



Best Christmas Village Videos of 2015

In "YouTube years" 2015 is a long time ago. Christmas village videos have improved quite a bit since then. There were some excellent videos done in 2015, however. In my column #33 (06-06-2022) I gave you what I thought were the best of 2014. Well, here are my favorites for the 2015 Christmas season.

Be sure to check out all the other topnotch and timely columns on TheVillageCollector.com – the always interesting "*Just So You Know (JSYK)*" by David Spears, Brian Vaill's "*The Train Station,*" Thea Heyink's "*The Creation Station,*" "*Phil & Sue's Village*" (from England!), "*From Italy: Villaging in Europe*" by Peppe Apuleo (fascinating!), "*Scratchbuilt*" by Alan K. Rogers, "*Villagers' Café*" for guest columns, and "*Coach is Here*" by webmaster Bill Channell. **Please keep visiting the Village Videos page and watch, watch, watch.** There will be a new batch of village videos starting on the 15th of each month! So many ideas, so little time... and not enough money.

Epic Christmas Village V (9:25)

TheBigCrabCake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifKyTq-6gTc>

This was TBCC's last Christmas video, a classic achievement that many may say hasn't yet been equaled. He promised an Epic VI video a few times in the Comments section but couldn't make one that was satisfactory to his high standards. He built a website (www.thebigcrabcake.com) and has added videos to his YouTube channel that display model trains and scene building, all dedicated to the village hobby and lifestyle that goes with it. This village is full of interesting detail and ideas. Uncharacteristically, he attempts some short clip flyovers and fly-ins to show us more

detail, but the camera could be less shaky in spots. Three songs long, this video is worth watching multiple times.



Steve's Xmas Village 2015 (10:26)

Steve F

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17SvtirfZp4>

Always very personalized, Steve F is a bar lifter for village video quality. His script, or *modus operandi*, is to demonstrate part of his construction techniques (somebody buy that man a hot wire tool!) before he enters the village video. I love-love-love his music choices. As for videography, check out the scene at 6:07! I would prefer more ambient lighting and less darkened scenes in his wider shots of the marvelous village, to see more detail.



2015 Mogasville with music (12:31)

mogas98

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

2015 Mogasville City details (4:02)

mogas98

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBM4FkL9oCQ&t=73s>

These two videos have a mix of village section flyovers, then stills to show detail. I generally disdain flyovers and stills with black bars, but he shows and explains his village details. An inventive villager, Mogas crams details in his scenes, always has great R&B rocking Christmas music, and lots of unusual figurine combinations. I never tire of seeing what's coming next in his villages. He recently passed away suddenly, and I lost an entertaining Facebook and YouTube friend. RIP, Mogas.



Christmas Village 2015 "Carnival" (8:43)

John Fitz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UahYn7QVrmo>

Like Mogas, John Fitz has a rocking Christmas style to his videos. Fitz's videos have a unique style, always fun to watch, and with unusual music choices to fit his style. Almost 9-minutes long and

nearly all video clips, there's not a single flyover in this video.
Bravo, Fitz!



2015 Simpsons Christmas Village (4:22)

Jon Canfield

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

This video is one big giant flyover, sometimes dizzy, but shows off a complete Hawthorne Village collection that's now rare and expensive. Great music accompanies this video. There are some older Simpsons village videos by a guy named "gusbanks" showing his collection. We may never see another one like this.



Evans Christmas Village (4:25)

johnnyoflynn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MR6_68LeozU&t=22s

If you like D56 North Pole village displays, this is a sweet and good one to watch. Really good photography, with very short video clips, and lots of close-ups. Devoid of transitions, but there are zero, zilch, nada, none, zippo flyovers. "O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!" He chortled in his joy.



Madastiville Christmas Village 2015 (6:47)

Madastiville

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpWBIJTk30M&t=5s>

Madison Sebastian's first video has a super opening, very personalized. This video has a definite theme, great lighting, and one of the steadiest cameras I've seen. Read the comments and he gave away some secrets.



Christmas Village 2015-2016 (2:35)

Peace G

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

This video has an eclectic village mix and good videography. It's short and fun to watch.



Winterspell – Christmas Village 2015 (11:27)

Kathryn Riley-Cuglietta

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jrzNAsFewA>

This another excellent video following her 2014 first village on YouTube. She amazed Steve F with her landscaping and set design. This video puts you INSIDE her village, lots of details, things you've never seen before, great landscaping, and interesting figures.



My Christmas Village 2015 (12:56)

Luanne DeMatto

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXpB4ASOEVg>

This village is mostly St. Nicholas Square with some Lemax. It's well videoed, shows a short overview, and then lots of village details. You can see some pammyj100 influence in her display design.



I hope you liked watching some of these well-done video examples. In my next column on The Village Collector, I don't know what I'm going to write about. I'm out of words for today and I'll try to do better next time.

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