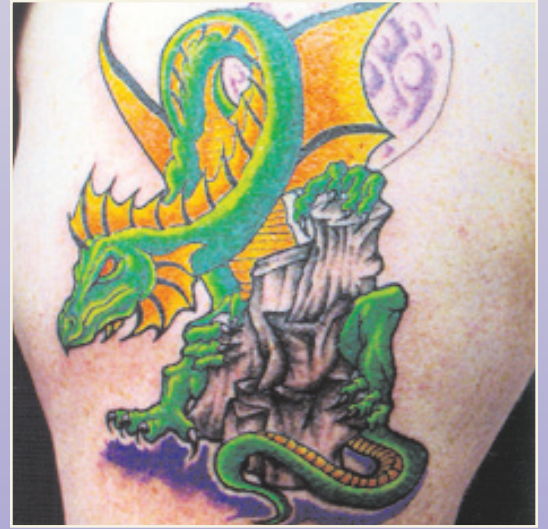


TATTOO

BODY PIERCING



Some still hear the word, tattoo, and they think of only traditional tattooing...some cute little butterflies, roses, armbands, etc. However, there's more to tattooing than meets the eye! There are other forms of tattooing like medical tattooing and permanent cosmetics.

Ink-Spot Tattoo & Body Piercing is a Christian, family-run business. Going into their third year of business they had the opportunity of relocating, moving to their current location at 1106 13th Street in Hood River, in the Heights Professional Building about eight months ago. Ink-spot is owned and operated by Phillip and Christee Dawson of Hood River. We have two full-time, award winning, tattoo artists that specialize in traditional body art. Custom freehand, traditional, "Your design or ours."

Oregon is one of the strictest states for tattooing and piercing and Ink-Spot Tattoo holds four different licenses for the work they do. They use hospital sterilization and single use instruments for the safety of

their clients and staff. The Oregon Health Licensing board conducts surprise inspections. It is also required of the business to do monthly testing on the sterilization equipment to assure proper sterilization. They hold a perfect record.

Medical tattooing is taken especially seriously at Ink-Spot due its nature. Medical tattooing is re-coloring skin pigment on a client to cover up scarring. For example, a woman who has had breast cancer may have had some or their entire breast removed. After healing is complete from surgery/implants, they will put the correct pigment color back into the areola to cover up scarring and to make the area look more natural. "This procedure has been very successful for clients," say the owners of Ink-Spot Tattoo.

Another example would be a burn or accident victim. A client with severe scarring can get a matching skin tone pigment tattooed on top of the scar(s). This does not completely cover the scars, but instead moderately decreases the

noticeability of the scarring. Medical tattooing is the only type of tattooing approved for minors by the Oregon Health Licensing board. This type of tattooing also has to be approved by the guardian and an attending physician. This is good news for young people who have been disfigured due to an accident.

Permanent cosmetics is a popular procedure for women on the go and/or wanting to save money on makeup. Imagine not worrying if your eyeliner, lip liner or brow pencil lines are smudging, or if you need a color boost! The procedure is done in one or two sessions and is virtually painless. Several topical products are used to keep the area numb and swelling minimal. The procedure can be done in one to three hours, depending on which procedure the client is receiving. There is no real down time for any of the procedures. Ink-Spot Tattoo suggests taking the remainder of the day off, but the client will be ready for work the next day.

Most people who get permanent

cosmetics will need a color boost in 2-3 years. This is much quicker and less expensive than the original procedure itself. For those who decide they no longer want permanent cosmetics, they simply do not receive any color boosting. Permanent cosmetic pigments are made mostly with iron oxides that are absorbed by the body, so without any color boosts, the makeup will fade away over time.

Ink-Spot Tattoo also offers full service body piercing and body jewelry. The piercing technician has extensive training, and is very good at what she does. Unlike most other piercing shops, a client is allowed to choose the jewelry they want. Ink-Spot believes the client should be happy not only with their piercing, but also with their jewelry.

Ink-Spot Tattoo strives to fit all the needs of the community. They offer after-hours appointments, and an after-hours phone number offering extensive customer service and satisfaction to those with any additional questions.

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