

## Social Banquet at the N.C. Museum of History

Enjoy a relaxing evening at the North Carolina Museum of History for dinner and educational enrichment. The museum will be open to all attendees and will feature the museum's newest exhibition *The Story of North Carolina*. This 20,000-square-foot exhibit traces life in North Carolina from its earliest inhabitants through the 20th century. Discover captivating artifacts, multimedia presentations, dioramas, and hands-on interactive components. Additionally, two

Also see this year's award winning exhibit *Behind the Veneer: Thomas Day, Master Cabinetmaker* that received three major awards for outstanding achievement from two national organizations: the American Association for State and Local History and the American Association of Museums. *Behind the Veneer* features furniture made by Thomas Day, a free man of color who owned and operated one of North Carolina's largest cabinet shops prior to the Civil War. In addition to showcasing approximately 60 pieces of furniture crafted by this accomplished artisan

historic houses and several re-created environments convey places where North Carolinians have lived and worked.



and entrepreneur, *Behind the Veneer* explores the extraordinary story of a man who succeeded and flourished despite shrinking freedoms for free people of color in antebellum North Carolina.

