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Rubbish Art

Jiading students who take common household waste items and turn them into pieces of art win awards at the first China Design and Recreation Competition.

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Green Tradition

Qiuxiapu Garden, a traditional Chinese garden with rockeries, ponds and a wide range of plants, has become one of the most popular scenic spots in Jiading.

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Floral Heights

Retired engineer Sun Licheng has been nurturing flowers for 40 years. Among his projects is a roof garden featuring more than 500 pots of flowers and plants, representing 20 or so varieties.



Top Chinese rock star Wang Feng wows the crowd at the Jiading Luhang Jade Bird Music Festival, which attracted thousands of music fans. Wang and fellow rocker Cui Jian were among the highlights at the inaugural event. — Lu Xiaofeng

Jade Bird festival off to a flyer

Lu Xiaofeng and Fei Lai

Wearing a black T-shirt and white baseball cap, leading Chinese rocker Cui Jian appeared at the Shanghai Automobile Exhibition Center stage on April 13 on the bill of the Jiading Luhang Jade Bird Music Festival.

Cui performed six songs, which had the crowd screaming and cheering enthusiastically.

Taking place for the first time, there were concerns when the Jade Bird Music Festival attracted only 2,000 people

on Friday. However, large crowds flocked to the event the following day.

Qiu Wei, an Anting resident, arrived early and queued for five hours in order to get a front row seat for the performance of famous Chinese rock star Wang Feng. "As a rock fan, Wang's performance excites me," Qiu said. "But I also like the other singers."

Other fans also said they enjoyed the support acts — unusual in China. Nonetheless, Cui and Wang were the highlights of the event.

Organizers were delighted by the

enthusiasm of the audience.

"Having seen the passion of the crowd, we'll definitely be back next year," said Chen Yiqun, vice president of Beida Jade Bird Group.

Xu Xiaofeng, CEO of Beida Jade Bird Group was pleased with main attractions Cui and Wang. "They are the leading players in Chinese rock music, and this was the first time they performed at same music festival.

"To mark the occasion we also invited famous bands such as Shanren, HAYA and Gold Buddha."

F1 weekend another roaring success

Pan Qingyun and Fei Lai

MERCEDES Formula One driver Nico Rosberg of Germany celebrated the first victory of his F1 career with a commanding race at the 2012 Chinese Grand Prix on April 15 in Jiading District.

Britain's Jenson Button finished second and his McLaren teammate Lewis Hamilton finished third.

For three days, Shanghai International Circuit in Anting was filled with visitors. Roaring engines got the crowd excited. More than 185,000 people

swarmed to the stands.

Ticket sales increased 15 percent compared to last year. Meanwhile, more than 600 million people from 150 countries and regions watched the race live transmitted on television.

People of different nationalities gathered together to watch six former world champions compete on the same circuit. Qiu Junjie, a race fan, said watching the race at the track was like a feast. The university student has been a race fan for five years.

"The roaring engines and the special racing atmosphere attracted me im-

mediately," Qiu said.

Shanghai Auto Culture Festival was held during the F1 weekend. Featuring three main chapters — Happy Land, Passionate City and Driving to the Future — the event was enthusiastically received.

The festival also had 13 activities concerning race culture, recreation, commercial promotion and art.

In addition to a go-kart driving carnival, a tourism promotion conference and a photography contest, the venue also hosted a touring car championship on April 28 and 29.