SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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) May 6, 2004

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-20242 68-0275553 (State or other (Commission (IRS Employer

jurisdiction of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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

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

94549

(Zip Code)

Inapplicable

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

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 6, 2004, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 27, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

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 and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: May 6, 2004