

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form 8-K  
November 14, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) November 7, 2005

**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**0-20242**  
(Commission File

Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94597**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000

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(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4<sup>©</sup> under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4<sup>©</sup>)
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On November 7, 2005, Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company ) and Glenn W. Novotny, its President and Chief Executive Officer, entered into an Agreement to Protect Confidential Information, Intellectual Property and Business Relationships and a Post Employment Consulting Agreement. Forms of both of these agreements have been previously filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In connection with his entry into these agreements, Mr. Novotny received 40,000 shares of Company common stock subject to restrictions on sale and transfer. The shares will vest, and the restrictions will lapse, as to 20% of the shares on November 7, 2008 and on the anniversary of that date in each of the four years following thereafter, conditioned upon Mr. Novotny's continued employment with the Company.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ Stuart W. Booth  
Stuart W. Booth  
Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 11, 2005