

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BROWN WILLIAM E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO**  
**[CENT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/29/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman and CEO

1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/30/2009	Â	G	10,000 D \$ 0	3,209,885	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	05/28/2010	Â	G	7,532 D \$ 0	3,202,353	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	10/26/2010	Â	G	4,600 D \$ 0	3,197,753	D	Â

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Class A Common Stock	12/29/2010	Â	G	25,000	D	\$ 0	3,172,753	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2010	Â	G	22,100	D	\$ 0	3,150,653	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	05/03/2011	Â	G	5,000	D	\$ 0	3,145,653	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	05/25/2011	Â	G	7,022	D	\$ 0	3,138,631	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	12/27/2011	Â	G	45,000	D	\$ 0	3,093,631	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	01/05/2012	Â	G	2,900	D	\$ 0	3,090,731	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	03/29/2012	Â	G	6,827	D	\$ 0	3,083,904	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2012	Â	G	2,000	D	\$ 0	3,081,904	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	178,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	I <sup>(2)</sup>	By Irrevocable Trusts

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. of D Se Bo O Er Is Fi (I
						(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROWN WILLIAM E 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	X	X	Chairman and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ William E.  
Brown

11/13/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) On December 31, 2010, the Reporting Person contributed a total aggregate amount of 19,500 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Issuer for the benefit of various family Irrevocable Trusts.
- These securities are owned directly by various family Irrevocable Trusts and indirectly by the Reporting Person and his spouse as co-trustees of the Irrevocable Trusts. The Reporting Person and his spouse, as co-trustees, have and share investment control over the securities held in each of the Irrevocable Trusts but disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities held by the Irrevocable Trusts except to the extent of his and his wife's pecuniary interest therein.
- (2)

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