Liuzhou Fantastic Stones Museum

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Concept of rare stone

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Advantageous resources of Liuzhou

Cultural origin of Liuzhou rare stone

Liu Zongyuan, one of eight prose masters of Tang and Song dynasties in 773-819 AD, nicknamed "Zihou", Han nationality, from Hedong (now Yongji, Yuncheng, Shanxi Province), was a literati, philosopher, essayist and thinker, called "Liuhedong", "Mr. Hedong" in Tang Dynasty, and served as a prefectural governor in Liuzhou in 815 AD, also called "Liuliuzhou". Liu Zongyuan and Han Yu were called the combined name "Han Liu"; he and Liu Yuxi were called the joint name "Liu Liu"; he and Wang Wei, Meng Haoran and Wei Yingwu himself were called "Wang Meng Wei Liu" (which may not be used, similarly hereinafter). Liu Zongyuan in Chinese prose enjoys great popularity, so he has been respectfully called by the descendants "His literary talent and essays are revered by hundred generations."

Development of Liuzhou rare stone

In 2006, Liuzhou was designated “A Famous Cultural City: The City of Rare Stones” by The China Collectors Association and The China Association of Liuzhou Decoration Stones.

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Classification and appreciation of rare stone

In China, there are seven methods to classify ornamental stones, of which two are commonly used:

1. In China, ornamental stones are classified into nine categories according to the formation and distributional environment, namely, hillstone, water stone, soil stone, traverterine, fossils, weathered stone, meteorites and composite stone, about 24 varieties. Except for weathered stone and meteorites, others are widely distributed and produced in Liuzhou.

2. In China, ornamental stones are divided into four categories according to the appreciating art: mountains and river-shaped category, pictographic category, category of pattern on the surface and abstract exquisite category.

Key points of Appreciation

1. Being Natural
   - Yanan stone: fragrance
   - Laibin stone: Diamond love
   - Turtle stone: Tortoise shell

2. Stone appreciation is paintings appreciation
   - Green mud stone: willowy
   - Sea lilies fossil: Lotus 128*97
   - Stalactite: Sleeping beauty 45*12*26

3. Ornamental stone is micro-view art. Through appreciating these stones, people can see the little in the large, and wander wonderful places in the world.
   - Luyang stone: Wind and rain bridge 90*33*36
   - Tianti stone: Fairy house 25*10*10
   - Stalactite: blowing snow 60*120*40