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Recommended: ARTISTS SPACE, THE nonprofit gallery, has joined with the Mark Rothko Foundation to present a welcome series of three shows of older artists who have worked for years outside the tides of art-world fashion. The meticulous drawings of Ernst Benkert began the series, which will end with the perceptual sculpture of West Coast artist Mowry Baden (from April 17 to May 5, part of the work will be out in the street). Until March 24, Sally Hazelet Drummond's paintings of dotted clouds of color, like galaxies in gestation, provide a happy midpoint to this fine idea. (105 Hudson Street.)