

BOOTH STUART W  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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 *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â BOOTH STUART W		(Month/Day/Year)	CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/14/2010	
1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	4,000	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	23,874	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	02/11/2011	Common Stock	12,000 <u>(1)</u>	\$ 7.28	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	12/09/2013	Common Stock	10,000 <u>(2)</u>	\$ 12.92	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	12/14/2013	Common Stock	13,000 <u>(3)</u>	\$ 15.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	02/11/2011	Class A Common Stock	24,000 <u>(4)</u>	\$ 7.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	12/09/2013	Class A Common Stock	20,000 <u>(5)</u>	\$ 12.83	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	12/14/2013	Class A Common Stock	26,000 <u>(6)</u>	\$ 15.11	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	05/23/2015	Class A Common Stock	27,000 <u>(7)</u>	\$ 13.83	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(8)</u>	03/04/2014	Class A Common Stock	80,000 <u>(8)</u>	\$ 4.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOOTH STUART W 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	Â	Â	Â Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Stuart W. Booth  
01/20/2010

\*\*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) The reporting person was granted on February 10, 2003 an option for 15,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 12,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 12,000 shares currently outstanding, 6,000 shares are exercisable and 6,000 shares will vest

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and become exercisable on February 10, 2010.

(2) The reporting person was granted on December 9, 2004 an option for 10,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 10,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 10,000 shares currently outstanding, 4,000 are exercisable and 6,000 shares will vest in three equal installments as follows: 2,000 shares will vest and become exercisable on December 9, 2010, December 9, 2011 and December 9, 2012 respectively.

(3) The reporting person was granted on December 14, 2005 an option for 13,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 13,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 13,000 shares currently outstanding, 5,200 shares are exercisable and 7,800 shares will vest in three equal installments as follows: 2,600 shares will vest and become exercisable on December 14, 2010, December 14, 2011 and December 14, 2012 respectively.

(4) The reporting person was granted on February 10, 2003 an option for 30,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 24,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 24,000 shares currently outstanding, 12,000 shares are exercisable and 12,000 shares will vest and become exercisable on February 10, 2010.

(5) The reporting person was granted on December 9, 2004 an option for 20,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 20,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 20,000 shares currently outstanding, 8,000 are exercisable and 12,000 shares will vest in three equal installments as follows: 4,000 shares will vest and become exercisable on December 9, 2010, December 9, 2011 and December 9, 2012 respectively.

(6) The reporting person was granted on December 14, 2005 an option for 26,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 26,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 26,000 shares currently outstanding, 10,400 are exercisable and 15,600 shares will vest in three equal installments as follows: 5,200 shares will vest and become exercisable on December 14, 2010, December 14, 2011 and December 14, 2012 respectively.

(7) The reporting person was granted on March 23, 2007 an option for 27,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 27,000 shares are outstanding. The option is exercisable on five equal installments as follows: 5,400 shares will vest and become exercisable on May 23, 2010, May 23, 2011, May 23, 2012, May 23, 2013 and May 23, 2014 respectively.

(8) The reporting person was granted on March 4, 2008 an option for 80,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer. As of January 14, 2010, 80,000 shares are outstanding. Of the 80,000 shares currently outstanding, 12,000 shares are exercisable and 68,000 shares will vest and become exercisable on April 4, 2013.

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