

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 26, 2004

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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)

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 February 26, 2004, Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that the Company has acquired substantially all of the assets of New England Pottery Co., Inc. 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>                         |
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| 99.1          | Press Release dated February 26, 2004. |

**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, Chief Financial Officer and  
Secretary

Dated: February 27, 2004