



**Title:** The Power of the Purse

**Artist:** NRV Master Gardeners

The planted purses make a symbolic statement about how women can have great control over how they use their money to make the environment healthier and more beautiful and improve the quality of life in their community.

**Brief Artist Biography:** The New River Valley Master Gardeners are a part of Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, providing gardening and environment education to the residents of the region

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**Art Statement** Using art to make an environmental statement. by the NRV Master Gardeners led by Gwen Ewing, uses a tower of planted purses to make an environmental statement "Women have great control over how they use their resources to make the environment healthier and more beautiful and improve the quality of life in their community". This installation also contains inspiration for recycling, sharing, and creative thought.

