



Best Christmas Village Videos of 2018

In 2018 there were more videos that were entertaining, certainly worth watching all the way through, and some probably worth watching more than once.

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, "*Christmas Corner*" by Art Kilmer (NEW!), 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 in March on the 1st of each month! So many ideas, so little time... and not enough money.



Photo by Jean-Claude Esteve

We'll start out with the "old timers," my tried-and-true village videoists, the folks whom I look forward to watching their annual or biennial videos.

Christmas Village 2018 WinterPep (4:12)

WinterPep (Karl Pepin)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID79DFKn13A&t=3s>

Winterpep's videos are clean, shot with a steady hand, and pastoral. He puts us in the Christmas mood.

My Christmas Village 2018 (9:27)

pammyj100

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5D9wjenRDwI>

Always inventive and interesting, the Queen of Christmas village videos has an eye for detail and makes it look easy (it isn't!).



Photo by Sean Cusson

Christmas Village 2018 Bedford Falls (3:46)

John Fitz

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

This video has a great title intro. John entertains us with "It's A Wonderful Life" done as a village theme.

Caddington Village 2018 (10:34)

mastersullivan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTLpv9oSjf8>

Once again, mastersullivan amazes us with his people mover. More astonishing was his pond water effect! I did figure out how that was done but couldn't get it to play on an inexpensive tablet (need a large iPad).



Photo by Joanna Villegas

2018 Mogasville the movie (21:32)

mogas98

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qntUgdva8ZQ&t=763s>

Ger Bitter (mogas98) has a *modus operandi* of details galore, ideas galore, and great obscure Christmas rock 'n roll music. RIP, my friend, I miss you.

Dolly's 2018 Snowfall Valley Christmas Village (6:01)

Dolly's Villages

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6av_lu4vn-c

Dolly always has a nice video production and a D56 Christmas in the City display.



Photo by Toshifumi Ogasawara

LEMAX CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2018 (13:55)

Vaggelis Kokalis

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Doj_MsY3Iz8

Vaggelis' videos always have great videography and beautiful landscape design.

Christmas Village 2018 (16:26)

bosmailman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4poobPVQEtM>

Every two years we are treated to bosmailman's great lighting and videography, for a D56 Christmas in the City that is clean and clear for seeing details.

Festival of Fantasy Video (9:42)

Don Wolford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2UM-2LeN5A&t=308s>

The amazing Don Wolford treats us to a marriage of light show and Disney World village/amusement park.



Photo by Rosaria Costa

2018 Christmas Village (12:30)

HP Crazy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBhdwAOs3RI>

HP Crazy always has good video production as well as some vignettes that are different. She also has a Disney village video each year.

This next cluster of village videos were newbies (to me), and they all deserve some viewing time because of the good work put into their videos.

Corey's 2018 Christmas village (7:00)

Christmas Villager

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

The video is well put together and personalized, too.

Lemont Christmas Village 2018 (2:39)

Bruce Leatherman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uO1Y0o6SJlQ>

Here is a really good video production, also short and sweet.

2018 Christmas Tree, Train Layout and Christmas Village (19:12)

Alaska 3 Rail-Road

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9h-7gtF5fRw>

This one is for you model train fans – a train layout under and around a tree like you've never seen.



Photo by Stephen Pepin

Miggy's Christmas Village 2018 (3:26)

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV051QsCRJU>

A very nice village and video for a first ever video!

Christmas Village 2018 (4:37)

Eric Hensley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvPA7j5MyBo>

This video has superb videography!

Tina's Christmas Village 2018 - Tina Town (8:55)

Scott Massey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ7S1ayGWEY>

Scott posts a video every few years. This village is huge, containing imaginative animation.



Photo by Jim Peters

Bok's 2018 Christmas Village (4:05)

Maybeline Avila

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hySh_E1hPw8

What a nicely assembled video!

Christmas Village 2018 (1:56)

Eric Houghton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rflcyl70Mis>

This video has great use of music for a small village, also short and sweet.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE 2018! (4:26)

markskotak

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6jKXkzl1jdq>

My nominee for the best intro of the year!

Hamel's Christmas Village – 2018 (4:26)

RecTec TV

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjZ_RjyTI1o

This video is unusual in that it's sad but has good videography.

Christmas Village Tour 2018 (6:36)

The Flores Flock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vc7D9cXoESI>

I've posted this link before. This is green-screen fun at its best in a Christmas village!

MUST-SEE Spectacular Christmas Village! 2018 (6:29)

Justine Petrucci

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlpw0J9GmRM>

Here we have a Dickens village well done, power words in the title, and heavy on flyovers, but she takes us down into the scenes and details of her father's village display.

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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