



(From top) Hand painted fairy angels perched on shelves at Shelly Speedling's Studio at SVJ Creative Designs; a tour group gets an inside look at the design process; SVJ staff at work in the manufacturing plant; one of the many figures created by SVJ. Guided tours take you through the entire process, from rock and sand to pouring, to demolding and to patching. Items then dry over a period of three weeks before any paint is applied. SVJ Creative Designs has both painted and unpainted concrete statues and figures. Two gardens are available for touring during good weather.

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