

PENNINGTON BROOKS III  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 PENNINGTON BROOKS III

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. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)

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

1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY

02/16/2010

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

MADISON, GA 30650

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2010		G	V	7,000	D	\$ 0	315,108	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2010		S		20,000	D	\$ 8.9956	295,108	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2010		S		23,000	D	\$ 9.1091	272,108	D	
Class A Common								98,080	I	By L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>

Stock							
Class A Common Stock		13,876	I			By Spouse <u>(2)</u>	
Class A Common Stock		15,208	I			By LLC <u>(3)</u>	
Common Stock		159,950	D				
Common Stock		49,040	I			By L.P. <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock		6,938	I			By Spouse <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock		7,604	I			By LLC <u>(3)</u>	

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PENNINGTON BROOKS III 1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY	X			

MADISON, GA 30650

## Signatures

/s/ Brooks  
Pennington III

02/18/2010

\_\_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).  
By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC") and  
(1) Mr. Pennington is the sole member of BPCBLLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.  
(2) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 6,938 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by his spouse and 13,876 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock owned by his spouse.  
By Pennington Management Company II, LLC, in which Mr. Pennington has an ownership interest. Mr. Pennington is the President of  
(3) Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.  
The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock sold on this day is from \$8.92 to \$9.10. Mr. Pennington undertakes that he  
(4) will provide, upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price  
The range of prices for the shares of Class A Common Stock sold on this day is from \$9.03 to \$9.1607. Mr. Pennington undertakes that  
(5) he will provide, upon request by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, full information regarding the number of securities sold at each separate price.

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