Advice to Solvers Solution

Across

fascia, so long, repent, alexia, adoration, jug, riots, Tokay, awry, whiten, sated, clone, foozle, Fido, malty, snafu, red, lorgnette, opaque, abacus, purest, sashes.

Down

frantic, spook, certain, attune, Saigon, oloroso, oxbow, gassy, streets, yowling, tenuous, azaleas, dryness, ferret, omegas, f-stop, Dakar, latch.

Extraneous letters

pleat centerwards on the left of unique letters (which are J, Q, X, and Z).

Hidden message

You got to know when to fold 'em.