

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
Form 10-K/A  
April 01, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-K/A**  
**(Amendment No. 1)**

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

For the fiscal year ended September 27, 2003

Commission File Number 0-20242

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**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

68-0275553  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California 94549

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (925) 283-4573

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**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:**

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
None	None

**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT:**

Common Stock

(Title of Class)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No .

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes  No .

At March 29, 2003, the aggregate market value of the registrant's Common Stock and Class B Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$354,478,000 and \$1,156,000 respectively.

At December 1, 2003, the number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock was 18,268,968. In addition, on such date the registrant had outstanding 1,654,462 shares of its Class B Stock, which are convertible into Common Stock on a share-for-share basis.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Definitive Proxy Statement for the Company's 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders - Part III of this Form 10-K/A.

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**INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

This amendment on Form 10-K/A is being filed to correct certain section references in Part II - Item 9A. Controls and Procedures and to file new officers certifications. This amendment is not intended to update other information presented in this annual report as originally filed, except where specifically noted.

Part II - Item 9A. Controls and Procedures in the original Form 10-K is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

(a) *Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.* Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) that ensure that information relating to the Company required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely and proper manner. Based upon this review, we believe that the controls and procedures in place are effective to ensure that information relating to the Company that is required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is properly disclosed as required by the Exchange Act and related regulations.

(b) *Changes in internal controls.* There were no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal year that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part IV - Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K in the original Form 10-K is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

- (1) Consolidated Financial Statements of Central Garden & Pet Company are included in Part II, Item 8:

Independent Auditors Report

Consolidated Balance Sheets

Consolidated Statements of Income

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

All other schedules are omitted because of the absence of conditions under which they are required or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(2) Exhibits:

See attached Exhibit Index.

(b) We did not file any report on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003.

We furnished the following report on Form 8-K during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003:

Form 8-K furnished August 5, 2003 relating to our earnings release for the quarter ended June 28, 2003.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 1, 2004

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By /s/ GLENN W. NOVOTNY

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Glenn W. Novotny

Chief Executive Officer, President and

Director

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Set forth below is a list of exhibits that are being filed or incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K/A:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
3.1	Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 to Registration Statement No. 33-98544).
3.1.1	Certificate of Amendment of Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1.1 to Registration Statement No. 333-46437).
3.2	Copy of Registrant's Bylaws (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 to Registration Statement No. 33-48070).
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Registration Statement No. 33-48070).
4.2	Indenture dated as of January 30, 2003 between the Company, Wells Fargo and the Subsidiary Guarantors name therein (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 No. 333-103835).
10.1	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Company and Executive Officers and Directors (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.18 to Registration Statement No. 33-48070).
10.2	Credit Agreement dated May 14, 2003, between the Company and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce et al. (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2003).
10.3	Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of December 5, 1997 among the Company and the shareholders of T.F.H. Publications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 1.2 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K/A dated December 18, 1997)
10.4	1993 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (Incorporated by reference from Exhibits 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statements Nos. 33-7236, 33-89216, 333-1238 and 333-41931).
10.5	2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 2003).
10.6	Nonemployee Director Equity Incentive Plan, as amended June 8, 2001 (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2001).
10.7	Employment Agreement dated as of February 27, 1998 between Pennington Seed, Inc. of Delaware and Brooks Pennington III (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 26, 1998).
10.8	Modification and Extension of Employment Agreement dated as of February 27, 1998 between Pennington Seed, Inc. of Delaware and Brooks Pennington III, dated as of May 6, 2003 (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.7.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 28, 2003).
12	Statement re Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges.*
14	Code of Ethics.*
21	List of Subsidiaries.*
23	Independent Auditors' Consent.*
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
32.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

\* Previously filed.

