1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

EVP, CFO & Secretary

## Signatures

/s/ By JoAnn Jonte, as Attorney in Fact for Stuart W. Booth

12/16/2005

<sup>\*\*</sup>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) Sale (and all sales reflected in Table I of this Form 4) effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (3) Options vest in increments of 20% upon each of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh anniversaries of the grant date.
- (4) Options granted pursuant to Central Garden & Pet Company's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.

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