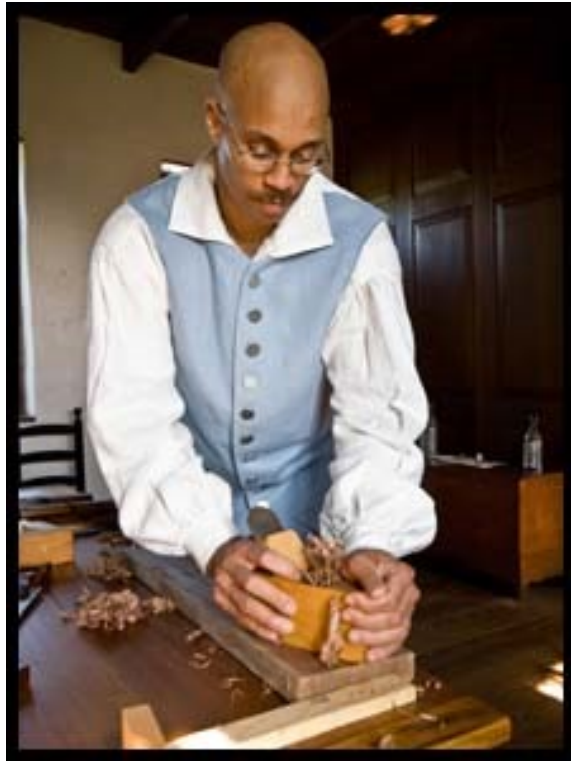


# Winterthur Afternoon Lecture

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## “A Cabinetmaker’s Perspective on Thomas Day”

Presented by Jerome Bias  
Cabinetmaker, Orange  
County, North Carolina

Thomas Day, a free Black man working in NC from 1821-1860 was able to build the largest furniture concern in the state of North Carolina in 1850.

How was he able to maneuver and thrive in a society based upon the enslavement of people who looked like him? The presentation will focus on how he built his business, his furniture and the impressive interiors that he created for his furniture.

Please join us for a lecture on the life and work of Thomas Day by cabinetmaker and scholar, Jerome Bias. Largely self-taught, Bias has been practicing and researching the arts and mysteries of woodworking for the last eleven years. Over those years, he has developed his skills and studied the works of Day and other African-American craftsmen in antebellum North Carolina.

This lecture will feature Winterthur’s recent acquisition of a Thomas Day dressing bureau with integrated looking glass.

**April 11th, 4:00-5:30pm in the  
Rotunda**