

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form 8-K  
April 29, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**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) April 23, 2008

**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-33268**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94597**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000

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

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 23, 2008, Bruce A. Westphal announced his retirement as a member of the board of directors of Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company ), effective April 30, 2008. Mr. Westphal has served as a director and chairman of the audit committee since 1999.

Mr. Westphal is retiring from the board to spend more time with his family and pursue personal interests and not as a result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices.

Alfred A. Piergallini, a director of the Company since 2004, will succeed Mr. Westphal as the chairman of the audit committee.

**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/ WILLIAM E. BROWN  
William E. Brown  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 28, 2008