



Watch the Pros

Okay, one more respite from the technicalities of composing a village video. When a professional video operator is assigned to a TV story covering someone's Christmas village, he/she uses their camera to get the best shots they can. We can learn from these pros who shoot video every working day.

The pro videographers know almost nothing about Christmas village displays. But they do know a good shot when they see it.

The part of the display that is in the back is usually off limits because they cannot move parts of the display to reach access. Sometimes they will use a camera lens (optical zoom, not digital zoom) to reach a scene physically too far away. Our video operator will do his best. You will see in nearly every one of these local news videos some great close-up shots – both video clip and still photo.

It's notable that ***at no time will you see an extended flyover.*** Nearly all these videos are news spots, and by necessity they are very short (remember Attention Span?). It won't take you long to watch any or all these videos.

Christmas Village (1:34)

KQTV News

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxvwfOn_V4

Miniature Christmas Village Collections | Mantanglawin (2:58)

ABS-CBN News

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUF0An_BO6Q

Christmas Village (3:20)

WJBF

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJBKLEAtmyw&t=116s>



San Carlos woman creates Christmas village over 35 years (2:18)
CBS 8 San Diego

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0xyAr5SpYQ>

The Manning Christmas Village 2014 (1:37)
GardenGroveTV3

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boDgyz_6wdE

JB's Journal – Miniature Christmas Villages (2:08)
Spectre Images

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rfd8WonnM&t=5s>



Woman Has 1,000 Piece Christmas Village Set Up In East Boston Home (1:20)

CBS Boston

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpdbzLg_k2g

Massive estate sale bids out one of the largest snow village collections (3:50)

UpNorthLive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMWLdBIJ0Hw>

Dept. 56 Collection | Tennessee Crossroads | Episode 2024.4 (6:32)

Tennessee Crossroads

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qr4Esulqtnk>

This next news video has an amazing commercial display open to the public. At 4:40 in the video something happens that just might touch your heart.

Amber Falls Winery Snow Village | Tennessee Crossroads | Episode 3020.1 (5:22)

Tennessee Crossroads

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-ZSuJEXJjU>



If you remember the incredible time lapse construction video of a massive Dickens Village with 324,000 views, then here is a short news clip about that village.

Nancy in the News (3:21)

Don Bouc

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmSlce10Ebk&t=2s>

Here is our whacky friend Richard Kemick again, who made it onto a Canadian news channel.

Calgary man isn't a big fan of Christmas, except for miniature Christmas villages (2:42)

CBC News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfmXVPVjtGc>



This next video is a self-made documentary about one man's village, with family comments. It's very well done and should strike some chords within all villagers' experiences.

Allan's Christmas Village | Mini Documentary (4:42)

MasMash Films

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMzQ2H3JO_8

Here is a longer video from 2019 produced by a Dad who is a film maker. He and his young family are newbies to a train set and villaging.

Our DIY Christmas Village and Train Set (11:24)
Great Scotts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqcUXmuhVvs>



Be sure to check out all the other topnotch and timely columns on TheVillageCollector.com – Just So You Know (JSYK) by David Spears, Larry Treadwell, Brian Vaill's The Train Station, and Coach is Here by webmaster Bill Channell. Please keep visiting the Village Videos page and watch, watch, watch. So many ideas, so little time... and not enough money.

To borrow from David's Just So You Know (JSYK), I'm pretty sure I was the 200,000th visitor to TheVillageCollector.com. I was just

perusing in the evening to see what was new on the site. I'm also still waiting for my "Major Award."



In my next column on The Village Collector, we're going to look at how to choose a video editing app for your phone or tablet. It's time again to get serious about making that video of your fabulous display, no matter the size – vignette or large scale. I'll try to do better next time.

Questions, comments and/or suggestions are always welcome. I'll do my best! You can contact me at: jpetersgolfpro@gmail.com, 419 Washington Avenue, Newport, KY 41071.