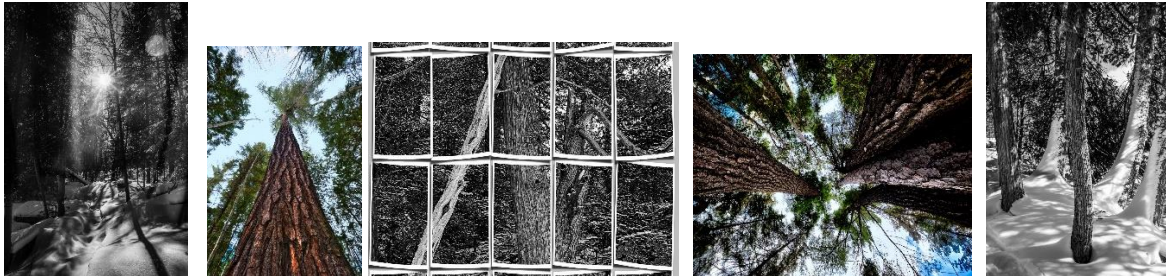


Gooderham Photography

Gerry Gooderham

Gerald Richard Gooderham, born in 1953 in North Bay, Ontario but lived in Oakville for most of my younger life. My grandfather, Gordon Stewart Gooderham, was the first of the family to come to Lake Temagami in 1901. In 1926, Gordon started a tourist fishing camp, Camp Chimo. I spent every summer from the time I was born, living, playing and working at this camp, on Island 665. It would be twenty years before I came back to these northern roots and make Lake Temagami my permanent home for more than 40 years.

In 2008 I started Gooderham Photography, it was in 2000 that photography became a serious pastime again. I began with several courses at Canadore College and after a few years gained a better understanding of the digital process (Photoshop©) and digital cameras. Film was still important in my life and so for two years I went back to the basics in the darkroom. In 2006, I enrolled in The New York Institute of Photography; I graduated with honors two years later. The North would become a main focus and theme for my work. I am very active in the Photography community and the photography business.



I am currently engaged in a project "THE ANCIENT"

To create a new perspective of the Old growth forests with a strong conservation aspect that involves the Exploration of ancient forests including myth, legend and truth, this will be an opportunity for both knowledge sharing and creative exploration. This is an intergenerational project to form a collaboration under my leadership with the help of youth and elders from the indigenous and non indigenous community. This project will echo across storytelling methods, artwork, and professional experience. using and exploring older style film photography, traditional contemporary digital photography and new ideas with drone photography and cinematography. The purpose is to bring environmental awareness and understanding to such elements as Ecological Services (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/ccrc/topics/ecosystem-services>) as well as the UNESCO Temiskaming Rift Valley geopark.

I am concentrating this project in the local and unique forests of Temagami, the White Bear forest and the temagami island old growth trail we will also arrange a visit to the WAKIMIKA (<http://www.ottertooth.com/Temagami/Sites/waki-tri.htm>) old growth with the *Teme-Augama Anishnaba* (<https://www.temagamifirstnation.ca/governance/taa/>) elder Alex Mathias on Lake Obabika. This project will better bring an understanding of cultures and traditions of the North and our unique situation in the environment

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