

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2004

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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 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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

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## Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other<br>jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-20242<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 68-0275553<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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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 January 26, 2004, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing it has agreed to acquire substantially all of the assets of New England Pottery, 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>                        |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1          | Press Release dated January 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

Stuart W. Booth  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
and Secretary

Dated: January 26, 2004