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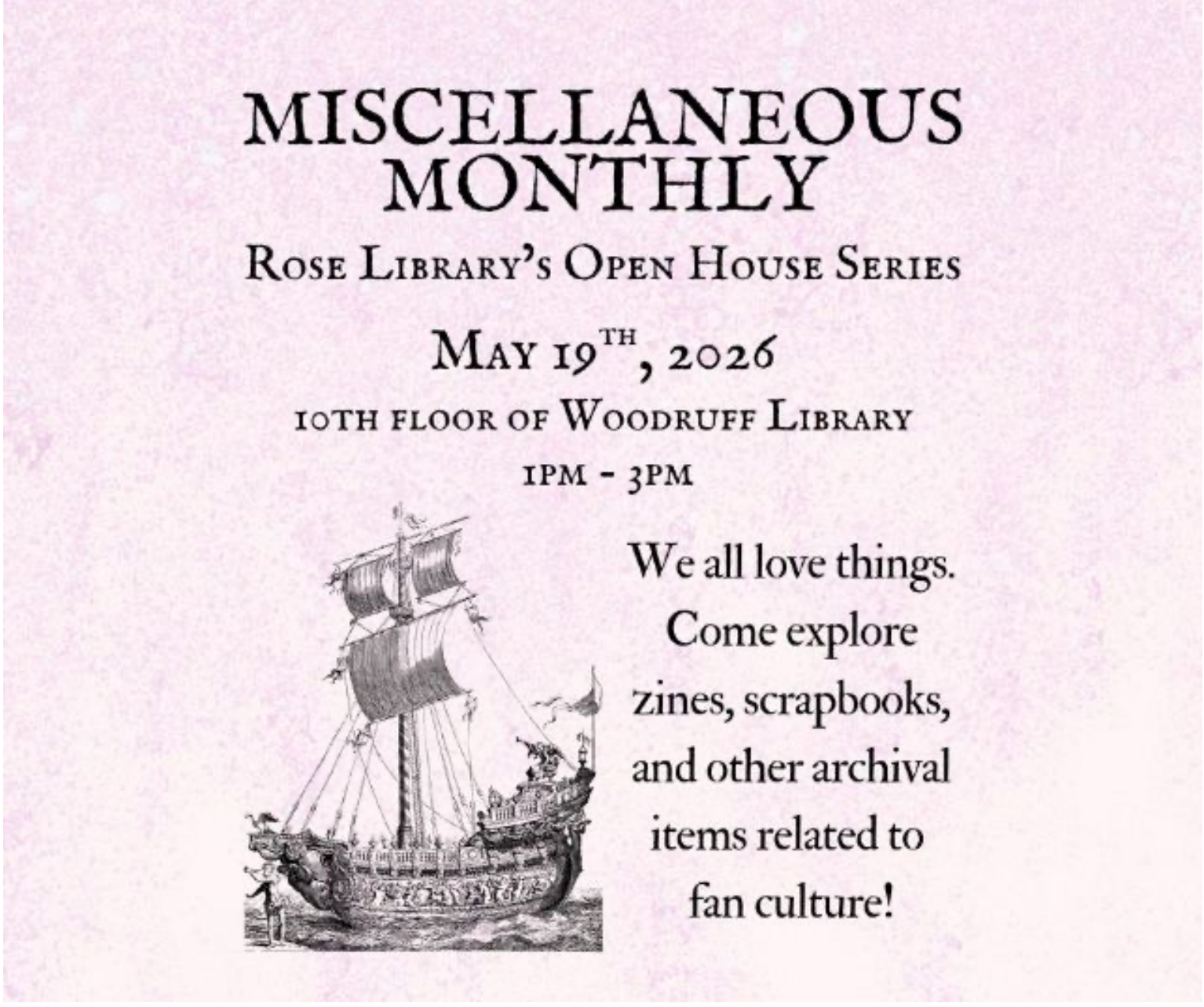
Sports culture and community is focus of June 7 talk

Mark your calendar for “Where We Gather: The Communities We Create” on Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. in Ackerman Hall at the Michael C. Carlos Museum. It’s open to the public at no charge, but [registration is required](#).

This special panel event will feature photographic artist [Sheila Pree Bright](#); [Atlanta Influences Everything](#) co-founder Bem Joiner; and a representative from [Soccer in the Streets](#), discussing the connections and camaraderie forged through sports culture and history in Atlanta. Andi McKenzie, curator of Works on Paper at the Carlos Museum, will moderate the conversation.

This event ties into the exhibition “[Footwork: Where We Gather](#)” (also curated by McKenzie), which includes Bright’s work focused on Atlanta fans and sports, on view at the Carlos through July 19, 2026. Click [here](#) for a full list of programs associated with the Footwork initiative on the Emory Atlanta and Oxford campuses, celebrating “the beautiful game” and the upcoming [World Cup soccer matches in Atlanta](#) in June and July.

Image credit: Sheila Pree Bright. *Untitled*, United Fans’ March to the Stadium, Atlanta United vs. Toronto FC, 9/24/2025. Archival pigment print 2025. Courtesy the artist. ©Sheila Pree Bright



Miscellaneous Monthly's dives into archives will continue throughout summer

Miscellaneous Monthly, Rose Library's hands-on events with rare materials from the archives, will continue every third Tuesday of the month throughout the summer! If you haven't been able to attend one yet, now would be the perfect time. The open-house sessions are hosted by Rose Library outreach archivist Gaby Hale, who shares the stories behind each of the featured items.

The [next one takes place on May 19](#), from 1-3 p.m., and allows you to view archival materials related to fan culture, including zines, scrapbooks, and more. The event is open to the public at no charge, and no registration is needed.



Footwork in the news

Emory’s [Footwork initiative](#), celebrating the upcoming 2026 World Cup matches in Atlanta, is gaining more traction than long cleats on dry turf! Check out the latest news coverage:

- Atlanta News First [video](#) interview with Clint Fluker and Sheila Pree Bright, discussing getting students, staff, and faculty involved in Footwork, March 30, 2026
- CBS Atlanta [video](#) and interview with Clint Fluker, “Footwork Fest celebrates soccer and style at Emory University,” Apr. 14, 2026
- Fox 5 News [video](#) coverage of Footwork initiative: “Emory offers class on impact of FIFA World Cup” (Carl Suddler interview), Apr. 17, 2026

Image: Mural by Charly Palmer and Emory art students



AROUND TOWN

New Living Walls mural is a welcoming sight for Atlanta guests and residents alike

If you’re traveling south of the downtown area, you’ll notice a huge, beautiful mural at the intersection of Windsor Street Southwest and Rawson Street Southwest in the Mechanicsville neighborhood, just south of I-20. The 10,000-square-foot mural, “Wild Seed, Wild Flower,” was created by local artist [Charity Hamidullah](#) with a team of artists as a reflection of the community and Hamidullah’s gratitude for the space. The name was inspired by Octavia Butler’s novel, “Wild Seed.”

The mural includes colorful images of wildflowers and butterflies, children kicking a soccer ball, and other happy moments. They reflect her fond memories of when she first came to the area and experienced the artists and their art, the sense of community and creativity, and kids playing in the streets. Hamidullah says she was inspired by her love for and connection with the Mechanicsville community and nearby areas of Castleberry Hill, Peoplestown, and Pittsburgh.

Visit the “[Wild Seed, Wild Flower](#)” page on the Living Walls website to learn more about the mural.

Mural by Charity Hamidullah, produced by Living Walls, in partnership with Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs. The white and pink soccer ball is on the right side of the image. Photo by Angel Parrilla

