



*Elegant*  
VICTORIAN STYLE



*Fine*  
DINING EXPERIENCE



*Charming*  
GARDEN SPACE

## FRIENDS of POPODICON



The Friends of Popodicon (FOP) was formed in 2017 to bring the house and gardens back to their former beauty. This all-volunteer group is led by interior decorator John Miller and gardener Elisabeth Staro. Members work together and roll up their sleeves to provide artistic planning and labor and skills.

The FOP committee is working to identify needs for the interior and looking for pieces that will complement the existing furnishings. Artwork and furnishings may be loaned or donated through the friends group.

Margaret Ikenberry, wife of Shepherd President Oliver S. Ikenberry, who served from 1947-1968, brought the gardens to life. A plaque honoring her love of the gardens inspires the FOP as they restore the grandeur. The FOP garden committee is working on a master plan to create an interactive pollinator friendly gardenscape around the grounds that will complement Popodicon's architecture and be of lowest possible maintenance.

Donations through the Shepherd University Foundation to support the interior and garden renovation efforts are much needed and appreciated.



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# Popodicon

ELEGANT AND HISTORIC VENUE

WEDDINGS • EVENTS • RETREATS



BUSINESS RESIDENCE OF  
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT

# A Masterpiece OF MASONRY



Popodicon, designed by Stuart Edmonds of Winchester, Virginia, was built in colonial Georgian style. With 17 rooms, Popodicon has two stories and a mansard third story.

Located on Shepherd Grade Road, Popodicon, the Southern-style mansion, is one of Jefferson County's historic estates and a highlight of the Shepherdstown community with its stately lawn and formal garden.

The grounds and gardens were designed by Olgsby Paul of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, an associate of the famous landscape architect Frederick Olmstead.



## THE HISTORY

Popodicon's history goes back to 1879 when Henry W. Potts, a civil engineer, came to Shepherdstown to lay out a section of the valley branch of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. At that time, Potts had a dream of building a mansion on the site and eventually making it his retirement home. Potts and his wife, Eleanor Powell, returned to Jefferson County and built the mansion in 1907.

The state of West Virginia purchased the estate for Shepherd University, then Shepherd College, in 1964 for \$125,000. The purchase included 128 acres of land, providing a new home for Shepherd presidents and increasing the University's growth potential beyond the boundaries of the original 35-acre campus.



## CELEBRATIONS

## CORPORATE EVENTS

## PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES AND LUNCHEONS

## WEDDINGS



### FURNISHINGS REFLECT POPODICON'S HISTORY

Popodicon's 17 rooms include:

- Formal reception spaces and areas for family living and household staff functions.
- A large living room, a smaller reception/library room, and the dining room.
- A butler's pantry connects the dining room to a large kitchen in the back of the house.
- Oriental rugs cover beautiful hardwood floors in most rooms. Artwork includes a signed Renoir etching, a painting of McMurrin Hall, and watercolors by local artists and art department professors.

### A UNIQUE SETTING FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

The first floor of the mansion and grounds provide a unique and lovely setting for social gatherings. For more information and rental rates, visit [www.shepherd.edu/popodicon](http://www.shepherd.edu/popodicon)

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