

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO

Form 3

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 *

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(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/14/2011

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner☐ Officer ☒ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Consultant

C/O CENTRAL GARDEN &
PET COMPANY,Â 1340
TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE
600

(Street)

WALNUT
CREEK,Â CAÂ 94597

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

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D

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Class A Common Stock

31,500 ⁽¹⁾

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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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <u>(2)</u>	07/31/2010 ⁽³⁾	07/30/2014	Class A Common Stock	300,000	\$ 11.29 D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HALAS GUS D C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	Â	Â	Â	Consultant

Signatures

/s/ Gus D. Halas 02/24/2011

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) On February 11, 2011, the Reporting Person was granted a restricted stock award under the Issuer's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) On July 31, 2009, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based nonqualified option to purchase 300,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the Issuer's 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan.
- (3) The Option vests in three equal annual installments beginning July 31, 2010 based on the satisfaction of certain annual performance targets for each of the Issuer's fiscal years ending September 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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Remarks:

ExhibitÂ 24.1:Â PowerÂ ofÂ Attorney

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