

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2002

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

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 10, 2002**

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**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.)

**3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94549**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 283-4573**

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

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On December 10, 2002, Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company ) issued a press release announcing the filing of amendments on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2001 and Forms 10-Q/A for the quarters ended December 29, 2001, March 30, 2002 and June 29, 2002. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits**

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release dated December 10, 2002.

**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

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Stuart W. Booth  
Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 10, 2002