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Dear Audrey,

Did you know? Column for
RR newsletter.

There are 31 contiguous
ceteries of different
religious & ethnic backgrounds
in SAN ANTONIO. There are
only about 10 roses - 4 or 5
different ones left in thousands
of gravesites! The ceteries
can be approached as a walking
tour or by car - By car is
preferable because of the size
& problem of some entrances
being closed & the distance
that is covered by 31 (connected)
ceteries! Do not go at night
or alone. We found four
large "European red chinas"
such as we found in Victoria



We found a large pink rose on the Goodman grave and a white - semi double hybrid tea rose with a slight fragrance on Mary M. Mohr's grave in the St John's Lutheran cemetery. We also found a pale yellow budded rose on the grave site of Dexter Marcus Stowe. Can this be an early hybrid-tea?

We found a large healthy Eutin blooming with no disease! San Antonio has suffered several droughts as well as floods over the past decade & no doubt this has caused the demise of so many rose losses.

All over San Antonio, there are beautiful specimens of old



roses in front of houses in old neighborhoods. In mass plantings of newer homes, in surrounding towns of San Antonio and in front of filling stations and at the wonderful San Antonio Botanical garden. This is obvious to us that if our old roses are neglected, we can lose some of them forever!

We found an old rose in San Marcos & named it after Emile Roberts. It turned out to be Garter director Otto Linne (San Redwood cemetery). We found TipTop in Evergreen cemetery in Victoria. A beautiful polyantha that is not a strong plant.

We found "Victoria Evergreen
red china" & it is found all
over central Texas. We found $\rightarrow$



an unknown noisette in
Wallis. It is hardy & beautiful
(found on Wallis rose rustle).

Also found in Thornton, K,
a hybrid china "Thornton
springtime". It is a bright
pink with a large white eye.
It was found in Thornton, San
Marcos & at the intersection of
FM 577 & FM 105 in an

abandoned lot in some high weeds!

Someone brought it to our
Spring symposium in a

Super bottle for id. We found
"Margaret's rose" in New Braunfels.

A lovely large pink rose with
a knotted center. "New Braunfels"
rustle. On our Schulenburg rustle
we found "Joe's rose" - a small
pink rose lost 3 yrs later to a
drought. No longer in St. Rose

of Lima.  ~~Especially~~ in Schulenburg

We found "Schulenburg Apricot"

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a lost hybrid tea.

We found a large San Felipe
noisette on our twistle & exchange.
Who knows what it is? Doesn't matter.

We have found several chinas,
teas, noisettes, portlands & old
hybrid teas & hybrid chinas in
abandoned lots, ~~hid~~^{hidden} away, cemeteries,
old German towns, old Cemeteries
in German towns, people have
given us cuttings off of a very
old bush. Now you see why
it is so important to preserve
the old fashioned roses.

Take time to ask, search
on your own, have some fun
discovering the world of roses.
I almost forgot the last one
in Centu Point Tx where 35 Texas
rangers are buried. The rose
La Reine (The Queen). Go seek & →



ye shall find!

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Marion & I have discovered
a huge amount of roses in
our 12 and ~~ten~~ half years of
looking for roses on our own.

We have great memories &
adventures as well as beautiful
slides of old roses in Texas
Cemeteries.

