

Our Tradeshow and Expo

The APT hosts an Annual Tradeshow and Exposition that is open only to professional tattooists and apprentices. It is packed with vendors representing all aspects of tattooing and the equipment, supplies and services that they provide and/or manufacture for our industry.

There are 35+ hours of seminars, workshops and lectures covering every aspect of our industry, with topics including stencils, machine building and maintenance, pigment mixing, needle making and flash painting to name a few. The PDTT, First Aid, and CPR are offered as well as advanced classes on cover-ups, medical issues and skin conditions, shop security and ethics. The seminars are presented by experienced professional tattooists and experts in their fields.

The Expo also presents an opportunity to speak one-on-one with other industry leaders in a relaxed, social setting.

We host an art gallery, tattoo museum display, banquet dinner, as well as fun contests and raffles.

Please join us on the APT Forum!

We now have an online place where tattooists can gather to discuss all things related to the art and business of tattooing.

Got a question or suggestion?

Want to stay on top of current issues?
Your state representative and the Board of Directors are now more accessible to help YOU, our members.

www.allianceofprofessionalattooists.org/forum/
Or

www.safe-tattoos.com/forum/

*Health Officials and Lawmakers recognize the APT as a professional, ethical, authoritative voice in the industry.

* Members receive discounts from many of the businesses that support the APT, including tattoo supplies, insurance and other essentials

* Members can retake the PDTT course annually at a reduced charge when they do not need a revised manual.

* Members receive a quarterly newsletter with up-to-date info important to our industry.

* Members receive access to the online forums, to connect with other professionals.

PROFESSIONAL TATTOOIST

Yearly dues are \$150.00. Open to people whose occupation is full time Tattooist, with three (3) years minimum experience in an established location.

COSMETIC TATTOOIST

Yearly dues are \$125.00.

Open to licensed or certified cosmetic tattooists.

ASSOCIATE TATTOOIST

Yearly dues are \$100.00. Open to artists with fewer than three (3) years of professional experience or those currently apprenticing with a professional artist

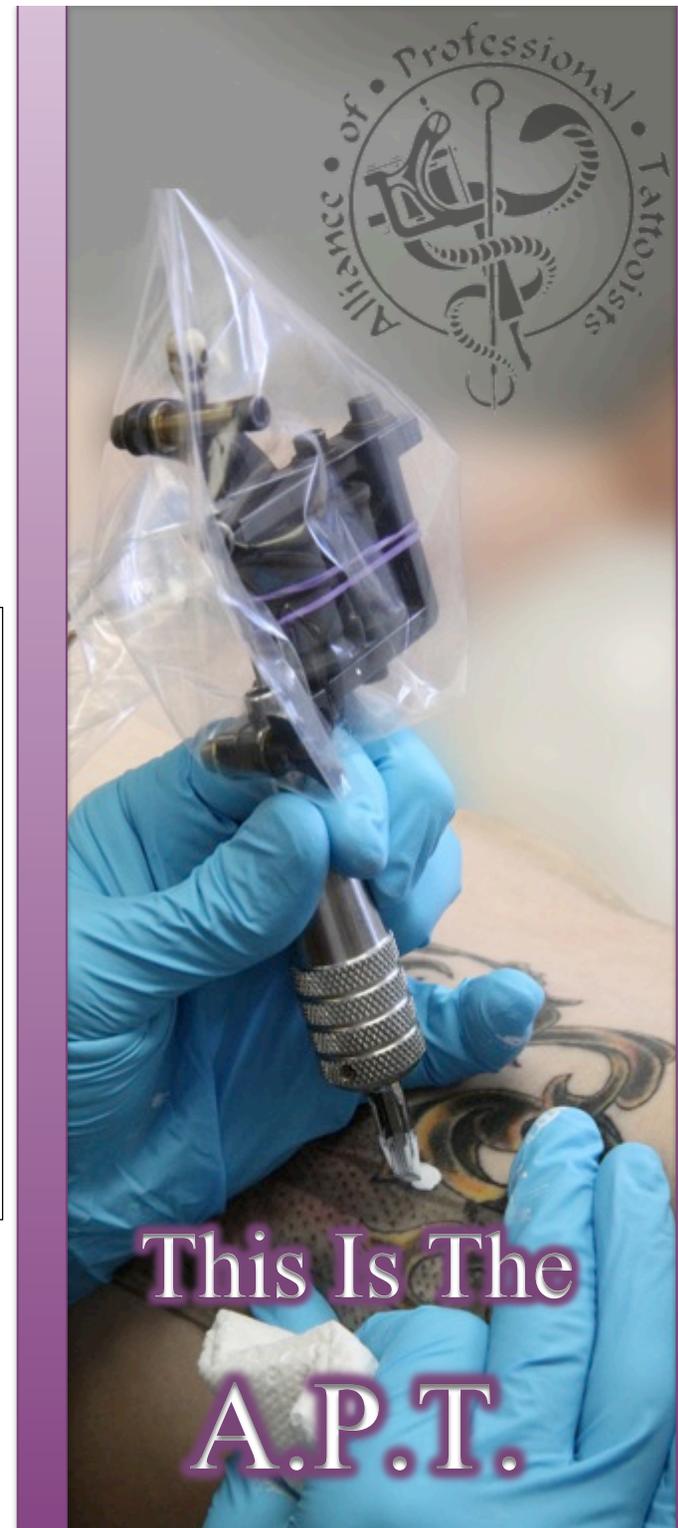
ASSOCIATE NON-ARTIST

Yearly dues are \$75.00. Open to people closely associated with the business of tattooing, but not as a professional tattooist - i.e.: front office personnel, non-tattooing shop owners, health department officials, etc.

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Our History

The APT is a non-profit, educational organization that was founded in 1992 at the National Tattoo Association Convention, when a group of 47 like-minded people decided to address the health and safety issues of the tattoo industry. Up until that time, no organized effort had been made to educate artists or to standardize infection control procedures and the increased popularity of tattooing was bringing the industry under the scrutiny of lawmakers and health officials. Recognizing the NEED for a change, the APT was formed and the work began.

And continues today...

The APT today

The APT's focus remains squarely on the continuing education of artists and their apprentices in the practice of infection control, the establishment of professional standards and the implementation of professional practices with regard to health and safety in the tattoo industry.

The cornerstone of our educational program is the copyrighted Prevention of Disease Transmission in Tattooing (PDTT) Seminar.

This comprehensive seminar is taught at conventions across the U.S., and is continually updated to assure you of the latest information. Conforming to changing OSHA regulations, it serves as continuing education credits in states that require them.

Legislators, many of whom have never seen a tattoo applied, and who may have misconceptions and prejudices about the industry, are busy drafting laws that will affect your business. We seek to educate lawmakers and dispel myths and misinformation. While the APT believes that the industry should police itself, it does accept that sometimes outside regulation is inevitable. In that case, we seek to ensure that legislation is fair, reasonable and enforceable.

The APT exists through its members. As a non-profit organization, all money collected is put right back into the organization to provide the services our members enjoy. As a member of a professional organization you have unlimited resources to obtain knowledge, the respect of other professionals and a voice. These benefits are priceless.

APT's Preventing Disease Transmission in Tattooing (PDTT) Seminar

The PDTT seminar is a nationally registered, 6-hour course, designed specifically for professional tattooists and apprentices. It addresses Microbiology essential for the tattoo artist, immunization, sterilization and disinfection, bloodborne pathogen standards and includes a summary of essential education

- * Reduce the possibility of disease transmission in your business practice through awareness and continued education
- * Eliminate fears and myths associated with tattooing by providing factual, accurate, up-to-date information on the transmission of Hep/HIV and other bloodborne pathogens
- * Includes coverage of other health conditions of concern to tattooists that are not covered in non-industry specific BBP courses
- * The PDTT manual contains a wealth of knowledge, including a full copy of OSHA's regulations and an Exposure Control Plan that you can tailor to fit your studio
- * Proper station set-up is covered as well as suggestions for ways to eliminate any chance for cross-contamination in your studio

"Ignorance is more expensive than education."



"Tradition, Education... The Future..."