

GLENN HOROWITZ BOOKSELLER Gallery Bookshop

Exhibition Details

September 20th to November 10th, 2008

Kate Shepherd: Stack Shack

Walk into an art gallery and it goes without saying that a “Don’t Touch” rule will be rigidly enforced. Stores are a more hands-on experience—browse, and paw the merchandise a bit as you make up your mind. Kate Shepherd had the looser rules of a retail environment in mind as she went about making work to exhibit amidst the first editions, artist’s books and other wares available at Glenn Horowitz Bookseller. She has made a group of works that come with an open invitation to violate the don’t touch rule: stackable painted block toys, wooden jigsaw puzzles, and a group of utilitarian-looking boxes that even have built-in hand holds. Alongside these are more traditional paintings, prints, and drawings that, though not designed to be handled, nonetheless have a definite tactile dimension. Visually, they draw as much from everyday experience (wood-working, poster shops, construction sites) as they do from the formal, Minimalist tradition with which Shepherd has frequently been linked. And, in a decisive break with the usual convention wherein works may sell but nonetheless remain pure and inviolate in the gallery space till the show’s appointed end, Shepherd has stipulated that a cash-and-carry sales policy be in effect throughout the exhibition. Come on in, the Stack Shack is open for business, our friendly sales staff is eager to help, and if you find something you like it can be driven off the lot today.

Kate Shepherd was born in 1961 in New York City, where she currently lives and works. Her solo exhibitions include: *In In the Spring*, Anthony Meier Fine Art (San Francisco, 2008); *No Title Here*, Galerie Lelong (New York, 2007); *Puzzles Cards and Blocks*, Barbara Krakow Gallery (Boston, 2005); *Lannan Foundation* (Santa Fe, 1999); *Chinati Foundation* (Marfa, 1996). For more information contact us at 631-324-5511, or info@GHbookseller.com, go to www.kateshepherd.com.