

## Concept of rare stone

What is a "rare stone"? A naturally formed stone that has specific ornamental value. These ornamental stones are also referred to as stones for playing, stones paid in tribute, elegant stones and fantastic stones.

(one) 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, travertine, 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.

Abstract  
exquisite  
category



moer stone  
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110\*140\*88

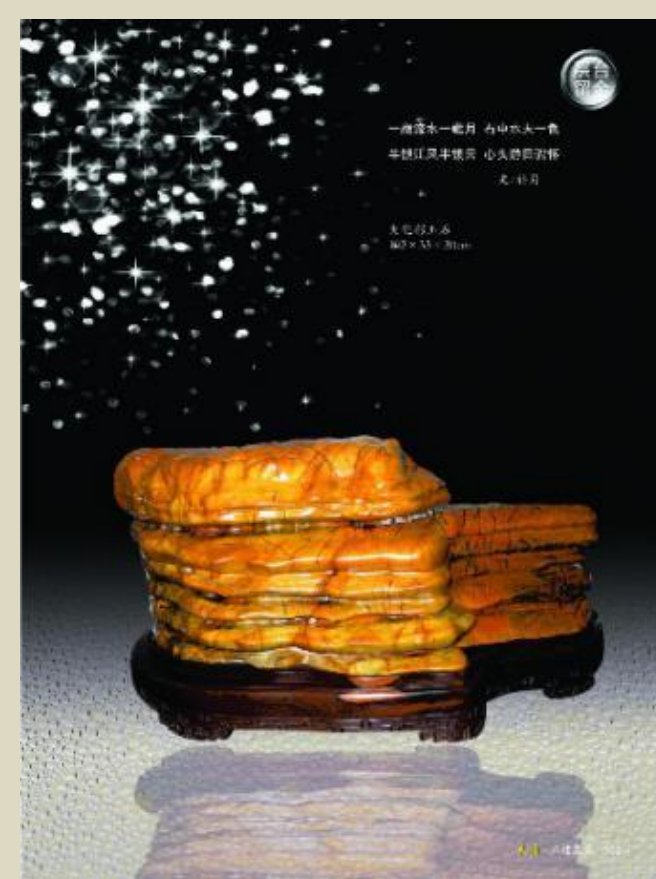


Guizhou stone  
soft  
46\*12\*14

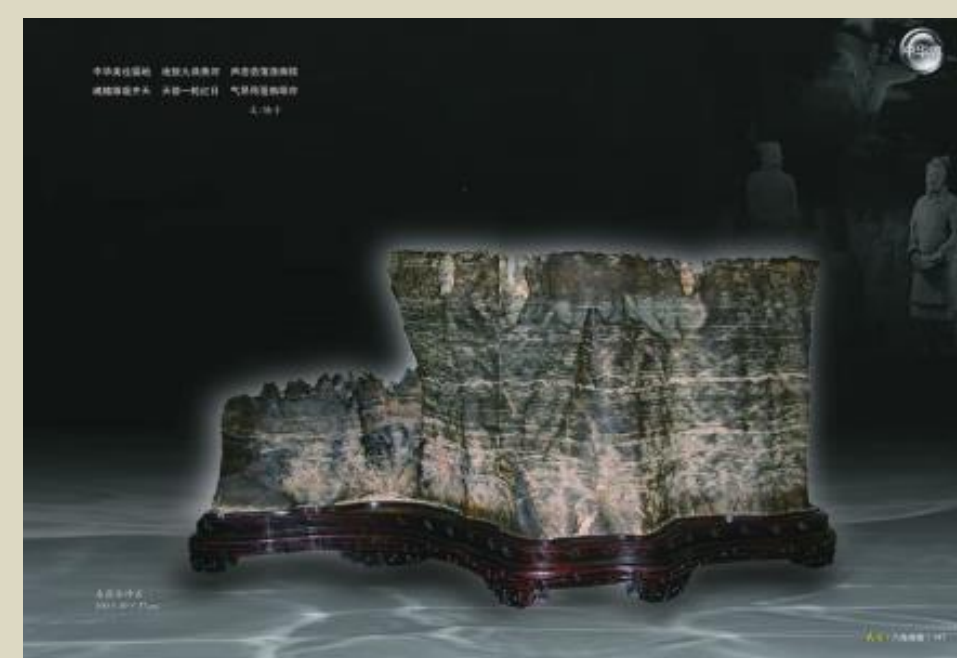


Du an stone  
The bauhinia flower  
310\*250\*150

Mountains  
and river-  
shaped  
category



Dahua stone 102\*33\*30

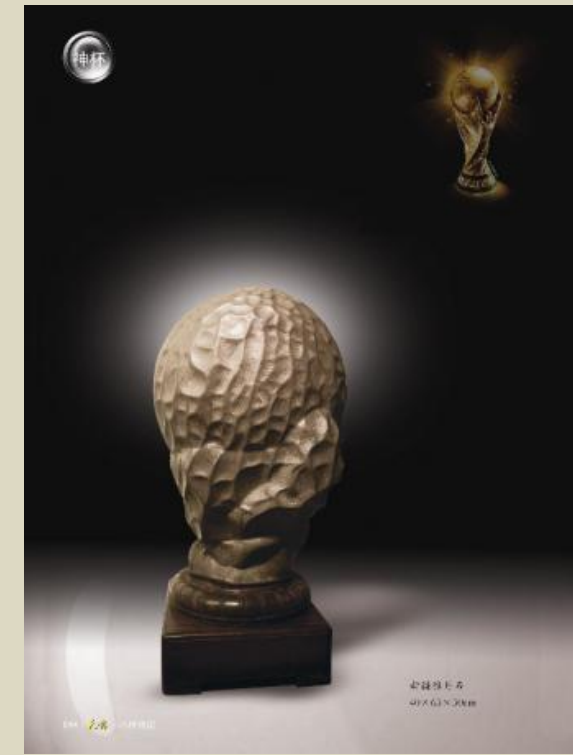


Laibin stone  
The Chinese soul 100\*49\*37

Pictographic  
category



Pear skin stone  
Sea lions  
30\*70\*17



Ya dan stone  
The word cup  
40\*63\*30



Stalactite  
Sleeping beauty  
45\*12\*26

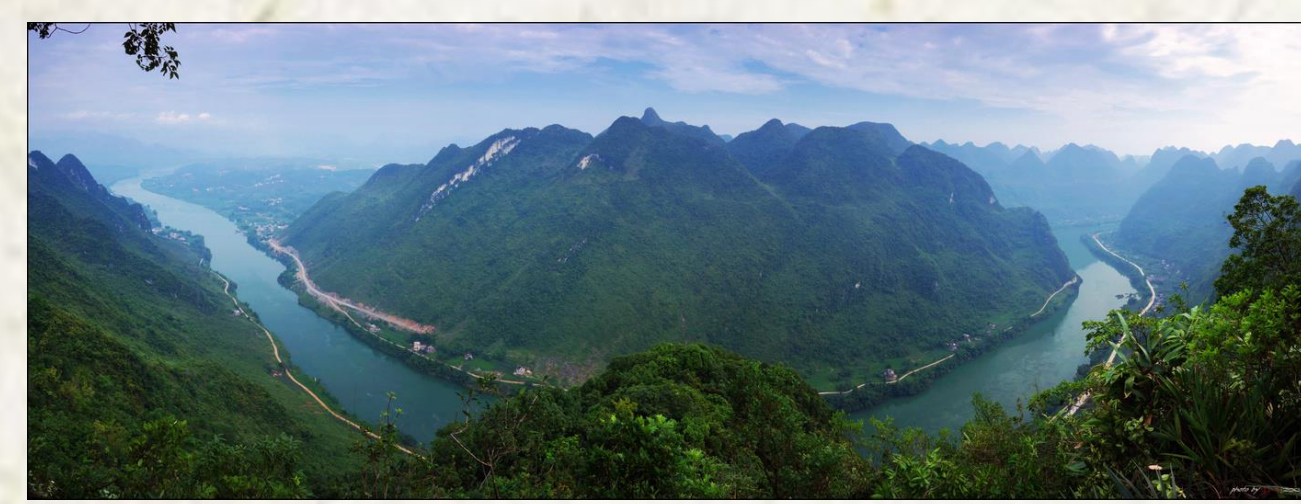


Moore sculpture

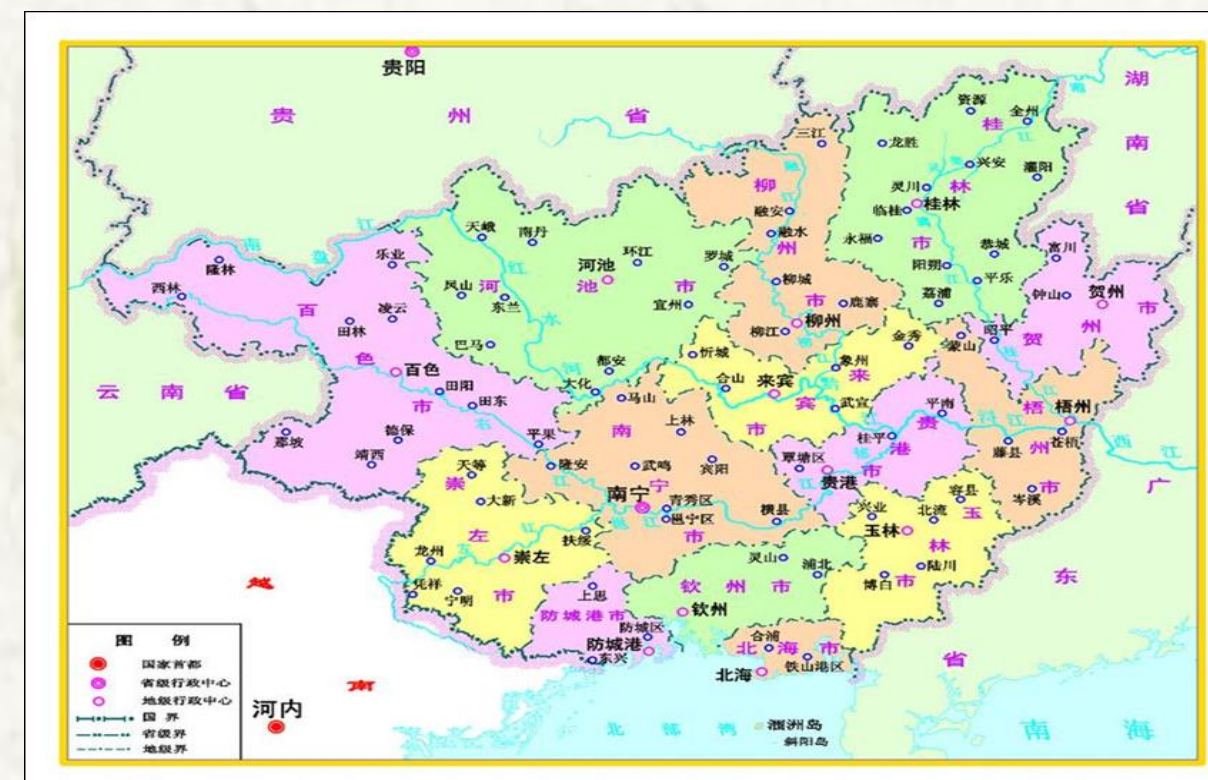


Mums stone from Liuyang

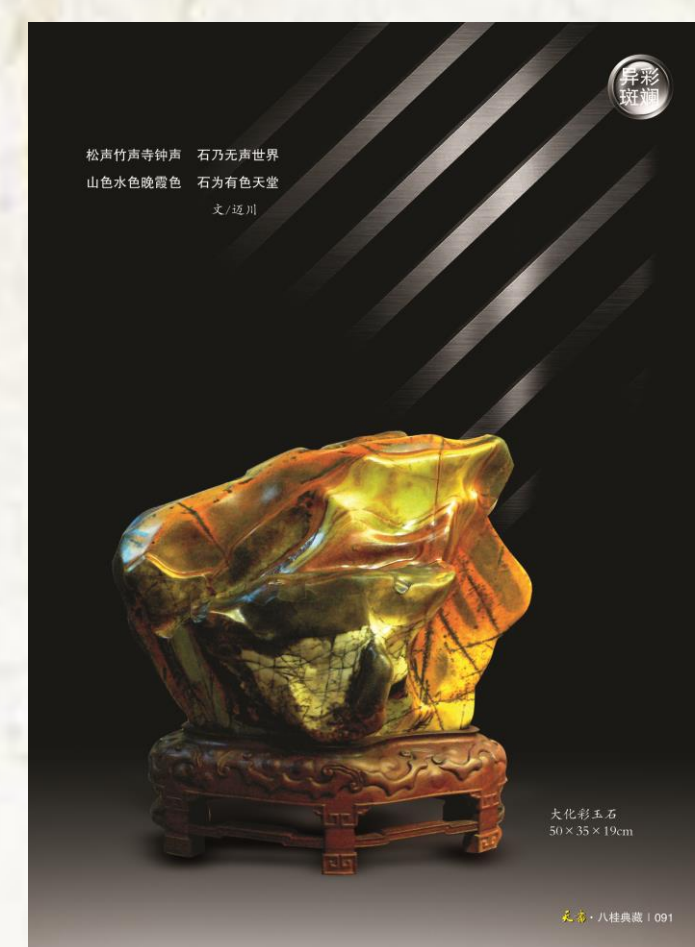
## Advantageous resources of Liuzhou



Hongshuihe River



The Magic River



Dahua stone



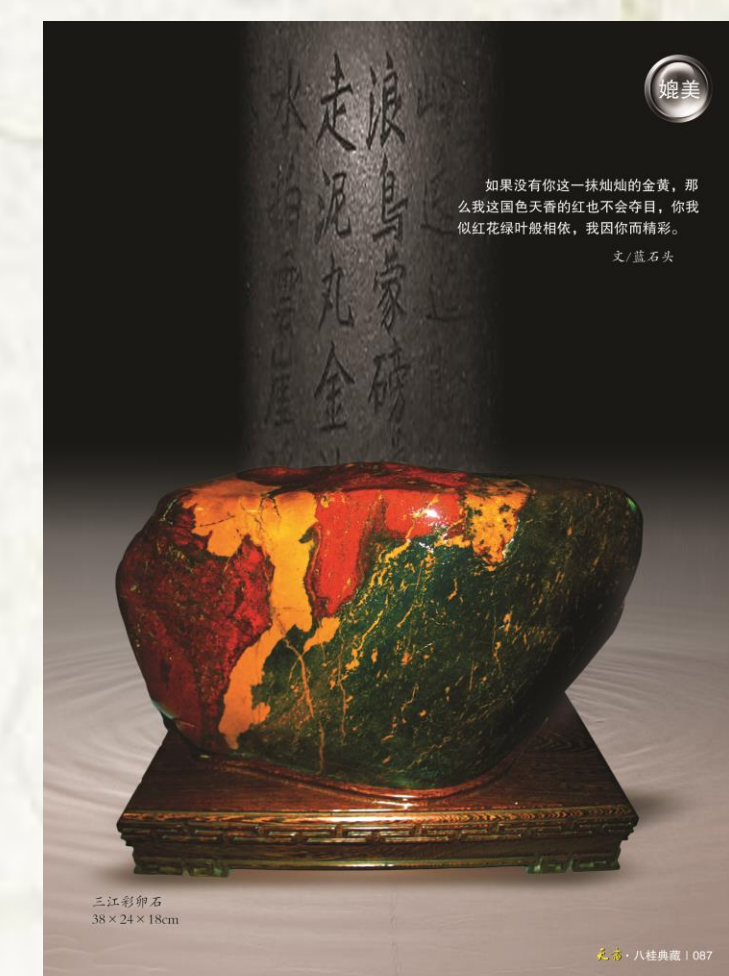
Tian e stone  
boundless land  
25\*22\*9



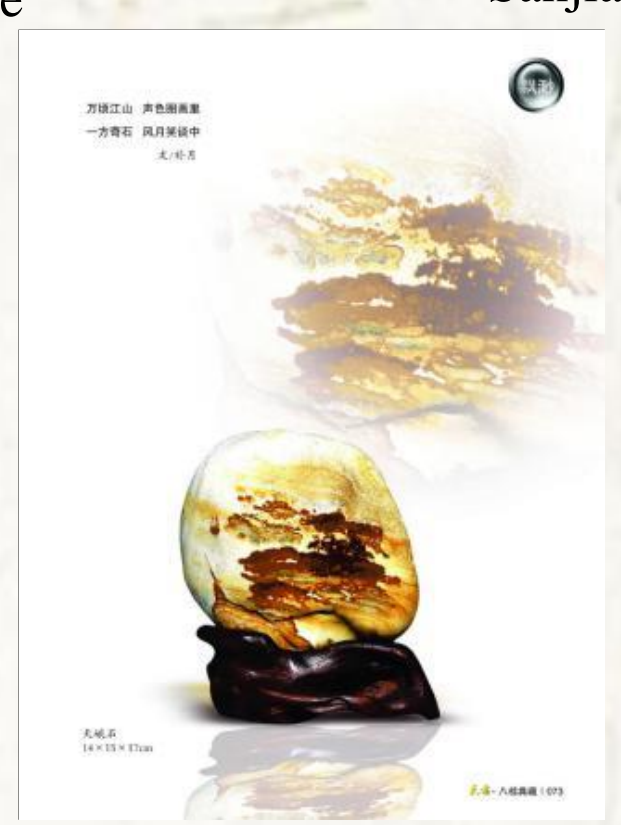
Chessboard stone



Tian e stone  
The Old Gun  
31\*5\*15

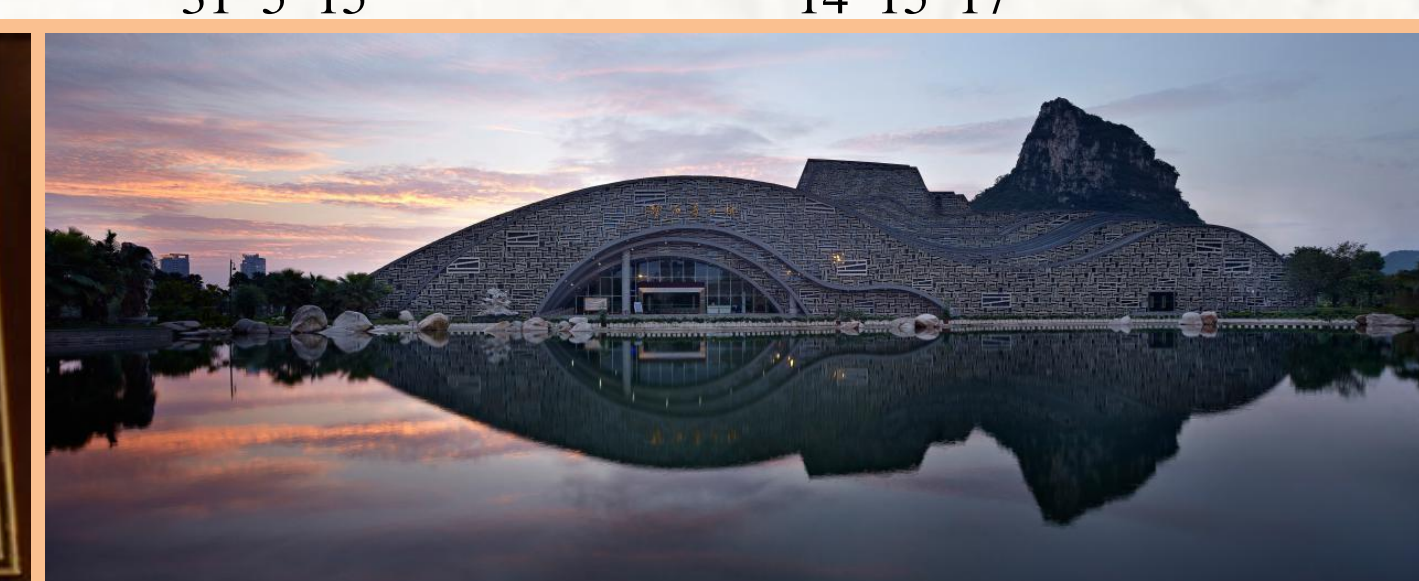


Sanjiang stone



Tian e stone  
misty  
14\*15\*17

Category of pattern  
on the surface



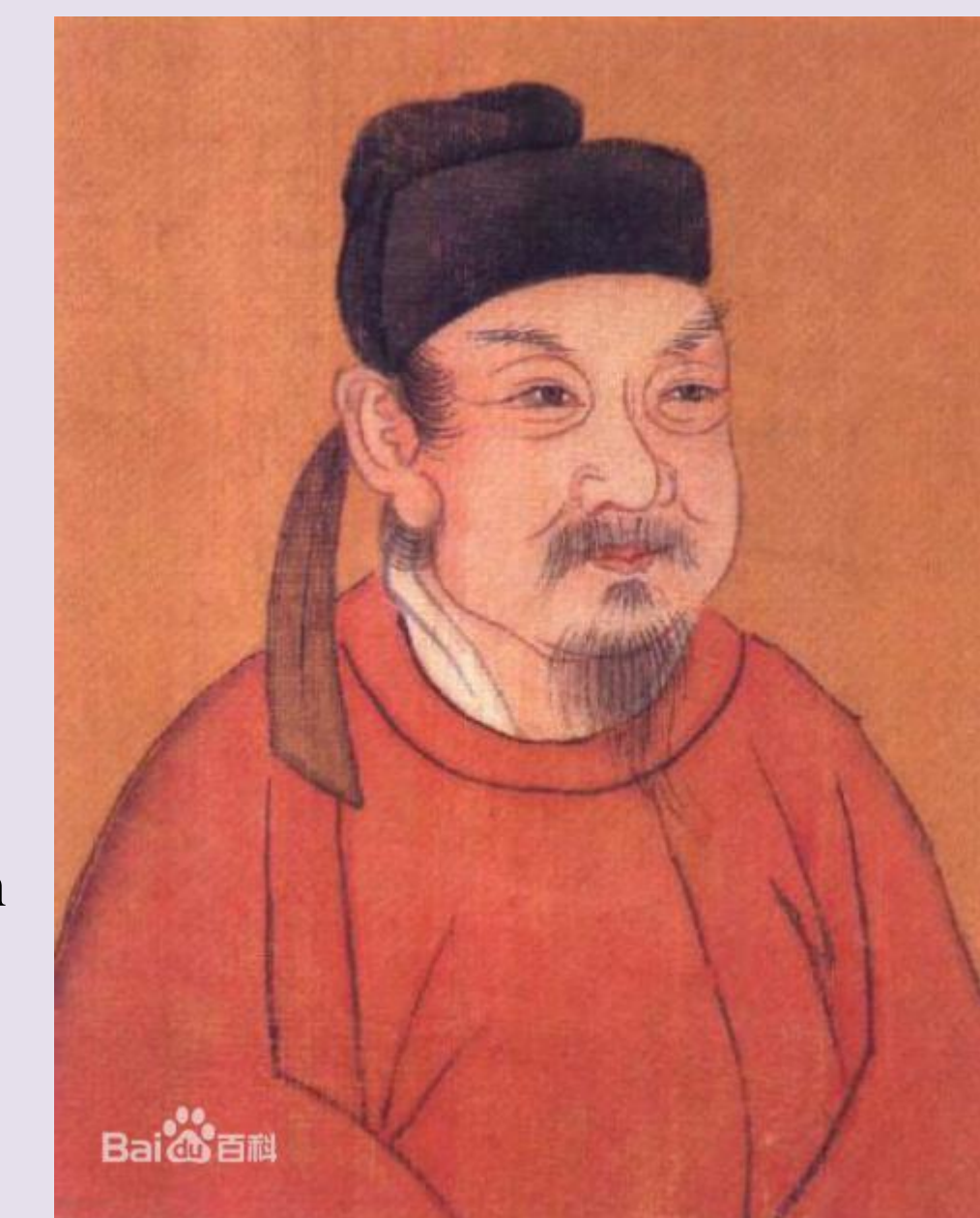
In 2006, Liuzhou was designated "A Famous Cultural City: The City of Rare Stones" by The China Collectors Association and The China Association of Liuzhou Decoration Stones.

## Development of Liuzhou rare stone



## 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 litterateur, 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 be not 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".

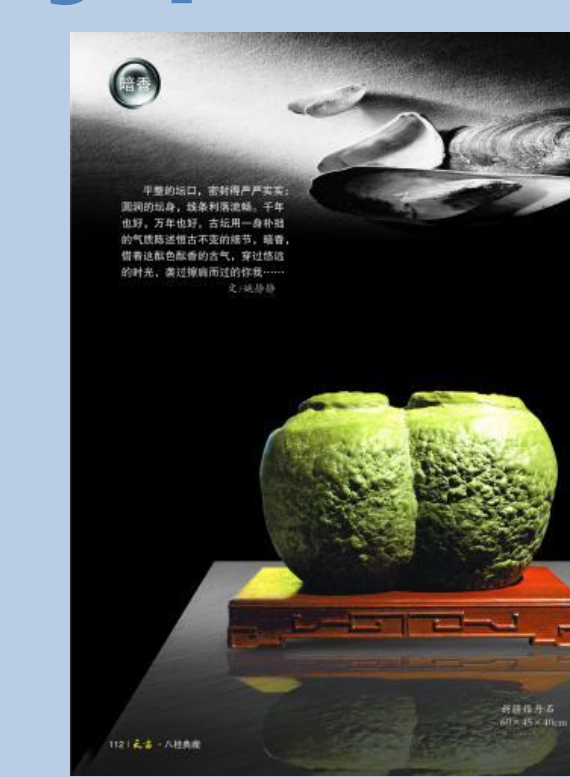


This kind of rare stone can  
be used to grinding ink



## Key points of Appreciation

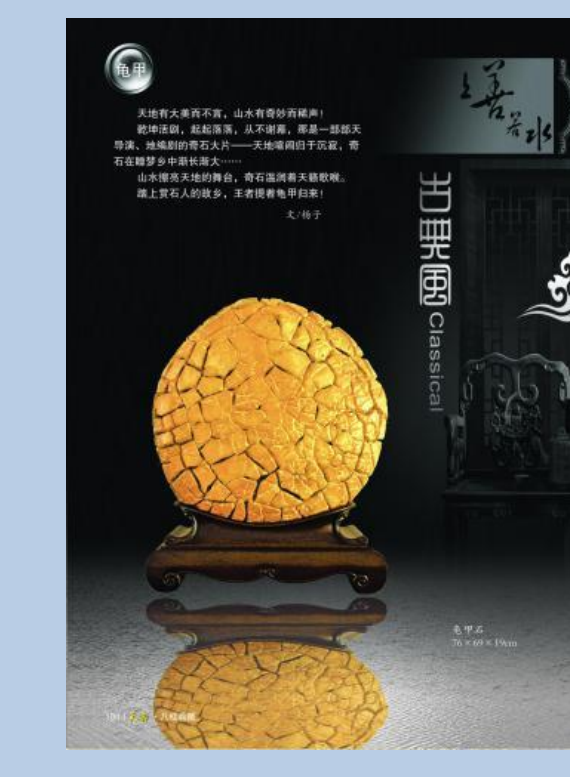
1. Being Natural



Yadan stone  
fragrance  
60\*45\*40

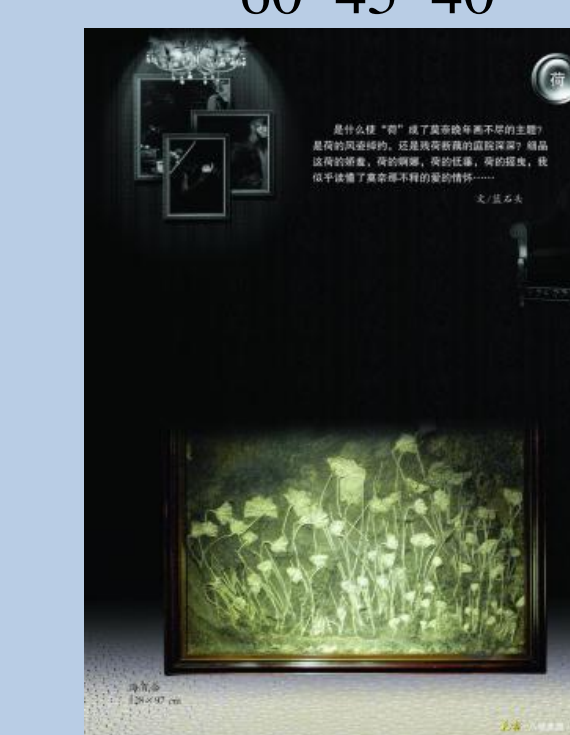


Laibin stone  
Diamond love

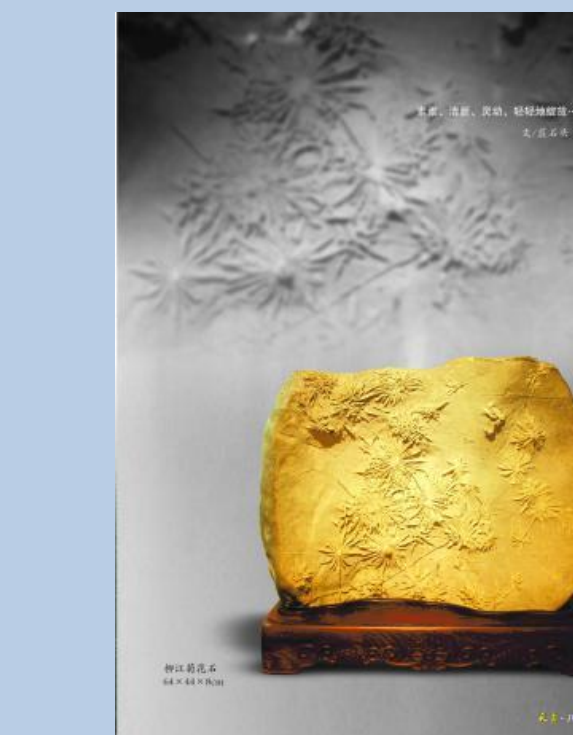


turtle stone  
Tortoise shell  
76\*69\*19

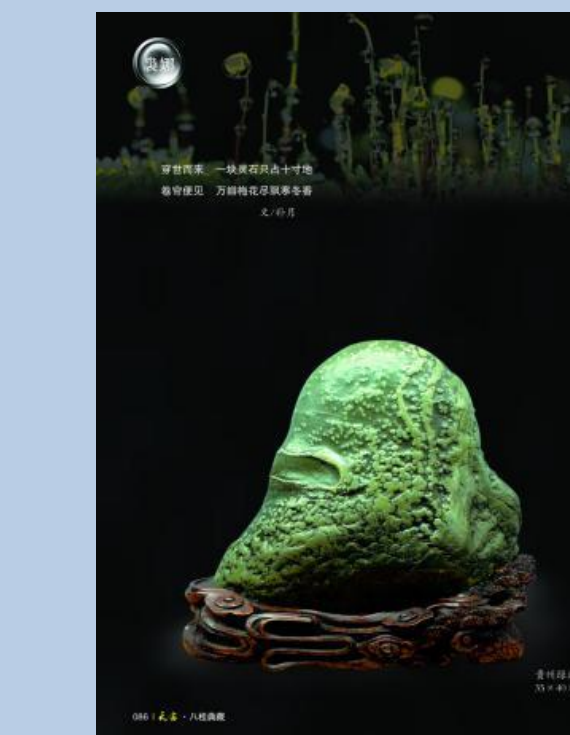
2. Stone appreciation is  
paintings appreciation



Sea lilies fossil lotus  
128\*97



chrysanthemum stone  
competition gorgeous  
64\*44\*8

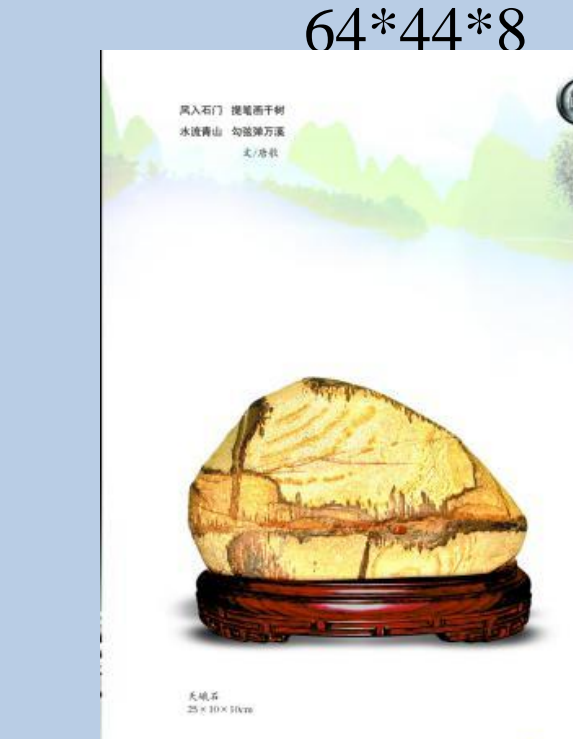


green mud stone  
willow  
35\*40\*15

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.



Liuyang stone  
Wind and rain bridge  
90\*33\*36



Tian e stone  
fairy house  
25\*10\*10



Stalactite  
blowing snow  
60\*120\*40