

# SCOUTING



Artist Kate Shepherd at work. Bracelet by 3M.

**DRAWING ATTENTION** Artist **Kate Shepherd** creates paintings, drawings, and sculptures that are small, specific, and often funny. “One half-inch square” is not an unusual catalog description for her art. Nor is “fabric sewn over rocks,” “latex on raisin boxes,” or “carved ivory soap.” These are some of the materials that hold Shepherd’s Shepherdness. The cloth-covered rocks, for example, are about the size of skipping stones, individually clothed in hand-sewn sacks painted in various colors of the rainbow and arranged in a straight line following the order of the color spectrum. It is a delightful and juicy sculpture. Each rock seems to ache to be squeezed, like those little lemon wedges wrapped in cheese cloth that you find at nice tea parties. One imagines that what might drip out of these pieces is something essential. The artist herself is like this—elegant, funny, and concentrated. Recently, she was an artist-in-residence at the Chinati Foundation in Marfa, Texas. Shepherd will have a one-person show in New York City at Boesky & Gallery Fine Arts (51 Greene St.) in the winter of 1997. ■