## Shape of Awake

Discover how being fully present and at ease in your body transforms your practice and your life!

## August 7-13

## TAUGHT BY HOPE MARTIN

A 5-day intensive meditation practice Thursday, August 8- Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> (arrive Wed. night & depart Tues. morning)

Are you uncomfortable or in pain when you meditate? Is it hard to sit for long periods of time?

Release unnecessary tension and learn to be upright, supported and relaxed in your practice sessions and in your life.

Being upright is not just an arbitrary shape; it's a perfect expression of meditation itself. In this 5-day intensive meditation practice, Hope, a master teacher of the Alexander Technique, will help you discover ease and non-striving in meditation and other activities.

Principles from the practice of Focusing will be introduced to befriend habitual stuck places and to access the wisdom that resides in the holding pattern. Come spend five days in this highly experiential program within a safe, supportive and caring. environment. The incredible and magical setting of Söpa Chöling will enhance and support your meditation practice. Open to new and experienced practitioners.

**Program Cost:** \$575 or Patron Cost: \$650. 50% tuition is due as a deposit at the time of registration. Balance due by July 1, 2019.

**Contact:** scprograms@gampoabbey.org for information or questions about registration





Hope Martin has taught the Alexander Technique for 32 years and operates the Hope Martin Studio in New York City. She is a meditation instructor and a Focusing trainer. She is a close student

of Pema Chödrön and has been her cook and attendant for 26 years.

"Hope Martin is a gentle, wise, and gifted teacher. The program she has developed for The Shape of Awake affected me deeply. Her layering of Alexander techniques with meditation teachings is unique and transformative." – Barbara L. Fredrickson Ph.D., Author of Positivity and Love 2.0

"Hope's years of experience with meditation and her deep knowledge of the body/mind connection provided incredible insights. I learned more about my body that week than in my whole life. Hope showed me how my body works, why and how my habits developed, and how to work more gently with my body and mind during practice."