

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(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)  
 05/14/2007

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

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/14/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,000 A \$ 7.28	13,000	D
Common Stock	05/14/2007		F <sup>(2)</sup>		2,181 D \$ 14.67	10,819	D
Class A Common Stock	05/14/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		6,000 A \$ 7.23	26,000	D
Class A Common Stock	05/14/2007		F <sup>(2)</sup>		4,447 D \$ 13.83	21,553	D

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.28	05/14/2007		M	3,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 02/10/2011	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.23	05/14/2007		M	6,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 02/10/2011	Class A Common Stock	6,000

## 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/ Mary-Lou Sonntag, attorney-in-fact for Stuart W. Booth  
 05/16/2007  
 \*\*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 granted under Central Garden & Pet Company 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the aggregate option exercise price and withholding tax liability incurred upon the
- (2) above-reported exercise of options. The amount of shares withheld is based on the respective average of the high and low sales price on the date of exercise.

- These options are exercisable in four installments. Of the 15,000 options, 20% vested on February 10, 2007 and 20% will vest upon each
- (3) of the fifth and sixth anniversaries of the grant date of February 10, 2003, with the remaining 40% vesting upon the seventh anniversary of the grant date.

- These options are exercisable in four installments. Of the 30,000 options, 20% vested on February 10, 2007 and 20% will vest upon each
- (4) of the fifth and sixth anniversaries of the grant date of February 10, 2003, with the remaining 40% vesting upon the seventh anniversary of the grant date.

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